



## **Carolina Asia Center Seminars**

### **Thailand's Political Crisis: Analyzing Thaksin Shinawatra's Downfall**

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Thailand's Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's family is one of the richest in the country. He was re-elected in a landslide in February 2005. Yet, since December 2005 there have been big demonstrations calling for his resignation. On April 2, 2006, another election was held. The major opposition parties boycotted it. The crisis and the fallout for the country's democracy continues.

**Pasuk Phongpaichit** and **Chris Baker** will comment on the recent events and assess the prospects for Thailand's politics.

This is a unique opportunity to meet two of Thailand's best-known political commentators.

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