

THE SECOND TRUMP ADMINISTRATION: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR UNITED STATES-SOUTHEAST ASIAN RELATIONS

Agenda

Thursday, March 27, 2025

World Room, Journalism School, Columbia University

9:30-9:45 WELCOME REMARKS

Lien-Hang T. Nguyen, Dorothy Borg Chair in the History of the United States and East Asia; Director, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University; Co-founder, Vietnamese Studies, Columbia University

Ann Marie Murphy, Professor, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University; Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University

9:45-11:00 SETTING THE CONTEXT: GEOSTRATEGIC COMPETITION IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

U.S. Policy Toward Southeast Asia: The View from Washington

Derek Mitchell, Former U.S. Ambassador to Myanmar (Burma) (2012-2016); Senior Advisor (non-resident), Asia Program & Executive Office, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Office of the President

Prospects for US-China Relations Under Trump II: Implications for Southeast Asia

Thomas Christensen, James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations, Columbia University

Prospects for US-Japan Relations under Trump II: Implications for Southeast Asia:

Ayumi Teraoka, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University; Postdoctoral Research Fellow, China and the World Program

Moderator: *Ann Marie Murphy*, Professor, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University; Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University

11:00-11:15 BREAK

11:15-12:45 MARITIME SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE UNITED STATES UNDER TRUMP

Prospects for US-Singapore Relations under Trump II

Joseph Chinyong Liow, Dean of College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University

Prospects for US-Philippines Relations under Trump II: the View from Washington

Gregory B. Poling, Director & Senior Fellow, Southeast Asia Program and Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Prospects for US-Philippines Relations under Trump II: the View from Manila

Walden F. Bello, Philippines academic; human rights activist; former Philippine Congressman

Prospects for US-Indonesian Relations under Trump II

Yohanes Sulaiman, Associate Professor, Universitas Jenderal Achmad Yani

Moderator: *John Gershman*, Clinical Professor of Public Service; Director, International Specialization and International Capstone Programs, Wagner School of Public Service, New York University

12:45-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-3:00 MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE UNITED STATES UNDER TRUMP II

Prospects for US-Thai Relations Under Trump II

Pongphisoot (Paul) Busbarat, Assistant Dean & Professor of International Relations, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University; Director, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS Thailand); Former Dorothy Borg Postdoctoral Fellow in Southeast Asian Studies

Prospects for US-Malaysian Relations Under Trump II

Elina Noor, Senior Fellow, Asia Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (via Zoom)

Prospects for US-Cambodian Relations Under Trump II

Sophal Ear, Associate Professor, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University; President, International Public Management Network (IPMN)

Prospects for US-Vietnamese Relations Under Trump II

Hong Hai Nguyen, Senior Lecturer, VinUniversity; Fulbright Scholar, American University

Moderator: *Ann Marie Murphy*, Professor, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University; Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University

3:00-3:15 BREAK

3:15-4:30 REGIONAL ISSUES: IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. SOUTHEAST ASIAN RELATIONS

Trends in the South China Sea: Implications for the United States and Southeast Asia

Gregory B. Poling, Director & Senior Fellow, Southeast Asia Program and Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Technical and Digital Competition in Southeast Asia

Elina Noor, Senior Fellow, Asia Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (via Zoom)

Prospects for US-ASEAN Relations

Prashanth Parameswaran, Senior Fellow, Asia Program, the Wilson Center; CEO & Founder, ASEAN Wonk Global; Senior Columnist, The Diplomat (via Zoom)

Moderator: *Amy Freedman*, Department Chairperson & Professor, Political Science, Dyson College of Arts & Sciences, Pace University

4:30-4:45 Closing Reflections

Derek Mitchell, Former U.S. Ambassador to Myanmar (Burma) (2012-2016); Senior Advisor (non-resident), Asia Program & Executive Office, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Office of the President

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