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Hard Choices for the Democracy Movement in Myanmar and for the Myanmar Diaspora

Hosts: Prof. Marco Bünte (Political Science, FAU), Prof. Dominik Müller (SDAC, FAU), Dr. Alexander Horstmann (SDAC, FAU)

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Friday
21.01.2022
10:00-18:30

Please register at henriette.hearn@fau.de to receive the details/ZOOM-Link by 19.01.22. There is a limited capacity for in-person participants.

Context:

12 months after the coup, the conflict between the ruling military junta and the people has escalated from peaceful demonstrations and civil disobedience movement into a full-scale people's war. The radical transformation of generation Z and its organization into people's defense forces followed the brutal suppression of peaceful resistance. Many people, who feared immediate arrests, escaped to the ethnic minority areas or, if they had resources and means, abroad to Thailand, India and further away, connecting with the existing Myanmar Diaspora in the West. The junta has outlawed the reigning National League of Democracy with democratic Icon Aung San Suu Kyi. Suu Kyi has been sentenced in a politically motivated trial to 2-years imprisonment to remove her from the political landscape. The democratic government in exile National Unity Government (NUG) represents the diversity of Myanmar and includes ethnic Burmese as well as high-profile members of the ethnic minorities. The Burmese Diaspora together with Western NGOs attempt to support the democracy movement and to transfer humanitarian aid to the people most affected by the day-to-day violence. Moreover, the ICJ has ordered the junta to take provisional measures to prevent further violence against the Rohingya minority in Western Myanmar.

The seminar will examine the political developments one year after the coup, including the Myanmar Democracy Movement and the Myanmar Diaspora. Questions that are tackled include: What are the strategies pursued and the resources available for actors involved? How do they gain political legitimacy? How does the military react to massive civil protest? How is the NUG organized and what kind of strategies are developed to increase visibility and to put pressure on the Military Junta? How does the NUG mobilize support and legitimation for its aims to support a revolution in Myanmar and how does it receive support and legitimation by the Myanmar Diaspora? What is the state of the ICC court investigation of genocidal intent? These and other questions will be discussed in a friendly conversation.



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Program

10:00-12:00: SDAC Lecture by Céline Coderey: “Seeking Health at the Margins: Medical Pluralism and Structural Violence in Myanmar” (Hybrid Format via Zoom)

12:00-14:00: Lunch and Coffee Break

14:00-14:15: Welcome by Prof. Marco Bünte (FAU) and Prof. Dominik Müller (SDAC, FAU) followed by a short introduction to the symposium by Dr. Alexander Horstmann (SDAC, FAU)

14:15-14:45: Marco Bünte: “Contested Legitimacies in a Tutelary Regime”

14:45-15:15: Nickey Diamond: “Trajectory of the Human Rights and Accountability Movement in Myanmar”

15:15-15:45: Nyi Nyi Kyaw: “The Myanmar Diaspora in the Spring Revolution”

15:45-16:15: Alexander Horstmann: “Moral Outrage, Crimes against Humanity, and the International Criminal Court”

16:15-16:45: Thawng Za Pum: “On the way To Federalism? - Discussions in post-Coup Myanmar”

16:45-17:00: Final words and discussion led by Khin Zaw Win (Hybrid Format via Zoom)

17:00-18:30: Informal Get-Together



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Speakers

Our speakers include scholars and academic-activists of the Myanmar Democracy Movement.



- **Khin Zaw Win** is the Director of Tampadipa Institute in Yangon. He was a prisoner of conscience from 1994-2005.



- **Dr. Céline Coderey** is a Fellow at Tembusu College and a Research Fellow in the Science, Technology, and Society Cluster at the Asia Research Institute.



- **Nickey Diamond** is a Myanmar scholar. Nicky has a MA in human rights from Mahidol University and is a PhD candidate in the political and legal anthropology group in Konstanz.



- **Nyi Nyi Kyaw**, PhD, is an intimate expert of Myanmar politics. He is currently a research fellow at KWI, Essen.



- **Dr. Alexander Horstmann** is a political anthropologist and SDAC Visiting Professor at FAU.



- **Thawng Za Pum** is a PhD candidate at the Institute of political science, FAU Erlangen - Nürnberg. He holds an MA in the social sciences from Mahidol University and an MA in Staatswissenschaften from Passau University.



- **Professor Marco Bünte** is Professor of Asian Politics at the FAU.



- **Professor Dominik Müller** is Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology at FAU.