

SOLIDARITIES#1: Fundamentalism & Moral Politics

: Student and Youth Movements in Southeast Asia from 1960s to Present

With Coeli Barry (the Philippines)

Thet Swe Win (Myanmar)

Onanong Thippimon (Indonesia)

Sunday 30 September, 2-5pm

At The Reading Room, Bangkok

Moderated by Akkanut Wantanasombut

With screening program curated by Seng Yu Jin

Understand relations between Fundamentalism and Student Movements in Southeast Asia from past to contemporary lessons, and through diverse background contexts - from Christian student movement in the Philippines, radical Islamic fundamentalist student movement in Indonesia, to anti-Buddhist extremists youth movement in Myanmar - with Coeli Barry (the Philippines), Thet Swe Win (Myanmar), and Onanong Thippimon (Indonesia), moderated by Akkanut Wantanasombut, Sunday 30 September, 2-5pm at The Reading Room, Bangkok.

Coeli Barry (The Institute for Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University) will examine the meanings of fundamentalism, moral politics as well as activism to explore continuities and ruptures in youth activism in the Philippines across time. Using a broad, historical approach we'll look at how the role of student activists has changed - or remained constant - in relation to shifting political landscapes. Depending on the period under consideration, as well as where the students draw their inspiration, activists might openly identify with left-leaning visions for social change. Alternatively, they might find common cause with more conservative beliefs such as those located in contemporary Christian movements.

Onanong Thippimon (Department of History, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University) will address the connection between student movement in Indonesia and religious fundamentalist groups. Indonesian student movement was officially initiated in 1928 and has been a significant force in the country's sociopolitical landscape, from anti-colonial revolutionary war, the ousting of Sukarno, protest against Suharto and his New Order in 1998, in which the radical fundamentalist wing in the student movement has been active since 1960s and gaining more momentum since 1998.

Thet Swe Win (Activist, Founder of Synergy - Social Harmony Organization) will discuss the issue of fundamentalism in contemporary Myanmar, especially from personal accounts and experiences, as he has been an active participant in youth activist groups mobilizing against military government, undemocratic activities, and nationalist and fundamentalist movements, including working in support of the Rohingya struggle and the rights for ethnic people. He also

founded an organization focusing on reconciliation among Buddhist and Muslim communities in conflict-prone areas.

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