



A public talk by

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Making sense of Thailand's southern violence: Islam and legitimacy

Thailand's Malay Muslim majority Southern border provinces have been experiencing a renewed violent conflict since January 2004. This presentation will explore the political underpinnings of the violence, arguing that this is essentially a struggle over land, legitimacy and power, rather than an example of a global or regional jihad. It will call into question simplistic readings of the conflict which try to link the conflict to problematic issues such as 'Islamic violence' and the 'global war on terror'.

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