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Professional Experience

- 2014 - present Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, Thailand
Courses: Public International Law, Law of Treaties, International Human Rights Law, Constitutional Rights, International Investment Law, Legal Philosophy, Introduction to the Thai Legal System
- 2019 - 2022 Teaching Assistant, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland
Courses: Participants in International Legal Processes (Professor Zarbiyev), International Dispute Settlement (Professor Kohen), Treaty Interpretation (Dr Salonidis), Jurisdiction of States in International Law (Professor Hébié), Immunities (Professor Webb); Investor-State Arbitration (Professor Reinisch); International Commercial Arbitration (Professor Schultz); Law and Policy of Free Trade Agreements (Professor Claussen); Principles of International Environmental Law (Professor Boisson de Chazounes), Compliance Mechanisms under Environmental Agreements (Professor Mbengue), Law of the Sea (Judge Lijnzaad)
- 2020 - 2022 Assistant, International Law Commission, The United Nations
Responsibilities: Assisting Ambassador Mahmoud Hmoud, the Chairperson of the 72th Session of the International Law Commission; researching and preparing comments on different topics including general principles of law, provisional application of treaties, sea-level rise in international law, protection of the atmosphere, and immunity of state officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction

Academic Activities

- 2015 - 2017 Editorial Board of *Thammasat Law Journal*
- 2015 - present Editorial Board of *Thailand Journal of International Law*

Legal Practice and Advice

- 2021 - 2024 Legal advisor to National Human Rights Commission of Thailand
- 2024 - 2025 Senior legal expert to Delegation of the European Union to Thailand in the project related to corporate sustainability
- 2024 - 2025 Counsel for Thailand in the advisory proceeding before the International Court of Justice on *Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change*
- 2025 - 2025 Legal advisor to the Chair of the Ad Hoc Centre for Thailand-Cambodia Border Situation
- 2025 - present Advisor to the Minister of Defence

Educational Background

- LLB (Hons) (Thammasat University, Thailand)
- LLB (University of Tokyo, Japan) (*Royal Thai Government Scholarship*)
- MSc in Human Rights (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK) (*Royal Thai Government Scholarship*)
- MA (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland)
- PhD (*summa cum laude*) (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland)
Title of the Dissertation: Authentic Interpretation of Treaties in Contemporary International Law
Committee: Fuad Zarbiyev (supervisor), Andrea Bianchi, Jan Klabbers
- Diploma in Human Rights Law (Academy of European Law, European University Institute, Italy)
- Diploma in Public International Law (The Hague Academy of International Law, The Netherlands)

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Publications

- Saengkrai, 'Introducing Diversity: A Review Essay of *The Cambridge Companion of International Law*', *Thammasat Law Journal* (2014);
- Saengkrai, 'Case Report: Whaling in the Antarctic', *Thailand Journal of International Law* (2016);
- Saengkrai, 'Treaty Interpretation: Past, Present, and Future', *Thammasat Law Journal* (2016);
- Saengkrai, 'Rights and Duties of States in Disputed Maritime Areas' in Soraat *et al* (eds) *Essays in Honour of Professor Dr Narong Jaiharn* (Thammasat University Press, 2018);
- Saengkrai, 'Book Review - Bounded Rationality and Economic Diplomacy: The Politics of Investment Treaties in Developing Countries by Lauge Poulsen', *Thammasat Law Journal* (2018);
- Saengkrai *et al*, 'The Paris Accord-Related Agreement on Environmental Goods and Services: Its Necessity and its Feasibility' (TradeLab, 2019) available online at <<https://www.tradelab.org/single-post/2019/02/10/The-Paris-Accord-Related-Agreement-on-Environmental-Goods-and-Services-Its-Necessity-and-its-Feasibility>>;
- Saengkrai, 'The Obligation to Conduct an EIA in International Law' in Popattanachai *et al* (eds) *The Pillar of Environmental Law: Essays in Honour of Professor Dr Amnart Wongbandit* (Thammasat University Press, 2020);
- Saengkrai, 'Rethinking "Human Rights Violations"' in Saengkrai *et al* (eds) *Diversity and Dynamics of International Law: Essays in Honour of Piruna Tingsabadh* (Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, 2020);
- Saengkrai, 'Towards Deeper Judicialisation: Explaining Thailand's Increasing Engagement with International Adjudication', *Thai Legal Studies* (2021);
- Saengkrai, 'Lawfare Strategy of Nationality Unity Government of Myanmar', *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia* (2022);
- Saengkrai, 'Book Review - International Law and Politics of History by Anne Orford', *Asian Journal of International Law* (2022);
- Saengkrai, 'A Transcivilizational Perspective at The Hague Academy: A Critical Review', *European Journal of International Law* (2024);
- Saengkrai, 'Universalism v Particularism in Southeast Asia' in Beiter *et al* (eds) *Research Handbook on the Right to Education* (Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming)

