



Thai-Tag 2017

Colloquium: Vor 250 Jahren: der Fall Ayutthayas und die Gründung Thonburis (250 Years Ago: Commemorating the Fall of Ayutthaya and the Founding of Thonburi)

December 9, 2017 9:30 - 17:15 Room 221

Founded in 1351, *Ayutthaya* was the capital of Siam for four centuries. At the height of its power, it was one of the richest and most prosperous cities in Asia. Ayutthaya was renowned for its numerous temples and palaces, canals and rivers. Ayutthaya became known as *the Venice of the East*. Especially in the seventeenth century, many different nationalities, such as Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Dutch, English, and French, settled and traded here.

After the conquest and destruction of Ayutthaya in 1767, the Siamese kingdom ceased to exist as an independent political entity. Yet, within a couple of months, Siamese loyalists under the former governor of *Tak*, the later *King Taksin*, refounded the Siamese kingdom establishing a capital at Thonburi just opposite present-day Bangkok.

The colloquium aims at evaluating the significance of Ayutthaya for the history, literature, and culture of Thailand from various perspectives, including that of European powers and neighboring countries such as Burma.

CULTURAL PROGRAM



16:15-17:10, Room 221

1. Thai Instrumental Music and Dances
Thailand NIE.LC. Hamburg
2. Thai Songs, BA Thaiistik students

OVERVIEW SCHEDULE

- 9:30-9:35 Greetings by **Prof. Dr. Volker Grabowsky**, AAI
- 9:35-9:40 Greetings by **Stefan Krohn**, Honorary Consul
- 9:40-10:00 Opening speech by **Aurapin Leelitham**, Minister Counsellor
- 10:00-10:15 Welcome Dance by **Sutheera Satayaphan**, PhD student
- 10:15-11:15 Keynote address by **Prof. Dr. Barend Terwiel**
"Documents Pertaining to an early 17th century Mission to Ayutthaya"
- 11:15-16:15 **Symposium**
- 16:15-17:10 **Cultural Program**
- 17:10-17:15 Closing remark by Prof. Dr. Volker Grabowsky

☉ **Lunch break (12:00-13:00, Room 222)**



Symposium

- 11:15-12:00 **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Predee Phisphumvidhi**
"Ayutthaya as Depicted in French Eyewitness Accounts of the 17th Century"
- 13:00-13:30 **Pantipa Chuenchat, PhD student**
"Thai Historical Movies about the Kingdom of Ayutthaya"
- 13:30-14:15 **Prof. Dr. Sven Trakulhun**
"The Fall of Ayutthaya and the Rise of King Taksin as Depicted in European Sources"
- 14:15-14:45 **Peera Panarut, PhD student**
"Ayutthaya Literature in the Bangkok Period"
- 14:45-15:15 **Coffee Break (Room 222)**
- 15:15-15:45 **Dr. Hans-Bernd Zöllner**
"Burmese Perceptions of the Fall of Ayutthaya"
- 15:45-16:15 **Forum Discussion**

THAI FOOD



12:00-13:00, Room 222

ACTIVITY AND EXHIBITION



10:00-17:00, Room 122

1. Ayutthaya in the Reign of King Chulalongkorn
2. Royal Cremation Ceremonies in Thailand
3. Research Presentations by PhD and Master Students

13:00-17:00, Room 121

Makruk Tournament (Celebrating Thai Chess)
By Dr. René Gralla