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Personal Details

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Education

2001-2004 Bachelor of Economics, International Program, Thammasat University,
Thailand (First Class Honour), Bhumibhol Scholarship
Majors in Public Finance and Econometrics
2003 Exchange Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
2006-2008 MPhil in Development Studies, University of Oxford, UK
2008-2013 DPhil in Social Policy, University of Oxford, UK
Thesis title: The limits of community participation: examining the roles of
discourse, institutions, and agency in the promotion of community
participation in Thailand

Careers

2004-Present Full-time lecturer, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University

Other Work Experiences

- Visiting Fellow, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University, May 2013
- Writer and Co-Editor, Openbooks Publication Co., Thailand, 2004-present
- Contributor, The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), 2014-2016
- Director of Seminars and Public Communication, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, 2014-5

Publications:

- 'The Impact of Free-Trade Liberalization on the Thai Insurance Industry', Thammasat Research Centre, 2005
- 'The Paradox of Community Development: Lessons from the Promotion of Community Participation in Thailand', Proceedings from the Next Generation Global Workshop 2012, Kyoto University, Japan

- 'Debates on Communitarianism: From the International Perspectives to the Idea of Community in Thailand', Bangkok: Thailand's Health Foundation, 2014
- 'Democratic Discourses in Thai Civil Society', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, March 2016
- 'Reviewing Rural Development: From the era of Puey Ungpakorn to the era of Development Brokers', in "*Puey Ungpakorn and Social and Economic Transformation in Thailand*", A Publication Commemorating Puey Ungpakorn Centennial, Openbooks Publication.
- 'Thai Upper-Middle Class and Democracy: Examining the Rise of Thai Upper-Middle Class and Their Turn Against Democracy', a chapter for the upcoming publication from ISEAS: Singapore, Forthcoming in 2017

Other Research Experiences

- Researcher, WTO Watch Project, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, 2004-2005
- Country Contributor, 2014 and 2015 Global Microscope on Financial Inclusion –Thailand, The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), 2014-2015
- Researcher, New Development Model Program, Thailand Development Research Institution (TDRI), 2013-5
- Consultant, Thailand Country Analysis, Oxfam Thailand, November 2014
- Country Contributor, UNICEF Country Trend Analysis- Thailand, The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), 2016
- Joint project leader, Financial Inclusion and Informal Debt in Thailand, a research project for the Thai Government Saving Bank, 2016

Academic Papers and Other Works

- 'A Comparative Study of Thailand's Community Culture School of Thought and Amartya Sen's Development as Freedom', A paper presented at the Faculty of Liberal Arts' Seminar, Thammasat University, Thailand, 9 February 2012
- 'The Paradox of Communitarian Democracy: Examining the Assertion of Community as the Solution to Thailand's Democratic Crisis', A paper presented at the Oxford Southeast Asia Symposium, Oxford, UK, 11 March 2012
- 'Ineffective by Assumptions? The Real Experiences in Promoting Community Participation in Rural Thailand', A paper presented at the Association of Southeast Asia Studies (ASEASUK), Durham, UK, 8 September 2012
- 'The Hidden Scripts of Community Development: Understanding the Persistence of the Gap between the Expectations and the Reality of Community Development in Thailand', A

paper presented at the 12th International Conference on Thai Studies, University of Sydney, Australia, 22-24 April 2014.

- 'Not simply the local lads: The alternative view of community development based on the examination of community leaders' agency', A paper presented at the Thai Research Fund's Seminar on Inequality in Thailand, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, 14 August 2014
- 'The Development of Welfare System in Thailand: Insights from Theories on Welfare States', a research paper supported by Fredrich Eibert Stiftung (FES) Thailand, 2013
- English-Thai Translation of Saxer, M. (2014), Fighting Corruption in Transformation Societies, a chapter in Saxer, M. 'In the Vertigo of Change", Openworld Publication and Fredrich Eibert Stiftung (FES) Thailand, 2014
- Changing Thailand's Future with Tax Reform, a policy paper resulting from "Policy Community on Taxation" project supported by Fredrich Eibert Stiftung (FES) Thailand, 2016

Research Interests:

- Development, inequality, and welfare in Thailand, including issues such as the development of Thai welfare system, community development, participatory development, and poverty
- The roles of the middle class and civil society in Thai democracy