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## **Editor's Note**

After our *Journal of Social Science*, Volume 36 Number 2 (July-December 2005), another "special issue in English" is Volume 40 Number 1 (January-June 2009). Its purpose is to share Thai social scientists' researches on various topics, most of which focus on Thai case studies. Moreover, similar to our previous special issue, we would like to expand our audiences to international community by selecting to publish all papers by Thai native speakers in this volume. Among the contributors, apart from our Faculty members, namely Soravis Jayanama and Weerasak Krueathep, the others were our postgraduate students.

Soravis Jayanama, one of our Journal's regular contributors, is Assistant Professor of Department of International Relations and Deputy Director of the Master of Arts in International Development Studies (MAIDS) Programme, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University. He received his MSc. in Theory and History of International Relations from London School of Economics. Soravis's research interests include US Foreign Relations, Empire, Political Theory and Continental Philosophy, and Gender Studies. He also writes on current affairs for Bangkok Post. Amongst his articles in our previous issues

are **Sovereign Power and the Living Dead : Politics' and Resistance at 'the End of History** (Vol. 36, No. 1, January-June 2003), **The Loss of Empire** (Vol. 38, No. 1-2, January-December 2007), and his latest one in this issue is **Humanitarianism or Revolution, Humanism or Terror: Zizek's Politics**.

Weerasak Krueathep is Lecturer in Public Finance of Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University. He obtained his bachelor degree with first class honours and master degree in Public Administration from Chulalongkorn University. Also, he pursued his MPP from Saitama University, Japan. Currently, he is a Ph.D. candidate in Public Administration (Public Budgeting and Finance) at the State University of New Jersey, U.S.A. One of his previous contributions is **School Decentralization: Does It Bring About Desired Outcomes Promptly to Developing Nations?** (Vol. 37, No. 1-2, January-December 2006). And with a strong belief in "a big government is not necessarily fiscally stronger than a small one", Weerasak writes an article on **Measuring Municipal Fiscal Health in Thailand: Is a Big Guy Always Fiscally Stronger?** for this issue.

Dr. Sakaraporn Thirasirikul is now Lecturer at Siam University. She graduated with a bachelor degree in Public Administration with first class honours from Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University. Then, she enrolled in our

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Ph.D. programme with special condition and finished her doctoral degree in Public Administration. Recently, she also received LL.B. from Chulalongkorn University. Her government funded thesis research on **Thailand's Land Reform: Agenda-Setting Process for the Enactment of the Land Reform Law for Agriculture Act of 1975** has been adapted into an article form for this issue.

Vong-on Phuaphansawat graduated from Department of International Relations, Chulalongkorn University with "Thai double first", namely, first class honours with highest GPA. She received M.Phil. in Development Studies (under Shell Centenary Scholarship) and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Education at University of Cambridge, UK. Her previous paper entitled **The Role of Global Economy in Education Policies** (in Thai) was published in *Rattasat San*, Journal of the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University in 2006. She is now working as Assistant Manager at Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co., Ltd. in Thailand. **Thailand's 2007 Constitution beyond intellectuals' discourses: A perspective for the common people** gives the audience her critical analysis regarding some aspects of the crisis in Thai politics.

The rest of the contributors are the product of MAIDS, our international master programme in International Development Studies. Their articles here have been adapted from their master theses.

Rojanayol Vongsuksiri received her Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and Quantitative Analysis from University of Otago, New Zealand. She began her career as an officer at the Union Bank of California in Bangkok before obtaining her master degree in International Development Studies (MAIDS) from Chulalongkorn University. Now, she resumes her career in business management as Finance and Accounting officer at FUAN Co., Ltd, an importer of Electronics and Telecommunication products in Bangkok. Her article is based on research concerning business ethics is **Global Market Pressures and Corporate Social Responsibility: A Case Study of Electrical and Electronic Manufactures in Thailand.**

Kamolrat Chotesungnoen had worked for five years in the areas of International Law Enforcement and Intellectual Property Rights before joining the MAIDS programme in Fall, 2006. She is now working for the Weapons of Mass Destruction Non-proliferation Program at the American Embassy in Bangkok. Kamolrat writes on **Politics and Bureaucracy behind Thai Government's Issuance of Compulsory Licensing (CL).**

Aatcharaporn Chaowahem has bachelor degree in Agriculture from Khon KaenUniversity. She had worked as a research assistant and intern focusing on organic agriculture and environmental sustainability. This year she graduated her master degree in International Development Studies (MAIDS), Chulalongkorn University. Her postgraduate research topic is **Reintegration of Thai Returnees in the Context of Sex Trafficking.**

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Chayanin Wangsai has B.A. in Philosophy from the Faculty of Arts, SilpakornUniversity, in the province of Nakhon Pathom. After spending the next few years in Japan, where she studied Japanese language and volunteered at the Consular Division of the Royal Thai Embassy, she took part in our MAIDS programme and graduated with her thesis on **The Practice of Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Protection in Thailand**. Chayanin currently lives in Bangkok and continues her interest in corporate social responsibility issues.

We hope that this special issue will attract wider readers and if any readers have any comments to pass on, kindly send them to [jittipatp@gmail.com](mailto:jittipatp@gmail.com).

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