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The Thai-Cambodian Conflict and the Impact on ASEAN

In this presentation, Charnvit Kasetsiri will briefly explore conflicts between Thailand and Cambodia, the clashes of their brands of nationalism, and the question of war and peace. Citing the example of the July 2008 registration by UNESCO of the Preah Vihear temple as a World Heritage site belonging to Cambodia, Charnvit will point out that history had been distorted for Thailand's domestic politics. Meanwhile, Pavin Chachavalpongpun will support this argument by elaborating on the politicisation of the Preah Vihear issue in Thailand which led to numerous armed conflicts between the two countries. He will also discuss the role of ASEAN in dispute settlement. In the end, Charnvit will propose to set up an ASEAN Eco-Cultural Trans-Boundary World Heritage site was designed to foster close cooperation and collaboration at the Temple site.

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