

# Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thitiwut Boonyawongwiwat

## Professional Summary

Seasoned scholar and educator specializing in ethnic conflict, peacebuilding, and security studies with a focus on Southeast Asia. Recognized for award-winning research on nationalism, narcotics politics, and the intersection of security and transnational crime. Brings extensive experience in academic leadership, curriculum development, and guiding research that bridges theoretical insight with real-world policy applications. Skilled in crisis management and public administration, with a passion for fostering critical thinking and inspiring future leaders through impactful teaching and interdisciplinary collaboration. Committed to advancing understanding of complex regional dynamics and contributing to policy-oriented solutions for pressing global challenges.

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## Education Background

- 2001: Bachelor of Public Administration (Public Policy), Prince of Songkla University
- 2006: Master of Political Science in Government, Thammasat University  
Thesis: *Identity Politics in the Union of Myanmar: A Case Study of the Shan Ethnic Group*  
Outstanding Thesis Award in Political Science, Thammasat University
- 2014: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Politics & International Relations, University College Dublin, Ireland  
Major: Politics (Ethnic Conflict)  
Thesis: *Fighting with Drugs, Fighting for the Nation: The Anti-Ethno-Narcotic Politics of Shan People on the Thai-Burmese Border*  
Thesis Advisor: Professor Jennifer Todd

## Work Experience

- 2007 – 2008
  - o Lecturer, College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Thammasat University
- 2008 – 2021
  - o Lecturer, School of Political and Administrative Sciences, Faculty of Political Science and

Public Administration, Chiang Mai University

o Project Leader for Ethnic Conflict Studies, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University

o Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University

o Deputy Dean for Research and Academic Affairs, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University

. 2022 – Present

o Associate Professor, School of Public Administration, Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University

o Advisor, Northern Border Drug Problem Resolution Center



### *Academic Interests*

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#### **1. International Relations**

- o *Ethnic Conflict and Resolution*: Studying ethnic conflicts and approaches to peacebuilding.
- o *Peace Process*: Analyzing peace processes in conflict-affected regions.
- o *Border Studies*: Exploring the political and economic roles of border areas.
- o *Politics of Narcotics*: Analyzing drug trade and its impact on security.

#### **2. Public Administration**

- o *Crisis Management*: Approaches to crisis management and response.
- o *Administrative Law and Procedure*: Studying the administration and resolution of legal disputes.

#### **3. Politics and Government**

- o *Nationalism and Ethnicity*: Analyzing the role of nationalism in political relations.
- o *Politics of Myanmar*: Studying Myanmar's politics and its regional impacts.

#### **4. Security**

- o *Security Studies*: Exploring both traditional and modern security concepts.
- o *Transnational Crime*: Analyzing the impact of transnational criminal organizations on security.

### *PUBLICATIONS*

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#### **Book**

- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2018). *The Ethno-Narcotic Politics of the Shan People: Fighting with Drugs, Fighting for the Nation on the Thai-Burmese Border*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.

- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2021). *The Peace Process of Myanmar: Interactions between the Government, Military, and Ethnic Groups* (2nd ed.). Chiang Mai: Chiang Mai University Press.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2022). *The Political Economy of Narcotics in Ethnic Conflict*. Chiang Mai: Nakornping Printing.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2024). *Transnational Crime and Narcotics: Implications of New Security Threats*. Chiang Mai: Nakornping Printing Co., Ltd.

### International Conference Presentations

- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2024). *The Administrative Court and the Conflict in the Deep South Province of Thailand: A Challenge to Lasting Peace Mechanisms*. Presented at the 13th European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference, July 23–25, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2016). *The Emergence of the Anti-Narcotic Ideology on the Thai-Myanmar Border*. Presented at the Asian Studies of the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) 2016 Conference, California State University Northridge.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2017, October 13–14). *The Obstacle of Conflict Transformation in Myanmar: A Case Study of the Ta'ang National Liberation Army*. Presented at the ISSS-ISAC Joint Conference, American University in Washington, D.C.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2018, October 12–13). *The Obstacle of Conflict Transformation in Burma/Myanmar: A Case Study of the Kachin Independence Army*. Presented at the PSAI Annual Conference 2018, Limerick, Ireland.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2019). *Peace Process in Myanmar/Burma: A Case Study of the Arakan Army (AA)*. Presented at the International Studies Association-Midwest 2019, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

### Selected Journal Articles

- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2024). *Review of the book Repossessing Shanland: Myanmar, Thailand, and a Nation-State Deferred, by J. M. Ferguson*. *Southeast Asian Studies*, 13(1), 186–206.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2022). *Asymmetric Alliance Formation by the Arakan Army During the Civil War/Peace Process in Myanmar*. *Journal of Mekong Societies*, 18(3), 1–18.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2018). *Obstacles to Conflict Transformation in Myanmar: A Case Study of the Ta'ang National Liberation Army*. *Journal of Mekong Societies*, 14(3), 1–18.

- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2022). *The Political Economy of Narcotics in Ethnic Conflict*. *Humanities and Social Sciences Review*, 10(1), 20-31.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2017). *Nationalist Ideology Formation Based on Ethnicity Against Narcotics by the Shan State Army*. *Asian Review*, 2, 1-26.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2009). *Politics in the Museum: Concealing Violence in the Salween Basin*. *Southeast Current*, 1, 20-34.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2009). *The Burmese Nation-State and Museums: On the Process of National Identity Formation*. *Art and Culture Magazine*, 1, 154-168.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2008). *Myanmar and the Greater Mekong Subregion: On Development, Ideology, and Modern Violence*. *Social Sciences*, 1, 100-129.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2008). *The Burmese Nation-State and the Constitution: The Process of National Identity Formation under Socialism*. *Indochina Studies*, 1, 253-294.
- Boonyawongwiwat, T. (2016). *Mythology of the Opium Museum: Constructing Opium's Meaning in the Context of Nation-Building and Tourism*. *Mekong Region Social Science*, 1, 163-182.

