

# Information for Participants

As the conference is approaching, we would like to provide you with some general information for participants

# **Transportation**

There are two international airports in Bangkok: Suvarnabhumi International Airport and Don Mueang Airport. They are about 30 km from the city center.

Taxi is convenient although it can be more costly during rush
hours. The fare starts at 35 baht and gradually works its way up
to 2 baht per kilometer at a time, with an additional surcharge of
50 haht

Airport Rail Link from Suvarnabhumi Airport could be another
interesting option. It takes only 30 minutes from the airport to
Phyathai Station, which is the end of the line. Then, at Phyathai
Station, you can take a taxi to your hotel or the venue at the Faculty
of Arts, Chulalongkorn University.

Public and shuttle	buses from	both	airport are	e also	available.	For
more information,	please visit					

https://www.transitbangkok.com/to\_Bangkok\_airport.html



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buses are the most economical way to get around bangkok although they can be confusing to newcomers.
Public buses operating in the areas around the university are:
Rama I Road: Bus no. 11, 25, 54, 73, 79 and 204
Rama IV Road: Bus no. 21, 34, 40, 47, 50, 67, 93 and 141
Phayathai Road: Bus no. 29, 36, 36, 501 and 542
Henri Dunant Road: Bus no. 16, 21 and 141
Traffic jams can be expected in Bangkok, especially during rush hours, so you may prefer BTS or MRT, which
allows you to calculate your time better.
☐ <b>The Bangkok Mass Transit System (BTS)</b> or the Skytrain, is an elevated rapid transit system in Bangkok,
Thailand. The stations which are relatively close to the university are Siam Station and National Stadium
Station. Once you arrive at the station, there are university shuttle buses that will take you to the campus
(Monday to Saturday). For more information, please visit http://www.bts.co.th/customer/en/02-route-
current_new.aspx
☐ The Metropolitan Rapid Transit (MRT) or the subway is a rapid transit system served in the Bangkok
Metropolitan Area. You can get off at Sam Yan Station, take the Exit 2, walk through the basement of
Chamchuri Square to the university gate, and continue to the venue in 15 minutes. Otherwise, you might take
a taxi to the venue. MRT Map is available at <a href="http://www.bangkokmetro.co.th/map.aspx?Lang=En&amp;Menu=8">http://www.bangkokmetro.co.th/map.aspx?Lang=En&amp;Menu=8</a>
University shuttle buses are in service around the university campus.
Please visit the conference website for more details: <a href="http://www.arts.chula.ac.th/dlives/accommodation.html">http://www.arts.chula.ac.th/dlives/accommodation.html</a>

# **Important notice**

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# **Conference Venue**

Opening ceremony, including Keynote I session, will be held at <u>Chulalongkorn University Main Auditorium</u> on Monday November 13, 2017. Other sessions, namely, Keynote II and III sessions, paper and poster presentations, panels, and workshops will be held at <u>Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Building or MCS Building</u>, <u>Faculty of Arts</u>.







Chulalongkorn University Main Auditorium



### **Registration**

Upon first arrival at the venue, you should proceed to the Registration Desk that allows you to register and collect your conference bag as well as your official registration receipt and certificate of attendance.

Pre-registration (Sunday November 12, 2017, 1.00-4.00 pm, ground floor, MCS Building)

In order to reduce line-ups at the conference venue, we also offer pre-registration on Sunday November 12, 2017 from 1.00 to 4.00 pm on the ground floor of MCS building. *Please note that traveling for pre-registration will be different from the actual conference dates on weekdays* as the university gates are mostly closed and the university shuttle bus service is not available on Sundays. Thus, walking from Siam Square area, (Siam BTS Station) or from Rama IV Road (Sam Yan MRT Station) is recommended. Either alternative will take only 10-15 minutes.



Registration (Monday November 13, 2017 at Chulalongkorn University Auditorium) The Registration Desk will be open from 8.00 am at Chulalongkorn University Main Auditorium.



