

**15<sup>th</sup> International Burma Studies Conference**  
Envisioning Myanmar: Crisis, Change, Continuity

9 – 11 June 2023, University of Zurich, Switzerland

<b>Thursday (8 June, 2023)</b>	
15.30 – 18.00	Registration and info desk

<b>Friday (9 June, 2023)</b>	
10.00 – 19.00	Registration and info desk
<b>13.00 – 14.45</b>	<b>Welcome and keynote</b>
14.45 – 15.15	Coffee break
15.15 – 16.55	Panel sessions (1)
17.00 – 18.40	Panel sessions (2)
18.45 – 20.00	Apero and light dinner
20.00 – 21.00	Book launch evening

<b>Saturday (10 June, 2023)</b>	
08.30 – 19.00	Registration and info desk
09.00 – 10.40	Panel sessions (3)
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.55	Panel sessions (4)
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14.15 – 15.55	Panel sessions (5)
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 18.10	Panel sessions (6)
18.15 – 18.45	Informal book launch
19.00 onwards	Evening program and dinner

<b>Sunday (11 June 2023)</b>	
08.30 – 13.00	Registration and info desk
09.00 – 10.40	Roundtables
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
<b>11.15 – 12.55</b>	<b>Closing and keynote</b>

For the security of all participants, the names of keynote speakers and presenters will not be available on our website. In addition to the main conference program, participants are invited to sign up for a walking tour on Thursday evening, Friday morning, or Sunday afternoon. Kindly email [conference@myanmar-institut.org](mailto:conference@myanmar-institut.org) for any inquiries.

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13.00	14.45	<p><b>WELCOME CEREMONY AND DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>Keynote: “Silver Screens and Golden Dreams: Burmese Classic Cinema and Cosmopolitan Glamour in the 1950s and 1960s”</p>
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14.45	15.15	Coffee and tea break
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15.15	16.55	<b>PANEL SESSIONS (1)</b>					
		<b>In-person/hybrid</b>					<b>Online</b>
		Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Zoom
		Panel 1A	Panel 1B	Panel 1C	Panel 1D	Panel 1E	Panel 1F
		<p><b>Education I</b></p> <p><i>Note: Education II will be held online in the next timeslot</i></p>	<p><b>Processes, challenges, and assessments of Myanmar's political crisis: perspectives from the international, borderlands, and locals I</b></p>	<p><b>Resources, infrastructure, ecology</b></p>	<p><b>The Burmese way to biopolitics</b></p>	<p><b>Dynamics of Buddhist meditation in Myanmar and abroad</b></p>	<p><b>Displacement and migration</b></p>
		Integrating peace education in the learning process: a case study of teachers' peace approach interaction strategies at community/church-based schools in Kachin State	The creeping anarchy in Myanmar and the reactions of the international community	Amorphous Infrastructure: Contesting dams and water diversions in the Salween River Basin	Blunt biopolitics: activism, violence, and contested conceptions of life and its promotion	Meditation through Discipline: Aspects of Meditation within the Thilashin's Code of Conduct	The 2021 Myanmar coup and its aftermath from the perspective of long-term refugee camps
		The state of campus: How free to practise academic freedom in Myanmar	Japan's ambivalent diplomacy towards the post-coup Myanmar crisis	Framing contested megaprojects in Myanmar's parliament: The cases of Letpadaung copper mines and Myitsone dam (2011-2021)	Bionationalism – the case of Myanmar	Conversion to Theravāda Buddhism: The Case of Japanese Practitioners of Pa-Auk Buddhist Meditation Derived from Myanmar	Trauma and stigma: Myanmar refugee trauma, and German attitudes towards refugees