Paper Presentation

- 'A Commodity-Form Theory of International Law: Implications for Global Poverty', presented at the 'Tools of Imperialism' Workshop at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (2013);
- 'Rethinking Human Rights Violations: An Analysis of Susan Marks's Theory', presented at Human Rights Junior Scholar Workshop at University of British Columbia (2015);
- 'Identifying *Obligations Erga Omnes Partes* in Human Rights Treaties: The Contribution of the World Court', presented at The 5th Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law in Bangkok, Thailand (2015);
- 'Impact of Human Rights Treaties on the International Law of State Responsibility: Obligations *Erga Omnes Partes*', presented at The INTRALaw Human Rights Colloquium 'Interaction between human rights: 50 years of the Covenants' at Aarhus University (2016);
- 'Cognitive Frames and Indeterminacy in Investment Treaty Interpretation' presented at Third World Approaches to International Law Conference at National University of Singapore (2018);
- 'The 'Business and Human Rights' Discourse in Thailand' presented at the TIJ-IGLP Workshop for Scholars and Emerging Leaders on the Rule of Law and Policy (2019);
- 'Authentic Interpretation of Investment Treaties: How Arbitral Tribunals Seek to Maintain their Authority' presented at the PhD workshop of the biennial conference of the Asian Society of International Law (2021);
- 'Towards a Socio-Doctrinal Approach to Legal Study' presented at the Social Science and International Law Workshop at the annual conference of the European Society of International Law (2021)

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Policy Research Projects

2015 - 2016	‘Thailand and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities’, commissioned by Ministry of Social Development and Human Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Studying the contents of this Optional Protocol, analysing implications for Thailand if the Thai government accedes to it, and making some policy recommendations- Culminating in Thailand’s accession to this Optional Protocol in 2016
2016 - 2017	‘Comparative and International Law Concerning Gender Recognition for LGBTIQ Persons’, commissioned by Ministry of Social Development and Human Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Studying gender recognition laws around the world and their underlying concepts, and drafting the bill- Awarded the research achievement award by the National Research Council of Thailand
2024-2025	‘Analysis of the Human Rights Due Diligence Laws and Legal Frameworks in the EU and Thailand: Input for Due Diligence Legislation in Thailand’ (with Liesbeth Unger) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Comprehensively analysing Thai laws and legal frameworks related to sustainability, four EU laws (CSDDD, EUDR, EUFR, and CSRD, and examining implications for Thailand including how they may serve as inspiration for the Thai human rights and environmental due diligence law)- Submitted to the European Union Delegation in Thailand

Other recent activities

- Invited speaker on the webinar ‘Understanding and Getting Ready for EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDDD) and EU Regulation on Forced Labour’ organised by UN Global Compact Network Thailand (April, 2025)
- Invited panelist in the Thailand 2025 Modern Slavery organised by ASEAN Act, IOM, and the Australian Government (March 2025)
- Invited panelist on the Seminar ‘Thailand Experience in the Climate Change Advisory Proceedings before the International Court of Justice’ co-organised by Faculty of Law, Thammasat University of Thailand and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand (February 2025)
- Invited panelist in the AICHR Consultation on Human Rights Index organised by AICHR Indonesia, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (April 2024)
- Invited lecturer at Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University; Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University; and National Institute of Development Administration

Languages

- Thai: reading (native), speaking (native)
- English: reading (advanced), speaking (advanced)
- Japanese: reading (advanced), speaking (advanced)
- French: reading (intermediate), speaking (basic)

As of 10/2025