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## On Politics and the Art of Naming: Names of Royalty in the Rattanakosin Period

In the royal tradition, names of royalty can be categorized into two types: birth names and bestowed titles. The royal naming practice is mainly governed by hierarchical order, gender, and astrological beliefs.



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Supported by religious ideology from both Brahmanism and Buddhism, various linguistic devices are elaborately employed in names in order to highlight the royalty's status and to strengthen the relationship with the monarch. Since King Rama IV's reign, royal naming traditions have remarkably changed in many aspects, namely, the prescription of royal title, the use of Pali-Sanskrit words, the length of the name, the use of sub-names, the reference of personal names, and the condition of using some keywords to specify qualifications for the royalty in some particular groups and ranks. Not only used to distinguish royalty from commoners, these traditions have also been adopted to position the royals among themselves and to imply the right of royal succession. Some are used to establish and maintain political networks among the ruling class.

Moreover, considering from Krom name (Thai: พระนามกรwm), names of high-ranking royalty reflect the importance of Buddhism as the state religion and the imagined territories of Siam. Nowadays, royal naming and its traditions are still exclusively practiced among the royal family.

*via Zoom  
& in English*

## Online-Lecture



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