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## From Macro-transformations to Micro-processes: Interpretations of Thailand's Stalled Transition(s)

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**Date/Time:** Friday 16 November, 3.30pm

**Place:** Earth Lab (AS2 #02-03), Department of Geography, NUS

### Abstract

In this seminar I seek out the connections between two sets of puzzling 'truncations' or stalled transitions in Thailand: broader macro-transformations evident in such things as urbanisation, formalisation and industrialisation and local level, micro-processes including the puzzling persistence of subsistence strategies, smallholder farms and peasant identities.

I will argue that we need to make connections between these two 'levels' of change if we are to understand the texture of agrarian conditions and the direction of national level development.

While the seminar will focus mostly on Thailand I will also argue that Thailand is not exceptional, only exemplary.

### About the Speaker



*Jonathan Rigg* is Professor of Geography and Director of the Asia Research Institute at NUS.

He has been working on questions of agrarian change in Asia since the early 1980s.

His new book *More than rural: textures of Thailand's agrarian transformation* will be published by Hawaii University Press in early 2019.

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