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**Qualifications**

PhD, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Major Field: Comparative Government; Minor Fields: Southeast Asian Studies and Political Philosophy

MA, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Comparative Government

BA, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. English Literature (with honors)

**Academic Appointments**

Associate Professor, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (2013-present)

Lecturer, Global Campus of Human Rights Asia Pacific (2016-present)

**Other Affiliations**

**Friedrich Ebert Foundation** Gender Justice Representative for Thailand (2022-present)

Gender analysis for policy in Thailand aimed at enhancing gender equality and team member regional project on Gender and the Future of Work in Asia, focus on female labor in traditional and platform economies

**Senior Advisor**, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre, Culture and Rights Project (November 2009-October 2013)

## **Publications**

### **Books**

Barry, Coeli. *Rights to Culture: Heritage, Language and Community in Thailand*, Silkworm Books and University of Washington Press, 2013.

Barry, Coeli. *The Many Ways of Being Muslim: Fiction by Muslim Filipinos*, Cornell Southeast Asia Program Publications, 2010.

### **Articles**

(Co-authored with E. Khine Mya Mya San) “Living the Civil Disobedience Movement: An Examination of the Motivations and Consequences for Myanmar’s University Teachers”. *Conflict and Peace Studies Journal*, Vol 3, No. 2, July-December, 2024. [https://so07.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/cpsj\\_psu/article/view/article2](https://so07.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/cpsj_psu/article/view/article2)

(Co-authored with Suchita Krishnaprasad and Benjamin Velasco (2024) Re-Dressing for the Future Gender justice for garment workers in Asia. Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Program on Asia in Transformation: Visions and Policies for a Gender Just Future. <https://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/nepal/21413-20240917.pdf>

(Co-authored with Harpreet Kahlon) (2023) “COVID-19 crisis and women in Asia: Reflections from COVID-19 and the prospects for gender justice in Thailand,” Kathmandu: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Nepal Office, Regional Gender Justice Project. Available at <https://asia.fes.de/news/covid-women-asia.html>.

(Co-authored with Geeta Pathak Sangroula; Prapoosa KC; Amparita Sta. Maria) “The Covid-19 impact: Key issues in the Asia Pacific region” (2022) *Global Campus Human Rights Journal*. Vol. 5. 2. <https://www.gchrj.net/618/the-covid-19-impact-key-issues-in-the-asia-pacific-region/> <http://dx.doi.org/10.25330/1364>

“Hierarchy and Diversity in Thailand’s Changing Political Landscape” *Situations: Cultural Studies in the Asian Context*, 12.1.2019: 67–85. ISSN: 2288–7822. South Korea: Yonsei University.

“Not Here to Steal Sheep”: A Reading of the History and Politics of Catholicism in Thailand. *Kritika Kultura*, 25, 134-154.

“Women Religious and Socio-Political Change in The Philippines, 1930s-1970s”, *Philippine Studies: Historical and Ethnographic Viewpoints*, 62 (3-4), 377-397.

“Engaging Cultural Rights in Research, Practice and Policy: Lessons from the Culture and Rights in Thailand Project”, 2013, *SAC Anthropology Newsletter*.

## **Book Chapters**

“Gender, Nation and Filipino Catholicism,” *Routledge Handbook on the Contemporary Philippines*, eds. Mark Thompson and Eric Vincent Batalla, (Routledge, 2018), pp. 322-330.

“More Honored Than Read: Horacio De la Costa and the vagaries of intellectual life in Southeast Asia” in S. Reyes, ed., *Commemorating the Life and Writings of Horacio De la Costa*. Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2018), pp.46-69.

“Identifying with Fiction: The art and politics of short story writing of Muslim Filipinos”, in *Encountering Islam: The Politics of Religious Identities in Southeast Asia*, ed. Y.F. Hui, (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies).

“Rights to Culture: An Introduction”, in Coeli Barry, ed *Rights to Culture: Heritage, Language and Community in Thailand*, Silkworm Books and University of Washington Press, pp. 1-26.

“The Limits of Conservative Church Reformism in the Democratic Philippines” in T.J. Cheng and D. Brown, eds, *Religious Organizations and Democratization in Asia* (pp. 157-179). New York: M. E. Sharpe.

