Call for papers

3rd Conference of the Italian Association of Southeast Asian Studies (ItaSEAS)

University of Naples L'Orientale Summer Schools Centre on the island of Procida (Gulf of Naples) 20 -21 June 2016

ItaSEAS, the Italian Association of Southeast Asian Studies, will hold its 3rd conference on 20 and 21 June 2016. The conference will be hosted by the University of Naples "L'Orientale" in its summer schools centre on the island of Procida (the Gulf of Naples). The venue provides an informal and relaxed setting for constructive scientific exchange. The aim is to allow senior and junior scholars to present their work, even work-in-progress, and to get high quality feedback during the conference sessions and beyond.

The conference aims to bring together Italian and international scholars and is open to up to 60 participants. The format will include both plenary and parallel sessions. A roundtable about the status of Southeast Asian studies (and more broadly, area studies) is foreseen.

The conference programme will be organized around three clusters: 1) Economic and political processes; 2) Social transformations; 3) Culture, Literature, Languages, and Linguistics. Each cluster will combine papers focusing on contemporary Southeast Asia with others looking at historical and longer-term perspectives. Interested researchers should send a 400 words abstract in English. Young scholars are particularly encouraged to participate. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **30 April 2016**.

ItaSEAS will not be able to offer financial assistance to participants, but buffet lunches, coffee breaks, and transport from the hotels to the conference centre will be included in the conference fees (25-30 euros, to be confirmed). The conference committee will take care of the hotel bookings at very reasonable prices. The island of Island is about 40 minutes off Naples by boat. The harbour can be reached easily from Naples Airport or Naples Railways Station by public bus. More information on the conference will be provided on the ItaSEAS website.

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