

Excursion and practical fieldwork to Thailand and Myanmar 11.-24.9.2017 (14 days)

Topics

Urban and Regional Development in Peripheral and Mountain Areas of Southeast Asia:
Economic Corridor Development from Khon Kaen to Mae Sot and Myawaddy to Bago

Aims

The course aims at deepening the knowledge and understanding the urban and regional development in peripheral and mountain areas of Southeast Asia, in particular the emerging so-called East West Corridor of Myanmar and Thailand. Overarching concepts and approaches of regional and corridor development will be dealt with and the Greater Mekong Subregion plans will be explained. In more details, the agricultural, industrial, service-, trade- and tourism-related current urban and regional developments will be investigated. Moreover, within the emerging and new interconnectivity of Southeast Asia, the growing transportation, exchange, trade, migration and social connections will be dealt with. Finally, the potential of growing border connections will be investigated, a SWOT analysis for an in-depth evaluation will be added and recommendations will be given.

From the methodological point of view, quantitative and qualitative methods of research will be applied, mapping and GPS-based routing and documentation as well as PUA methods will be introduced. In order to enhance the participant's capacity in teaching and leadership, each participant will be qualified in leading parts of the excursion and fieldwork. The set-up of a joint literature and data bank will support future independent teaching of all participants. The participants will jointly with others contribute to a comprehensive daily report, will develop a poster and will contribute to the final report and documentation.

To summarise: The course will enhance the qualification of all participants in respect to widening the urban and region-based comprehensive and application-oriented knowledge about Northeast Thailand and Southeast Myanmar and will qualify all participants with further and deeper knowledge and experience in Higher Education. Furthermore, the participants will gain expertise in preparing and conducting fieldwork, modern teaching methodology and leadership skills.

Research Background

Southeast Asia is growingly connecting. Cross-border connections allow for an intensified exchange of goods, people and knowledge. Among the most important corridors is the East-West-Corridor from Vietnam via Laos and Thailand to Myanmar, which will in the future further be connected to South Asia. The excursion will focus on the development corridor from Thailand to Myanmar, i.e. from Khon Kaen via Phitsanulok and Sukhothai to Myawaddy and Hpa-an to Bago. It will deal with the research question how regional and urban development in peripheral and mountain areas in times of regional and urban transformation and connectivity can be connected to the new corridor.

Methodological skills will comprise: mapping, interview techniques, rapid urban appraisal, structured participatory observation, multi-level interpretation of data and triangulation.

Participants must have an adequate command of the English language. It is compulsory for the participants to give presentations and papers and to comply with assigned readings. Participation in the connected seminar is compulsory; this will take place partly as bloc seminar before the excursion at the end of the summer term, partly during the excursion.

Student contributions: a) presentation and written homework within the seminar, b) active fieldwork, presentation of a region-based topic and reports in joint group work during the excursion, c) poster and report on findings.

Envisaged program (no guarantee, can be subject to change)

Date	Route	Overnight stay	Topics
11.09.2017	Travel/arrival in KhonKaen	KhonKaen	Welcome, introduction
12.09.2017	KhonKaen	KhonKaen	Urban development, market connections
13.09.2017	KhonKaen	KhonKaen	Urban tourism potential
14.09.2017	KhonKaen – Phitsanulok	Phitsanulok	Regional development in the East West corridor, mountain nature reserve/protection
15.09.2017	Phitsanulok – Sukhothai	Sukhothai	Regional city development, transport junction
16.09.2017	Sukhothai	Sukhothai	Urban and regional heritage and tourism
17.09.2017	Sukhothai – Tak – Mae Sot	Mae Sot	Border and mountain regions development
18.09.2017	Mae Sot – Myawaddy (evening)	Myawaddy	Border town development
19.09.2017	Myawaddy	Myawaddy	Border town development
20.09.2017	Myawaddy – Hpa-an	Hpa-an	Regional agriculture and nature preservation
21.09.2017	Hpa-an	Hpa-an	Regional town trade, tourism
22.09.2017	Hpa-an – Thaton – Kyaikhtio – Bago	Bago	Regional corridor transportation
23.09.2017	Bago	Bago	Urban trade, production and tourism in the corridor
24.09.2017	Bago – Yangon – Return	(Yangon/Flight)	Synthesis, summary, evaluation, closing

Participants

15 from Germany: 14 Master students and 1 leader

**? from Thailand, up to 10 participants

**? from Myanmar

German participants

Leader: Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas

Female students: Annika Fahr, Carolina Kiesel, Sarah Rabe, Annika Seitz, Veronika Steffens, Hannah Vorkötter, Sarah Ziegler

Male students: Michael Koch, Lukas Neft, Kay Rosenbach, David Rüttgers, Robert Sabelfeld, Stefan Schreinemacher, Tobias Sodekamp

ประมาณการรายละเอียดค่าใช้จ่าย

1. ค่าจ้างเหมารถยนต์	จำนวน	10,800	บาท
จำนวน 1 คัน จำนวน 6 วัน อัตราวันละ 1,800 บาท			
2. ค่าน้ำมันเชื้อเพลิงรถยนต์	จำนวน	8,000	บาท
3. ค่าที่พัก เบี้ยเลี้ยงสำหรับผู้เข้าร่วมโครงการ	จำนวน	18,600	บาท
3.1 ค่าที่พัก จำนวน 5 คืน อัตราคืนละ 1,500 บาท			
จำนวน 2 ห้อง (15,000 บาท)			
3.2 ค่าเบี้ยเลี้ยงเดินทาง วันละ 240 บาทต่อวัน			
จำนวน 5 วัน จำนวน 3 คน (3,600 บาท)			

รวมเป็นเงิน 37,400 บาท (สามหมื่นเจ็ดพันสี่ร้อยบาทถ้วน)