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## Profile

Matthana Rodyim, PhD, is a researcher and lecturer at the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia, Mahidol University. His expertise spans Thai politics, political anthropology, comparative politics, Southeast Asian studies, and cultural studies. He has an extensive research background in governance, corruption, gender biases in AI, political fear, and local culture preservation. He is also affiliated with the Research Group in Innovation for Social Solidarity and Inclusive Economy in Asia (ISSIE) at Chulalongkorn University.

## Education

2022  
2016  
2012

**Ph.D. (Asia-Pacific Studies)**

National Chengchi University, Taiwan

**M.A. (Southeast Asia Studies)**

Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany

**B.A. (Southeast Asia Studies)**

Thammasat University, Thailand

## Research Interests

- Thai Politics & Political Anthropology
- Cultural Studies & Political Fear
- Governance, Corruption Prevention & Urban Administration
- Gender & AI Bias
- Urbanization, Migration & Local Culture Preservation
- International Relations & Regional Organizations
- Critical Theory, Social Movements & Urban Resistance

## Present Positions

- **Secretary of M.A. (Cultural Studies )**
- **Lecturer in Cultural Studies Program (MA)**  
RILCA, Mahidol University

## Employment History

**2023 – Present**

**Affiliated Researcher** | Innovation for Social Solidarity and Inclusive Economy in Asia , Chulalongkorn University

**2017 – 2018**

**Research Assistant** | Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) and Thammasat University

**2017 – 2018**

**Journalist (International desk)** | Khaosod Ltd.

**2012 – 2014**

**Journalist (International desk)** | Prachachart Business Newspaper, an affiliated newspaper to Matichon public co. ltd

## Research Experience

### Researcher

- 2024** • Before the hidden gem goes extinct: the advancement of knowledge management and identity preservation of Plaibang people in Nonthaburi amidst rapid urbanization and in-land migration into new housing-projects.
- 2024** • Functions of Ghosts in Maintaining Social Order and Class Exploitation of Ghosts in Modern Thai Culture
- 2024** • Gender Inequalities in AI Chatbots: The gendered language set and dissolution of gender bias in language use in Thai's service sectors.

## Publications

### International & Thai Journals

- Buayairugsa, J., & **Rodyim, M.** (2024). LGBTQ Voices in Thai High Schools: Shaping Self-Expression and Empowerment. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2024.2440349>
- Rodyim, Matthana.** (2024). Orchestrating Fear: How Thailand's Establishment Uses Fear to Maintain Authoritarian Rule, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, vol. 46(3) pp. 476–495
- Hien, Lan-Do., Phuong, Chi Tran., and **Rodyim, Matthana.** (2023). Religious Security in Vietnam in the 21st Century. *Thai Journal of East Asian Studies*, 27(2).
- Rodyim, Matthana,** Peansuwan Sukrid, and Suwankanit Tanawat. (2022). The Reign of Terror in Thailand's Politics: An Analysis on Thai Middle Class and Junta's Policy. *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 53(1).
- Rodyim, Matthana.** (2019). Middle-class and De-democratization: Discourse Analysis of 'Good People,' 'Evil Politicians,' and 'Genuine Democracy'. *Taiwan Journal of Southeast Asia Studies*, 14(2).

## Publications

### Books

- Rodyim, Matthana.** (Forthcoming). The Self-legitimate Conservation: A Study of the Dramatization of Political Fear in Thailand. In Catherine Renshaw et al., *Democratic Struggles from Myanmar and Thailand*. Palgrave Macmillan.

## Teaching course

- Principal Concepts in Cultural Studies
- Critical Theories in Cultural Studies
- Cultural Citizenship, Identity Politics and Social Belonging
- History, Culture and International Relations in Asia
- Seminar on Contemporary Socio-Cultural Issues

## Awards & Honors

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**2018 – 2022**

Ministry of Education, Taiwan (for PhD)

## Academic Activities

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- Head of the research department for the Association of Regional Studies.
- Guest Lecturer/ Speaker
- M.A. Examiner/ supervisor



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