Invite Applications for a Graduate Student Research Workshop on
POWER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: METHODOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

Workshop Date: October 24, 2019.
Applications Due: June 30, 2019
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CONTEXT
The Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS) brings together scholars, students, policy makers and activists with an interest in Southeast Asia and its connections to the rest of the world. CCSEAS aims to promote research and teaching that bring a multi-disciplinary perspective to the study of Southeast Asia and its component nations. A methodology-focused workshop for graduate students will be run in conjunction with the 2019 biennial CCSEAS conference (see https://ccseas.ca/conferences/). The workshop will provide an opportunity for graduate students working in different disciplinary traditions to receive critical, engaged feedback on their work-in-progress from fellow students and faculty who share an interest in this region. It will also develop capacities for inter-disciplinary engagement.

WORKSHOP STATEMENT
Questions of power permeate virtually all social relations and social facts. Southeast Asia is an especially fertile area in which to examine the question of power. The notion of power itself invites critical inquiries from many disciplinary and ontological perspectives. We propose to use the theme of power as a device for examining the methodological stakes of the research projects to be discussed intensively during the course of the workshop.

ELIGIBILITY
The workshop is intended for master’s and doctoral students whose research projects concern aspects of power in Southeast Asia. The purpose of the workshop is to encourage and assist students who are formulating their methodologies, as well as those who are farther along in their projects (e.g. writing up their methodology chapters). Possibilities for continuing networks and mentoring among interested students and faculty will be explored. Applicants must be enrolled full time in a master’s or doctoral program. They must be prepared to engage in some work prior to the meeting, namely reading and commenting on the methodology chapters / work in progress of other participants to set the ground for a productive exchange.

ARRANGEMENTS:
The workshop will take place from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm on October 24 on the campus of McGill University. It will include graduate students, faculty members and postdoctoral scholars. Applicants are encouraged to seek travel grants from their home institutions.
APPLICATION DEADLINE is JUNE 30, 2019; SELECTION DECISIONS ANNOUNCED JULY 5, 2019

Applications consist of 1) A current curriculum vitae; and 2) A 500 word abstract of your research proposal, including a brief description of your methodology. If selected for the workshop, you will need to submit your methodology chapter / work in progress by September 19, max 3000 words. Workshop participants will be selected on the content of the submitted projects, the potential for useful exchanges among them, and the benefits of including a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches and intellectual traditions. Send applications by email attachment to christine.gibb@utoronto.ca.