



Die Abteilung für Sprachen und Kulturen Südostasiens des AAI lädt Sie im Rahmen der Ringvorlesung **Flows of Change: Rivers, Megacities, and Mobility in Southeast Asia** ein zu dem folgenden Vortrag:

## **Flood Risk Adaptation Strategies in Coastal Megacities: Lessons from Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City and Jakarta/Southeast Asia**

Social and natural scientists have worked towards an improved understanding of disasters and risks. This has increased the understanding of natural hazards, which can cause disasters, as well as it has built up knowledge on vulnerability and the social dimension of risk. Increasingly, social scientists have drawn attention to the fact that every disaster is the result of the societal embedding in which a hazardous event occurs. It is the exposure of humans and of human-made infrastructure to hazards, which can result in a disaster if several factors add up.

The lecture aims at investigating the flood risk adaptation strategies in the coastal megacities of Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City and Jakarta in a comparative perspective. The analysis of the various factors that caused flood risks and disasters in the past can help to sharpen the perception for the complex causation of disasters and enables decision makers to identify relevant information for increasing resilience and responding to hazards more adequately in the future. Guiding research question are therefore: Which were the main causes of the floods in the past? Which measures have been applied to combat their implications? Which flood risk adaptation strategies have been put in place? How could the application of a Complex Adaptive System perspective help to improve mega-urban risk governance and disaster management?

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