		Conceptualization of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in the context of higher education reconstruction in Myanmar	Resolving the Myanmar Crisis: a compromised diplomacy or the end of engagement?	Science diplomacy in Myanmar: A review of potential cooperation channels with Myanmar non-state actors through forest science initiatives	Telluric geographies of the means of violence: on alterity, weapons, and space at the margins	How Meditation Becomes Social Welfare? A Case Study of the Thabarwa Meditation Center	The livelihood of refugees on the Myanmar-Thailand border during the COVID-19 pandemic and the tense situation after the coup	
		Mother tongue based multilingual education for community resilience in the context of Kachin regions, Myanmar	Democratic subjects and unbound serialities: Reflections from coup-prone Myanmar and Thailand	The interdependencies of biodiversity and multilinguality in Myanmar	Discussant	Ledi Sayadaw's influence on the Weikza-lam	Vulnerability and social determinants of health among internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Myanmar post-military coup	
		Politicising 'matriculation examination' and the future ways forward	Discussant	Renewable energy in Myanmar: challenges and prospects		The role of the laity in the Shan temple sleeping tradition		
						The power of practice: knowing the past, knowing the future in debates about female ordination in Burma		
17.00	18.40	<b>PANEL SESSIONS (2)</b>						
		<b>In-person/hybrid</b>						<b>Online</b>
		Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Zoom
		Panel 2A	Panel 2B	Panel 2C	Panel 2D	Panel 2E		Panel 2F
		<b>Livelihoods and economies</b>	<b>Processes, challenges, and assessments of Myanmar's political crisis: perspectives from the international, borderlands, and locals II</b>	<b>Histories I</b> <i>Note: Histories II will be held online the next morning</i>	<b>The politics of knowledge in Myanmar</b>	<b>Languages, cultures, art</b>		<b>Education II</b>
		The effect of conflict on agricultural wages: evidence from Myanmar	Emerging local governance through building collective resilience in Chin State: people's community response to the 2021 coup	Beyond the historical imaginary of the fixed ethnoreligious identity: hybridity and connectivity among Baptists in Colonial Moulmein	Misunderstanding Myanmar through the lens of democratisation	Manuscript textiles in the Burmese Collection at the British Library	The CDM teachers' security and teaching learning wellbeing in the challenging times in Myanmar	

		Did 'Burmese Way to Socialism' create jobs equitably?	Unlinking Myanmar's political changes with Aung San Suu Kyi: failure of the third force	Nationalism and military rule: exploring hegemonic nationalist discourses of Burmese elites from SLORC to SAC	Moving beyond negative peace and working towards positive peace: The Salween Peace Park as an embodiment of justice, freedom, equality and self-determination for Karen nation	Writing Htanaw in Burmese script - the challenges of designing an orthography	Trans-ethnic alliances in re-making higher education in post-coup Myanmar: Voices from the periphery	
		The changes in Myanmar economy during 2011 and 2020	Naga People's everyday practice and border trade between India and Myanmar	History, identities and constitutions. How historical narratives have shaped identities and justified constitutional proposals in (the union of) Burma from 1900 to the Spring Revolution.	Infrastructures of ignorance along the Asia Highway in Southeastern Myanmar	Shan construction of knowledge – its past and present	Myanmar university teachers' experience of teaching in English-medium	
		Coping with shocks: panel data evidence from Myanmar	Myanmar's Political transition from the periphery: grassroots democracy by ethnic women's organisation	Digital ethno-history and the making of a resistance archive in Myanmar	Making certain kinds of refuge legible: humanitarian knowledge and border-making in the Thai-Burmese borderlands	Tracing local history through spirit cults: The case of Alon's Bodawgyi	Open education and the Sustainable Development Goals in Myanmar higher education: Making change happen through the TIDE project	
		Cultural ecosystem services and climate change adaptation: A study of rice farming systems in Central Myanmar	Discussant	Revisiting Chit Hlaing: ideology, personal life, and politics	What does power look like? (In)visibility, forensic image work, and conflict aesthetics in Myanmar	"Flexible ideas for adults, courage to face difficulties for young people"		
				Rewriting the history of Slavery in Burma and Southeast Asia (with special reference to descendants of temple slaves)				
18.45	20.00	<b>APERRO AND LIGHT DINNER</b>						
20.00	21.00	<b>BOOK LAUNCHES</b>						
		<b>In-person/hybrid</b>						
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		<b>Winning by Process: The State and Neutralization of Ethnic Minorities in Myanmar (2022)</b> and <b>Rights Refused: Grassroots Activism and State Violence in Myanmar (2023)</b>	<b>Outsourcing the Polity: Non-State Welfare, Inequality, and Resistance in Myanmar (2023)</b>	<b>Waves of Upheaval in Myanmar: Gendered Transformations and Political Transitions (2022)</b>	<b>The Kings of Buddhism: Power, Religion, and Fury in Myanmar (2023)</b>
Panelists will be available to registered participants.					

