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### Biography

**Sirijit Sunanta** is assistant professor in anthropology and chair of the PhD Program in Multicultural Studies at the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia, Mahidol University, Thailand. She received her PhD in Women's and Gender Studies from the University of British Columbia, Canada, in 2009. Her research interests include gender and migration, globalization and food cultures, and the politics of diversity in Thailand.

### Research Interests

Sirijit's current research projects focus on the globalization of care, intimate and bodily labour in the Thai health and well-being industry, and the transnational Phu-Tai ethnic identity revival movement in Thailand and its neighboring countries. She is currently awarded the Newton Advanced Fellowship to conduct research on "Selling Thai-ness to Westerners": The social and development impacts of marketing "Thai-ness" on entrepreneurs and people who in work in the small-scale service sector".

### Selected Publications

Sunanta, S. 2018 “ประเทศไทย โลกาภิวัตน์ กับเพศภาวะ: นโยบายด้านการท่องเที่ยวของประเทศไทยกับการย้ายฐานงานดูแลและงานผลิตซ้ำในระดับโลก” [Thailand, Globalization and Gender: Thai Tourism Policies and the Global Outsourcing of Care and Reproductive Work] *วารสารสังคมวิทยาและมานุษยวิทยา* 37 (1): 127-149.

Trupp, A and Sunanta, S. 2017 “Gendered Practices in Urban Ethnic Tourism in Thailand” *Annals of Tourism Research* 64: 76-86.

Jaisuekun, K and Sunanta, S. 2016 “Lifestyle Migration in Thailand: A Case Study of German Migrants in Pattaya” *Thammasat Review* 19 (2): 89-103.

Sunanta, S and Angeles, L. 2013. “From Rural Life to Transnational Wife: Agrarian Transition, Gender Mobility and Intimate Globalization in Transnational Marriages in Northeast Thailand” *Gender, Place and Culture* 20 (6): 699-717.

Sunanta, S. 2013. "Negotiating with the Center: Diversity and Local Cultures in Thailand" in C. Barry (Ed.) *Rights to Culture?: Language, Heritage and Community in Thailand*. Chiangmai: Silkworm. Pp. 163-187.

### **Teaching**

LCMS 601 Key Theoretical Concepts in Multicultural Studies

LCMS 611 Transnationalism, Migration and Diaspora in Asia

LCCU 541 Gender, Sexuality and Gendered Identity

### **Expertise and Public Engagement**

Sirijit has published widely in leading journals such as *Gender, Place and Culture*, *Critical Asian Studies*, and *Annals of Tourism Research*. She is a member of the Sussex-Mahidol Migration Partnership. She was a Visiting Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Studies of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany (May-July 2013), visiting professor at the Department of Geography and Regional Research, University of Vienna (May-July 2014), and Visiting Research Fellow at the Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex (June-October 2017).