

Geography of Southeast Asia: Human Environment Interactions

Content

Southeast Asia is one of the most dynamic growth centres in the world. Within as well as between the states of Southeast Asia (Brunei, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and East Timor) there are, however, very great differences in development. The countries have very different natural and raw material endowments and are subject to different risks. Between the booming economies in the industrialised centres and the largely decoupled developing development peripheries, there are sometimes extreme socio-economic disparities. Far-reaching transformation processes are changing the human environment relations substantially.

The lecture provides a basic insight into the complex, reciprocal interrelationships of natural and cultural spatial potentials and problems in Southeast Asia. Against the background of the natural - especially geomorphological, climatic, vegetation-related - fundamentals, the background of historical and current socio-cultural developments - including migration and urbanisation processes, disparities - as well as current economic characteristics and problems and geopolitical questions of large-scale cooperation and conflicts.

Timetable

05.04.2022	Southeast Asia: Development Dynamics and Positioning 2022
12.04.2022	Historical development: Ancient empires and epochs of colonisation
19.04.2022	Natural environment: geomorphology, climate, soils, biodiversity
26.04.2022	Population development and migration
03.05.2022	Population policies, diversity and conflicts
10.05.2022	Rural structural deficits and socio-economic disparities
17.05.2022	The primary sector: structural change, problems and future opportunities
24.05.2022	Crafts and industrialisation: Of tigers, dragons and 4.0
31.05.2022	Tourism development: Elite, masses, zero-dollar, CBT
07.06.2022	No lecture in Pentecost week
14.06.2022	Urbanisation: Cities, metropolises, megacities
21.06.2022	Megaprojects, infrastructures, future visions
28.06.2022	Multiple risks, risk prevention and management
05.07.2022	ASEAN - between non-interference and development impulses
12.07.2022	Geopolitics: Conflicts and cooperation; strategy, power and occupation

Time and location: Tuesdays, 16.00-17.30, Geo-/Bio-Hörsaal, University of Cologne

Compulsory literature:

Vorlaufer, K. (2018): Südostasien. 3rd edition. Darmstadt.

Recommended for students of Lehramt studies and teachers:

Diercke Spezial "Südostasien"

Diercke Spezial "Myanmar in progress of transformation"

Further literature will be referred to during the lecture.