Saturday (10 June, 2023)							
08.30	19.00	Registration and info desk					
09.00	10.40	PANEL SESSIONS (3)					
		In-person/hybrid					Online
		Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Zoom
		Panel 3A	Panel 3B	Panel 3C	Panel 3D	Panel 3E	Panel 3F
		<b>Conflict, governance, and humanitarian dilemmas</b>	<b>Politics, education, and religious institutions of Chin State</b>	<b>Astrological and divinatory practices in Burma: mapping the <i>beidin</i> category I</b>  <b>What visual arts and history tell us about astrology and divination in Burma</b>	<b>Waves of nostalgia: Burmese music crossing eras</b>	<b>The politics of climate change actions amidst Myanmar's deepening political and environmental crisis</b>	<b>Histories II</b>
		"The trouble with inclusivity": the unforeseen consequences of norm promotion in Myanmar's Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement process	The Spring Revolution and the new Chin Political Dimension	Introduction to the panel: the transformation of the <i>beidin</i> category across the <i>longue-duree</i>	Ineffable Yearning: Sounding Lwansaya in Burmese Khi' Haung and Mahagita Vocal and Instrumental Performance	Climate change and environmental destruction: Community perceptions across Myanmar amidst a military coup	The first Coup d'état in Myanmar and responses to it
		Delivering aid in contexts of dictatorship and extreme centralization: the case of Myanmar	Attacks on Education in Myanmar	The horoscope of a Buddha	Runaway, rebel and rockstar: Music, life and times of Htoo Eain Thin (1963-2004)	Co-Producing vulnerability: climate change, conflict and the coup in southeastern Myanmar	Agriculture development planning and environmental conservation with special reference to royal orders of the Konbaung Era

		Taking sides: <i>humanitarian resistance</i> as an alternative form of humanitarian aid at the Thai-Myanmar border	The Role and Influence of Religious Institutions in the Evolution of Socio-Cultural Practices among the K'cho Chins	The influence of written prophecy ( <i>Thaiksā</i> ) and random utterances ( <i>Tabaung</i> ) in the Mrauk-U Kingdom (1430-1784 A.D)	Stereo stalkers: a feminist examination of Burmese love songs	Salween Peace Park: linking alternative grassroots-driven water governance to state transformation process	Conflicts between two communities in Rakhine monarchical period (17th -18th Centuries)
		Humanitarian assistance in the Thai-Myanmar border area and its implication for the international community's response to the post-coup Myanmar	The impact of post-coup civil war on access to education and trend in education in Chin State	Magic and divination in Burmese illustrated manuscripts at Northern Illinois University	Bella ciao - punk rock music and resistance	The (post-)politics of climate change adaptation in Myanmar – Before and after the 2021 military coup d'état	'Indianisation of Burma!': ethnonationalism and xenophobia in the interwar period
		Neither the state nor the society: resistance, accommodation, violence, and the role of local administrators in post-coup Myanmar				Violence, values and virtues in climate change discourse: Insights from the Environmental Justice Atlas	
		Agrarian politics in Burma today					
10.45	11.15	<b>Coffee and tea break</b>					

