



ELECTIVE COURSES

Puey Ungphakorn School of Development Studies

TAUGHT IN ENGLISH @ THAPRACHAN

GV200 Introduction to Rural Transformation in Southeast Asia

In the past, most of SEA's population lived in rural areas. However, since the modernization era, cities in SEA have grown rapidly. As of 2007, 44.3% of the SEA population lives in urban areas. Some member states such as Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore have significantly more people living in cities. Only Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, and Cambodia have more people living in rural areas.

The course aims to examine the dynamics of Thailand and SEA rural change and rural-urban interactions. It focuses on three main themes; rural society, environment and economic change and regional economic integration and its impact. Participants should come away with an understanding of rural and social change in Southeast Asia and the basic ways in which rural transformation has been approached theoretically and empirically.



How we teach

The course is lecture and seminar based. However, it also includes fieldwork over a one-week period in Thailand and its neighbouring countries. The field work aims to give students a practical first hand understanding of development, environment and rural social change at the village level.

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