## **Book Reviews**

Review of Benjamin Tausig, Bangkok is Ringing: Sound, Protest, and Constraint (New York: Oxford University, 2019) Situations: Cultural Studies in the Asian Context Situations 14.1 (2021): 157–61.  
<http://situations.yonsei.ac.kr/product/data/item/1617170447/detail/9d73cfaf0f.pdf>

Review of Jonathan Rigg. More than Rural: Textures of Thailand’s Agrarian Transformation (Honolulu: University of Hawaii, 2019) Situations: Cultural Studies in the Asian Context, 12.1.2020. <http://situations.yonsei.ac.kr/product/data/item/1585583563/detail/35e653b7ee.pdf>  
Kingdom’s Edge. Journal of Human Rights and Peace Studies. Vol. 4, No. 1. Pp. 201-206.

## **Invited Speaker/Presenter (Selected)**

(2017, March). Panelist: “*Improving support for conflict prevention work across Asia-Pacific*”. United Nations and World Bank Joint Study on The Role of Development in Preventing Violent Conflict. Bangkok, Thailand.

- (2016, September). *Development of internationally-renowned human rights degree programmes*. Paper presented at South Korea Roundtable on Human Rights Education in Universities - Exploring Models of Human Rights Degree Programmes in Asia, Seoul National University, South Korea.
- (2016, April). *Reversal of Fortune: Comparing Thailand and the Philippines*. Paper presented at the Forum on Thailand and the Philippines, University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines.
- (2015, December). *Diversity, deference and hierarchy on Thailand's changing landscape*. Keynote presented at the 2015 Situations International Conference - Ethnic Minorities and Diasporas in the Asian Context: Representations, Confrontations, and Negotiations, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea.
- (2012, October). *Through the prism of human rights norms: What is there to learn from Southeast Asia?* Paper presented at the East Asian Conference of NGOs on History and Peace, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- (2012, October). *Collective rights, community rights and cultural rights in Thailand*. Workshop presentation at Multiculturalism In Thailand: Concept, Policy and Practice by the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia, The Regional Center for Sustainable Development and The Center for Ethnic Studies and Development at the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia, Mahidol University, Nakornpathom, Thailand.
- (2012, May). *Using literature to understand the experience of migration*. Paper presented at Crossing Borders: Migration in Asia Workshop, IDEA Asia Youth Forum, Bangkok, Thailand.
- (2011, July). *The human rights of cultural minorities*. Invited Panel Keynote Speaker at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Thai Studies Conference, Bangkok, Thailand.
- (2010, October). *Assessing the Relationship between Thailand's international human rights standing and the domestic rights landscape: Some preliminary thoughts*. Paper presented at On the Brink: Human Rights in Thailand, Australia National University, New Directions in Research Workshop, Canberra, Australia.
- (2010, October). *Cultural rights and human rights in Asia: A conceptual overview with implications for advocacy and research*. Paper presented at the First International Conference on Southeast Asian Human Rights, Bangkok, Thailand.
- (2009, January). *The role of international NGOS and religious organizations in addressing children's rights*. Pan-Asian International Conference on the rights and plights of children, Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand.

## **Other Relevant Work Experience:**

**Regional Educational Advising Coordinator**, EducationUSA, U.S. Department of State (Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs) and Institute of International Education, Bangkok (December 2008-September, 2009)

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, Senior Researcher (April-June 2016)  
For situational analysis of political conflict and political transition in Thailand

## **Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Research for Advocacy**

**International Labour Organization, Team Leader** for development of Guidelines for Ethical Research on Child Labour, May-November 2021

## **Democracy International, Team Leader**

Project on Understanding Religious Identity and Peacebuilding, June 2018-May 2019. Led External Evaluation and co-authored the final report of USAID-supported program evaluation on projects in Central African Republic and Thailand

**National Democratic Institute**, Developed Monitoring and Evaluation Tools  
Project on Freedom of Religion or Belief in ASEAN, November 2018-February 2019

**Social Impact, Team Leader and Specialist in Conflict Management & Governance**, Thailand, January-July 2017. Authored report, oversaw gathering of qualitative and quantitative data, including case study documentation, in evaluation of a program supporting governance, civil society strengthening and reducing conflict in Thailand

**The Asia Foundation**, Lead Evaluator Supporting Peace Building in Southern Thailand Program, August-December 2017. Conducted external evaluation of an EU-supported project supporting peaceful promotion of dialogue with Malay-Muslims in Southern Thailand, Authored final report

## **Fellowships and Visiting Appointments**

Visiting Fellow, Kyoto University, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (September 2017-March 2018)

Visiting Senior Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore (June-November 2005)

Visiting Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, (March-May 2004)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell University, Asian Studies (Fall, 2002)

Visiting Professor, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of History and Center for Southeast Asian Studies (Second Quarter, 2002)