11.15	12.55	PANEL SESSIONS (4)				
		In-person/hybrid				
		Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC
		Panel 4A	Panel 4B	Panel 4C	Panel 4D	Panel 4E
		<b>Federalism, politics, futures I</b> <i>Note: Federalism II will be held online in the next session</i>	<b>Of tea and poppy: plant circulations across Burma</b>	<b>Astrological and divinatory practices in Burma: mapping the <i>beidin</i> category II</b>  <i>Beidin and Burmese Buddhism</i>	<b>Gendered, feminist, and queer perspectives</b>	<b>Bottom-up, top-down, upside down and hybrid processes of land and natural resource governance</b>
		'Sham elections' in 2023? – Myanmar's planned authoritarian elections and competing narratives of electoral legitimacy	Transnational opium flows and the state of knowledge on the frontier	The astrologer's specificity as a ritual specialist	Forced fallow fields: making meaningful life in the Myanmar Spring Revolution	Explaining the persistence of smallholder rubber in Burma after the bust
		Federal security structure and policy, Myanmar	Bordering opium: the colonial roots of Burma's post-colonial drug boom	The Arakanese calendar: ways of mastering space?	"This bra protects me better than the military": bodies and protests in the Myanmar Spring Revolution	Intertwinement and integration of customary and statutory land tenure in Northern Sagaing
		#stillBurma: Myanmar's Rohingya and federal future(s)	Exclusionary integration: locating illegal drugs in the extractivist landscapes of the Myanmar-China borderlands	Same same but different: a comparative study of divinatory techniques in Rakhine	Heterodoxies in Myanmar masculinities: physical nationalism and male Tai cultural performers	Land allocation as top down and bottom-up processes
		A paradoxical route to federal democratic state formation in Myanmar	Centering Myanmar in the global history of tea	They are doing their own <i>aung lun yadeya</i> : Rituals of power and resistance in Burma's ongoing revolution	Burmese women's agency in 'traditional' contexts	The struggle to find legal recognition of customary forest tenure: observations from the 2019 Forest Rules consultations
		An unprecedented turning point in Myanmar	The dynamics of farmer-labourer relations in tea-picking: a case study of Namhsan township, Shan State, Myanmar		Journey to peace and justice: Karenni women rising above militarized patriarchy	
		The rise of a revolutionary armed group: People's Defense Force in Myanmar			Queer and gendered resistance in the Burma Spring Revolution	

12.55	14.15	<b>Lunch</b>				
14.15	15.55	<b>PANEL SESSIONS (5)</b>				
		<b>In-person/hybrid</b>				<b>Online</b>
		Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Zoom
		Panel 5A	Panel 5B	Panel 5C	Panel 5D	Panel 5E
		<b>International relations</b>	<b>Myanmar education: challenges and opportunities post pandemic and coup</b>	<b>Ethnic and identity politics</b>	<b>Creativity and resistance I</b>	<b>Federalism, politics, futures II</b>
	In search for a new international patron? Myanmar-Russia relations in the post-coup era	Ensuring right to education and promoting resilience through local organizations during education in emergencies and conflicts	Powers of the gun: spirituality and weapon-human entanglements in frontier assemblages	Myanmar peace warriors. Creative resistance and nationalism among youth activists in post-coup Myanmar	The peripheries are central: framing Myanmar's Spring Revolution	
	Voices matter: ASEAN's public opinion on the Myanmar coup and ASEAN's initial reactions to it	Systems strengthening in ethnic education systems	Who supports pro-minority policies in Myanmar? Evidence from a post-coup survey	Being in place: longing for heritage in Yangon, Myanmar	Why the transition government in Myanmar was unable to implement genuine fiscal federalism?	
	Cross-border migration, refugee people and geopolitics in ethnic controlled areas in Myanmar	Teacher's voice	Myanmar 1949: the causes of the 'Karen conflict' onset	Post-coup Myanmar: how KIO steer the waves of resistance movement	Revolution and federalism: Gen Z of Myanmar	
	The changing dynamics of China-Myanmar relations post the military coup - From hedging to bandwagoning?	The role of education aid in Myanmar	Remobilizing resentment: state-sangha contention and the reproduction of colonial era xenophobia in Myanmar	The art of activism - encountering Burmese exiled activists in Thailand in the aftermath of the attempted military coup (2021)	Civil resistance against autocracies and the Spring Revolution in Myanmar	
	Putting conflicts in the relational space: reinterpreting the reoccurrence of armed conflicts in North Myanmar in the 2010s		Ethnic perspectives and race, ethnicity and Burman-ness	Embodying the protest: tattoos in contemporary Myanmar's social and political space	Myanmar (Burma) coup d'etat crisis as constitutional settlement opportunity	
			Discussant	Writing for the future: Digital witness poetry in Myanmar	Using technology to delivery healthcare services to people in need during crisis	
16.00	16.30	<b>Coffee and tea break</b>				
16.30	18.10	<b>PANEL SESSIONS (6)</b>				