# **Conference Reception**

All conference participants are cordially invited to attend the Conference Reception at the Mandarin Hotel on Tuesday November 14, 2017 from 6.30 to 9.00 pm. <u>National costume is an appreciative option</u>.

- 1. For participants, invitation is included in your conference bag.
- 2. Accompanying person is welcome with a payment of 1,000 baht paid at the Information Desk on the third floor.



# **Workshops**

Participants are invited to attend workshops on Wednesday November 15, 2017. The available workshops are as follows:

- 1. Workshop on "Information Literacy in the Digital Age" (Maximum: 30 persons)
- 2. ASIS&T Panel on "Multidisciplinary Research on Academic Writing, Reading, & Thinking: Information Science and Digital Library Perspectives" (Maximum: 40 persons)
- 3. ASIS&T Panel on "Starting an Academic Career in Library & Information Science" (Maximum: 40 persons)
- 4. Workshop on "Digital Archiving and Preservation Collaboration in Asia-Pacific" (Maximum: 20 persons)

Registration for workshops is now open on the website at <a href="http://www.arts.chula.ac.th/dlives/workshop.html">http://www.arts.chula.ac.th/dlives/workshop.html</a>

Participants can register to attend any workshop(s) until Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. But as some participants have not yet registered for these workshops, we would finalize the workshop registration in a few days (November 8<sup>th</sup> 2017).

### **Library Visits**

Participants are invited to join our library and museum visit programs (walking tour) free of charge on Wednesday November 15, 2017, 9.15-11.30 am.

There are three main routes as follows:

- 1. Route A: Office of Academic Resources (Central Library) (Maximum number: 35 persons)
- 2. Route B: Faculty of Political Science Library and Faculty of Medicine Library and Memorial Hall (Maximum number: 15 persons)
- 3. Route C: Chulalongkorn University Museum and Memorial Hall (Maximum number: 35 persons)

Registration for library visits will be available onsite at the Registration Desk on Monday November 13, 2017. For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.arts.chula.ac.th/dlives/program-libVisit.html">http://www.arts.chula.ac.th/dlives/program-libVisit.html</a>

## **Instruction for Presenters**

- 1. The room for your presentation will be shown in the Conference Program Book. Please arrive at your session room fifteen minutes before the session starts so that you could have enough time to set up the A/V equipment and download your presentation saved in a USB flash drive to the computer.
- If you would like to check your presentation, you can use the computers at the secretariat room, Room
   711, 7th floor, MCS Building.
- 3. If your laptop is Mac, please bring the required adapter for the external video output. You may need an adapter to connect your computer to the local voltage (220) and plug type.
- 4. For assistance during your session, one coordinator and two student volunteers will be available in each session room. If you have any problems in your session room or have any other requests, please address them to the coordinator or student volunteers.

### **Information Desk**

The Information Desk located on the third floor of the MCS Building provides you the information about the conference. If you have any problems or inquiries, please address them to the committee members or student volunteers there.

### **Internet Access**

You can connect to the Internet via Eduroam provided by your institution, or get a free WiFi account using ChulaWiFi, the university's wireless internet service. Regarding ChulaWiFi, the user name and password will be provided in your conference bag. Please note that by using ChulaWiFi, you are under the terms of agreement under the Computer Crime Act B.E. 2550.

# **Getting around Bangkok**

Bangkok, or simply called in Thai *Krung Thep*, is the capital city of Thailand. The city was founded in 1782 by King Rama I, succeeding Sukhothai, Ayutthaya and Thonburi, the previous capital cities. Bangkok has a population of over eleven million today. Its dwellers are diverse in ethnicity, beliefs, and cultures. This vibrant city is a popular tourist destination that has many things to offer to almost everyone.

