



Revealing Contexts: South-East Asia in Taiwan

12:50 - 15:20 UTC+7

To kick off the Meeting Point, Mekong Cultural Hub (MCH) and Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) will co-host an online event on May 20, 2021. As two organizations working in different ways and with different focuses on South East Asia, both MCH and TAEF share an aim to reveal the extent and diversity of relationships between Taiwan and South East Asia. Through this event, we want to bring different voices of South East Asia in Taiwan and to embody a collaborative structure of working with and within South East Asia.

The program includes a two-part roundtable dialogue among artists, independent curators, cultural practitioners and scholars. In part one, invited speakers will take part in a moderated discussion on "The Future of Art and Social Action in Post-Pandemic Asia" to make contributions from their own artistic and cultural and academic standpoints. In part two, the floor will open to encourage questions, insights and critique from the audience, in conversation with each other and with the panelists.

This roundtable sets a foundation for 'revealing contexts' throughout the rest of the Meeting Point program. Although the current global pandemic has hindered international cooperation and interpersonal connection, this new bordered world has exposed some of the long-standing issues that we tend to eschew and fail to engage in the past, ranging from the exacerbation of social inequality, the growth of precarious communities, to the decline of press freedom and independent media. While the stories of how medical personnel devoted themselves to controlling the disease have been foregrounded in the public sphere, little attention has been paid to how art and social practices continue to foster social bonding in a time of social distancing.

Please note that the roundtable has been adjusted online only and in English with Mandarin interpretation available.

Please see the detailed program below:

Thursday 20th May 2021 The time zone used in this table is UTC+7(Cambodia, Laos, Thailand & Vietnam)		
12:50	13:00	Welcome remarks
Revealing Contexts Panel "The Future of Art and Social Action in Post-Pandemic Asia" <i>This roundtable has been adjusted into online only in English with Mandarin interpretation available</i>		
13:00	14:10	<u>Part 1 - Panelists' presentations</u> Moderator / Lawrence Zi-Qiao Yang (Taiwan) Panelists /Katrina Santiago (Philippines), Marco Kusumawijaya (Indonesia), Nobuo Takamori (Taiwan), Rina B. Tsou(Taiwan)
14:10	14:30	<u>Break</u> Film screening " <i>A Requiem for Cambodia: Bangsokol</i> "
14:30	15:20	<u>Part 2 - Audience questions and discussion</u>

**** If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer LEE**

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Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF)

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Policy, the goal of TAEF is to promote comprehensive ties between Taiwan and the 10 ASEAN countries, 6 South Asian states, as well as Australia and New Zealand through cooperation and exchanges in five major fields—including young leaders, civil societies,

think tanks, regional resilience, and cultural exchange—to consolidate a sense of regional community in Asia and establish long-term cooperative partnerships. <https://www.taef.org>

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