		<b>In-person/hybrid</b>				
		Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC
		Panel 6A	Panel 6B	Panel 6C	Panel 6D	Panel 6E
		<b>Borders, frontiers, "minorities"</b>	<b>Establishing facts, marshalling evidence</b>	<b>Buddhism and politics</b>	<b>Conflict and political mobilization</b>	<b>Creativity and resistance II</b>
		Evading and inviting states: understanding 'no-man's-lands' in Zomia's decolonizing frontiers after Global War (1945-1955)	Dates, data and archives: finding facts and making media histories in Myanmar digital rights activism	Anti-Muslim hate speech in Myanmar: tracking nationalist discourse in Buddhist literature before the so-called transition	Borderworlds: "rebels", states, and the international	Networked protest of the Burmese diaspora on Zoom
		Speaking Kachin nationalism	The facts of life: translating biography in socialist Burma	Rethinking the Saya-Dakar project: its impact on monks' participation in the Spring Revolution of Myanmar in 2021	Governing revolution: Post-coup insurgent social order in Chin State and Sagaing Region	Social media: a tool for authoritarian repression
		Trade route and cultural linkage between China-Myanmar-India: a study of frontier/cross-border tribe Jingpo-Kachin-Singpho	Discretion of the powerful: Dispositions in the circulation of anti-Muslim books, 2000-2012	Revisiting karma: morality, justice and religious change for youth in post-coup Myanmar	Civil war tycoons: Explaining rebel group entrepreneurship in Myanmar	Framing Myanmar's Rohingya crisis: a multi-country analysis of state-online citizen relationship
		Post-Coup Chin Refugees in Myanmar-India borderland: realities and challenges	Categorical confusions: making race out of religion in colonial Burma	The standing of Buddhist monks after the coup	The societal origins of state education: evidence from British Burma	Media development and international cooperation in Myanmar: opportunities and challenges
			Is it firm?: Risk, certainty, and evidence in Myanmar's speculative land markets	Abhidhamma unbound, protective panegyrics of Paṭṭhāna, and the secular	Discussant	Revolution and social media: different frames for different audiences
				Revolution and religion: Shan Buddhism/Bamar Buddhism?		The network of Burmese-Thai youth activists: the changing and continuity after the 2021 military coup
<b>18.00</b>	<b>18.45</b>	<b>Informal book launches:</b>  <i>Rethinking Community in Myanmar: Practices of We-Formation Among Muslims and Hindus in Urban Yangon (2023)</i> <i>Aung San Suu Kyi: Politician, Prisoner, Parent (2023)</i>				
<b>19.00</b>	<b>21.00</b>	<b>Evening program and dinner</b>				

Sunday (11 June, 2023)						
08.30	13.00	Registration and info desk				
09.00	10.40	ROUNDTABLES				
		In-person/hybrid				
		Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC	Room TBC
		Setting the research agenda: Myanmar initiatives since the coup	Addressing challenging paths toward a better education at the time of Myanmar's crisis	Higher education after the 1 February 2021 coup. What does 'rethinking international engagement with Myanmar academics and students' actually mean and look like?	Knowing Burma: outside in, inside out	Representing Burmese languages: IT challenges of encoding and transliteration
		Panelists will be available to registered participants.				
10.45	11.15	Coffee and tea break				
11.15	12.55	CLOSING CEREMONY AND DISCUSSION				
		Keynote: "Ten Lessons in Twenty Years: Field Research in Myanmar"				