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### **EDUCATION**

**The University of Edinburgh:** PhD in Law (2020-2025)

**The University of Edinburgh:** Master of Laws (LL.M.) (2016-2017)

**Thammasat university:** Bachelors of laws (LL.B.) (2011-2014)

### **FIELDS OF INTEREST**

- Colonial Legal History
- Thai Legal History
- European Legal History
- Comparative Law
- Legal Theory
- Intellectual History
- Socio-legal Studies
- Law and Religion
- Constitutional Law in Global South
- Criminal Justice
- Southeast Asian Studies
- Thai Politics

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Suwanapech K, Colonial Encounters: the Formation of Thai Legal Identity (PhD Thesis, University of Edinburgh)

Suwanapech K (ed), *ยุคสมัยอย่างใหม่ในพระราชพิธีสิบสองเดือน (Sense of Modernity in Royal Ceremonies of the Twelves Months)* (Illumination Edition, Forthcoming)

Suwanapech K, ‘Book Review on Constitutional Bricolage: Thailand’s Sacred Monarchy vs. The Rule of Law by Eugénie Mérieau Bloomsbury Publishing’ (2022) 2(2) Thai Legal Studies.

Suwanapech K and Plessis J. P, ‘Law and Identity: The Case of the Common Law Scotland with Comparative Insights from Thailand’ (2021) 1(1) Thai Legal Studies <<https://so01.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/tls/issue/view/16956/4250>> accessed 18 December 2021.

Suwanapech K, ‘Book Review on King Prasat Thong, Coup d’etat, Righteousness, Rituals and Art’ (2021) 18(1) The Journal of Thai Khadi Research Institute <<https://so06.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/thaikhadijournal/issue/view/17033>> accessed 18 December 2021.

Suwanapech K, ‘History of the Initial Royal Command: Reflection on Legal and Political Contexts of Kingship and Modern State in Siam’ in Harding A and Pongsapan M (eds), *Essays in Thai Legal History: From Traditional to Modern Law* (CUP 2021).

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

**Faculty of law Thammasat University:** Lecturer Sep 2017 – Present

- Taught Civil Law System
- Taught Thai Legal History
- Taught General Principles of Criminal Law
- Taught Criminal Law Offences

## **SEMINARS AND TRAININGS**

### • Visiting Scholar

*Institute for Advanced Study in Asian Cultures and Theologies (IASACT)*

Divinity School of Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**June – July 2023**

- Selected participant in the IASACT summer programme.
  - Conducted research on Asian cultures and theologies in a transnational academic setting.
  - Engaged in interdisciplinary dialogue with scholars from across Asia.
  - Received research fellowship funding to support writing and collaboration.
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- Presented a paper titled "Manifesting Righteous Rule of Law: A Charcoal sketch of Thai Legal Identity" at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory (Virtual) symposium "Legal Orders under Pressure: Non-western Experiences of Legal Transformations in the 19th and 20th Centuries."
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- Provided an introduction at the book launch for Thai Legal History: From Traditional to Modern Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford (virtual) (June, 2022)
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- Delivered a presentation at the Council of Thai Studies at Ohio University on the topic of "In the Name of 'the Greatest Benefit of Siamese People': the Localization of Utilitarianism and Legal Change in Siamese Absolutist State" (2021)
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- Delivered a presentation at the Chinese University of Hongkong's 1st Asian Legal History Conference (Virtual) on the topic of "In the Name of 'the Greatest Benefit of Siamese People': the Localization of Utilitarianism and Legal Change in Siamese Absolutist State" (2021)
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- Organised a symposium on "Thai Criminal Justice in Action" with Prachatai News and the Faculty of Law at Thammasat University (2020)
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- Delivered a presentation at a conference sponsored by Cambridge University Press and the Faculty of Law at Thammasat University on "Essays in Thai Legal History: From Traditional to Modern Law" (2019)

- Led a session a book launch for the "Civil law System by Munin Pongsapan" at the Thammasat University Faculty of Law (2019)
- Assisted research for the Ministry of Justice and Thammasat University's Faculty of Law on "the Protection of All Persons from Torture and Enforced Disappearance Bill" (2018)
- Organised a colloquium at the Thammasat University's Faculty of Law on "Asian Constitutional Forum" sponsored by National University of Singapore (2018)
- Organised a colloquium at Thammasat University's Faculty of Law on the "The 111th Year of the Modern Penal Codes in Siam/Thailand" (2018)
- Participated in a session on "Ayutthaya Legal History" at Chulalongkorn University's Faculty of Law (2018)
- Led a session at Thammasat University's Faculty of Law at on "The Distortion of Thai Constitution" (2014)
- Led a session at Thammasat University's Faculty of Law on "Mass media as the kangaroo court" (2013)

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

- Thai
- English