



UNESCO Chair in  
Resource Governance  
and Futures Literacy

## Launch of the Chulalongkorn University UNESCO Chair in Resource Governance and Futures Literacy

*28 March 2023 (9:00 – 12:00 ICT)*

*Alumni meeting room, 12th Floor, Faculty of Political Science Building 1 (Kasem Utthayanin Building), Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand and Online via Zoom*

*Co-organizers: Chulalongkorn University UNESCO Chair in Resource Governance and Futures Literacy; Center for Social Development Studies (CSDS), Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University; Office of International Affairs and Global Network, Chulalongkorn University; and Japan Society for International Development (JASID)*

### Introduction

Resource governance is at the heart of sustainable development. A range of interconnected and complex contemporary resource governance challenges exist including on water, food, energy and climate change. Inclusive, transparent and accountable resource governance contributes towards attaining human security, building peace, sustaining healthy ecosystems, and ensuring social and ecological justice. Furthermore, in the age of the Anthropocene resource governance must also account for a broader ethics of human-nature relations and the concerns of more-than-human things.

Within resource governance, the imaginaries of the future act on the possibilities of the present, including in terms of whose voices are heard in debates articulating desirable or undesirable futures. Futures literacy is a capability and a skill that enables a better understanding and anticipation of the role that the future plays in society. It fosters agility of the mind, allowing uncertainty and complexity to be embraced. Being futures literate empowers people to use the futures to innovate the present, leading to creative solutions and policy shifts.

To accelerate its core founding mission to serve the public, Chulalongkorn University is pleased to launch the **Chulalongkorn University UNESCO Chair on Resource Governance and Futures Literacy**, which aims to respond to resource governance priorities through partnerships. The Chair aspires to catalyze thought leadership and activities that result in clear impacts in policy and on-the-ground outcomes. Over the coming five years, the Chair will establish a hub of researchers, policy makers, graduate students and other societal actors to catalyze inclusive and sustainable governance of resources through futures literacy-focused research, dialogue

and capacity strengthening. We will proactively and constructively engage towards the inclusive, equitable and sustainable resolution of resource governance challenges emphasizing the identification of transformative pathways through building futures literacy.

**Program (hybrid)**

Time	Session
8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:20	<p><b>Welcome remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Prakorn Siriprakob Dean, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening address</b> Representative of the Thai National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Education, Thailand</p> <p>MC: Ms. Michiko Yoshida, Director, Global Networking and Engagement Div., Office of International Affairs and Global Network, Chulalongkorn University</p>
9:20 – 10:40	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Resource Governance and Futures Literacy – Significance, Opportunities and Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Elodie Jacquet, Manager of Knowledge and Practice, Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University</li> <li>Dr. Pasang Dolma Sherpa Executive Director, Center for Indigenous Peoples' Research and Development (CIPRED)</li> <li>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Apiwat Ratanawaraha (online) Department of Urban and Regional Planning and the Center for Science, Technology, and Society, Chulalongkorn University</li> <li>Prof. Dr. Yuto Kitamura Graduate School of Education, University of Tokyo and Institute for Future Initiatives</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Professor Emeritus Surichai Wun'gaeo, Chulalongkorn University</p>
11:00 - 11:20	<i>Break</i>
11:20 - 11:45	<b>Reflections on the Chulalongkorn University UNESCO Chair in Resource Governance and Futures Literacy</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Dr. Narumon Arunothai, Director, Chulalongkorn University Social Research Institute</li> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kanokwan Manorom, Director, Mekong Sub-region Social Research Center (MSSRC), Ubon Ratchathani University</li> <li>• Asst. Prof. Dr. Carl Middleton Director, Center for Social Development Studies, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Asst. Prof. Suthirat Kittipongvises, Director, Environment, Development and Sustainability, Graduate School, Chulalongkorn University (t.b.c.)</p>
11:45 – 12:00	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Dr. Bundhit Eua-arporn President, Chulalongkorn University</li> </ul>