

The talk is structured on two issues that seemingly do not relate to each other; i.e. the political color conflicts from 2006 – 2010 and the flood event in 2011. The main question is to look at the role of Bangkok for the articulation of the two conflicts. The tentative finding of the talk is that Bangkok is both a physical site and an ideological site of the conflicts. Bangkok has been portrayed as the middle class and elite city while the complex reality of Bangkok reveals that the Thai middle class category and the class occupation of Bangkok as the middle class city with single and retroactive ideology are problematic category which cannot capture the dynamic of political, economic, social, cultural and ideological struggles in contemporary Thailand.