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invites applications for papers to be presented at the

6TH PRAGUE CONFERENCE ON SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES entitled

POWER AND STRATEGIES OF POLITICAL ORDER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

To be held on **October 14th, 2016** in **Prague, Czechia**

Southeast Asia as a region and a cultural area has been renowned for its unique ancient concepts of authority and statehood, such as the classical *mandala*-type Indianized kingdom, the *dewaraja*, the *kerajaan*, or the *kraton*. While some of these phenomena have become less relevant over time, other notions have not only survived to this day but, having undergone a necessary adaptation, they are still present and, to a various degree, determine socio-political patterns of contemporary societies of Southeast Asia. Other models have sprung up as a result of the interaction of local concepts with newly arrived religions, such as Islam and Christianity, the onset of colonial times, the post-colonial era, and various recent societal developments such as urbanization and industrialization.

In line with this, we therefore welcome the submission of a wide array of inter-disciplinary papers on both historical concepts of kingship, *datu*-ship and other traditional forms of authority as well as more modern modes and strategies of gaining power and maintaining political order, both formal and informal. We also encourage applicants to bring forth ideas of legitimacy and religio-political aspects of power. Papers studying forms such as nepotism, bossism, warlordism and oligarchic practices are welcome, too. Given the variegated character of Southeast Asia's political landscape and ruling traditions, we anticipate a multitude of fascinating panel and paper proposals. It is our hope that an edited volume or a special issue of our Institute's scholarly journal *Archiv Orientalni* (<http://aror.orient.cas.cz/>) will come out of this promising academic event.

Deadlines:

- ◆ The deadline for the submission for panels and paper abstracts: **June 13, 2016**
- ◆ Notification of accepted panels and papers: **June 30, 2016**
- ◆ The deadline for final registration for the conference: **September 15, 2016**
- ◆ The deadline for full-paper submission: **September 30, 2016**

Individual panel sessions are to consist of three to four presentations, 20 minutes each, followed by 30 minutes for questions and additional discussion. Panel and paper abstracts must be submitted as Word documents and contain the title of the submission, abstract (300 words), name and affiliation of the author(s), a short bio (100 words) and contact information (e-mail). The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reallocate presenters.

Kindly send your proposals to **Dr. Tomáš Petru**: petru@orient.cas.cz

Conference fees: The conference is FREE OF CHARGE.

Note: The organizers provide two nights of accommodation, one before and one after the conference (to non-Prague residents), and refreshments during the conference. All other costs including transportation, visas etc. are the sole responsibility of the participants. Our staff can provide you with an invitation letter for visa if necessary. Do not hesitate to contact Dr. Petru if you have any further inquiries.