### What to See

#### Palaces and Temples

If you love culture, beautiful palaces and temples are waiting for you to visit. Wat Phra Kaew or the Temple of the Emerald Buddha (officially known as Wat Phra Sri Rattana Satsadaram) and the Grand Palace are unmissable. The temple enshrines the Emerald Buddha and is regarded an important temple in Thailand. The famous Wat Pho (the Temple of the Reclining Buddha), or Wat Phra Chetuphon, is located behind the splendid Temple of the Emerald Buddha. The temple is well known for its stunning reclining Buddha and original Thai massage. Wat Arun or Wat Arun Ratchawararam is best known for its massive prang, a tower on the Chao Phraya River.



Wat Phra Kaew (the Temple of the Emerald Buddha)

Photo credit: http://www.trekearth.com/gallery/Asia/Thailand/Central/Bangkok/Bangkok/photo383247.htm

#### Thai House and Museum

The Jim Thompson House is a museum in central Bangkok, housing the art collection of James H. W. Thompson, an American entrepreneur and architect who was the founder of the world renowned Jim Thompson Thai Silk Company. Built in 1959, the museum spans one rectangular "rai" of land (approximately half an acre or 2023.43 meters). It is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Thailand; sporting vibrant jungle foliage in the heart of the city.



The Jim Thompson House

Photo credit: <a href="http://www.jimthompsonhouse.com/museum/index.asp">http://www.jimthompsonhouse.com/museum/index.asp</a>

#### Museums and Galleries

A number of interesting museums are open from Tuesdays to Sundays. Bangkok Art and Culture Centre (BACC) is near Siam and offers new art exhibitions all year round. The National Museum and the National Gallery will give you a good overview of history, archeology and art of the country. The Museum of Siam is interesting for its interactive way to engage with visitors.



**BACC** 

Photo credit: http://www.notyourtypicaltourist.com/tag/bangkok-art-and-culture-centre-bacc

#### **Theatres**

Watching performances can be a great way to appreciate Thai art and culture. The Traditional Thai Puppet Theatre and Chaloem Krung Royal Theatre offer traditional Thai performances. Patravadi Theatre offers more modern dramatic art. Siam Niramit is where you can see a more fanciful show giving an overview of Thai culture.

### Things to Do

#### Shopping

Thailand is best known as a paradise for shopping lovers. Bangkok has numerous shopping malls including Siam Paragon, Siam Center, and MBK, which are near the venue. Ratchaprasong District also has more shopping malls and the internationally famous garment market Pratu Nam. Chatuchak Weekend Market has various kinds of goods that attract tourists and locals alike.



Chatuchak Weekend Market

Photo credit: http://vinadaytravel.com/famous-traditional-markets-in-thailand-part-1.html

#### **Eating**

Chinatown is a great place to explore street food in Thailand. Fine dining is also plentiful in Bangkok. Thong Lo District is known for its many restaurants. For more information, please visit

https://www.timeout.com/bangkok/restaurants

### **Getting Away**

You may want to get away to see other parts of Thailand, such as visiting Damnoen Saduak Floating Market in Ratchaburi, visiting a cool and calm city like Chiang Mai in Northern part of Thailand or diving in the Southern sea in Krabi or Phuket. For more information, please visit Tourism Authority of Thailand at

https://www.tourismthailand.org

**Climate** 

There are three seasons in Bangkok: hot, rainy and cool. However, it is fairly hot throughout the year. The best time

to visit is the cool season (starting from around November to February). The temperature in November ranges from

an average low of 23.9 °C to an average high of 32.4 °C.

**Banks and Money** 

Thailand currency is Thai baht. Currency can be exchanged at the airport (any time) and banks. Opening hours of

banks in Bangkok are varied depending on their locations. Many bank branches, including those in shopping malls,

have extended hours, so they are still open even in the evening and weekends. Major credit cards (VISA, Mastercard,

American express, Union pay) are accepted in most hotels, shops, and restaurants. Cash withdrawal machines

linked to international networks are also widely available.

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Looking forward to seeing you soon!