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Educations:

Jan 2022 – April 2026	**Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD) in Law** Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne (Thesis title: *"Stateless persons from Thailand in Japan: Negotiating identity and inclusion"*)
Jun 2007 – Dec 2012	**Master of Arts in Human Rights Studies** Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP) Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand (Thesis title: *"Analysis of Nationality Verification of Migrant Workers in Thailand: The Case of Workers from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar"*)
Jun 2002 – Feb 2006	**Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs** Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand

Areas of Expertise:

Clinical Legal Education; Law and Society and Socio-legal Research; International Human Rights Law; Nationality and Citizenship Law and Statelessness; and Migration, Asylum and Refugee Law

Work experiences:

November 2026 – present	Researcher and Lecturer on Clinical Legal Education, *Faculty of Law, Thammasat University*
Feb 2026 – Jan 2027	Visiting scholar under the Australian Research Council's Discovery Early Career Research Award (DECRA), *Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University*
Feb 2025 – Jan 2026	Law Academic Associate, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, *Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne* (part-time on a fixed-term contract)
Mar 2023 – Feb 2025	Law Academic Associate, Asian Law Centre, *Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne* (part-time on a fixed-term contract)

Sep 2023 – Jun 2024	Visiting research fellow, *Waseda University*, Tokyo, Japan
Feb 2022 – Feb 2023	Research Assistant, *Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne* (part-time on a casual contract)
Jun 2022 – Dec 2022	Teaching Assistant, *Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne* (part-time on a casual contract)
Sep 2016 – Dec 2021	Senior Protection Associate, *UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific* (full-time)
Dec 2015 – Aug2016	Protection Associate, *UNHCR Regional Office for South-East Asia* (full-time)
Feb 2006 – Oct 2015	Researcher and legal advocate for persons with legal status problems, *Bangkok Legal Clinic, Faculty of Law, Thammasat University* (on voluntary basis)
Aug 2014 – Oct 2015	Member of the advisory group, Legal Advocacy Project for border populations who have legal status problems in Tak Province, *Thai Health Promotion Foundation* (part-time)
Mar 2015 – Dec 2015	Member of the research team, Legal Analysis: Holes and Hopes for Rohingya in Thailand, *the Equal Rights Trust and the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP), Mahidol University* (part-time)
Jan 2015 – Sep 2015	Member of the Deputy Public Health Minister's academic support team working on well-being for non-Thais in Thailand, *the Ministry of Public Health* (on voluntary basis)
May 2015 – Aug 2015	Co-researcher, Health and Well-being Development Programme for Non-Thai Populations in Thailand (Phase I: Work System Development), *Health System Research Institute (HSRI)* (part-time)
Oct 2014 – Sep 2015	First assistant to a member of Thailand's National Reform Council (Associate Professor Phunthip K. Saisoonthorn), *the Secretariat of the House of Representatives* (part-time)
Jan 2014 – Sep 2014	Director, *Women for Peace Foundation* (full-time)

Jan 2013 – Dec 2013	Protection Associate (Statelessness), *UNHCR Regional Office for South-East Asia* (full-time)
Mar 2011 – Dec 2012	Protection Associate (Statelessness), *UNHCR Thailand* (full-time)
Jan 2011 – Feb 2011	Member, Subcommittee under National Human Rights Commission on Rights and Legal Status of Stateless Persons, Thai Displaced Persons, Migrants and Indigenous Persons, *National Human Rights Commission* (on voluntary basis)
Apr 2010 – Feb 2011	Researcher, Research on Knowhow for Proof of Nationality, *Project on Development for Quality of Life of Migrant Workers and People with Legal Status Problems, Thai Health Promotion Foundation* (full-time)
Feb 2008 – Jan 2010	Coordinator, Project to draft the Second Periodic Report of Thailand on its implementation of the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, *Rights and Liberties Protection Department, the Ministry of Justice* (full-time)
May 2009 – Jun 2010	Researcher, Model of Proof of Lao Nationality by Diplomatic Channel, *National University of Laos and Payap University with a support of UNICEF Thailand* (part-time)
Nov 2008 – Mar 2009	Project Director, Working Group on Replication of the Mae-Ai Nationality Acquiring Model in Andaman Coast Project, *the Asia Foundation (Thailand)* (part-time)
May 2008 – Apr 2009	Coordinator, Project on Mae Ai Legal Assistant Center, *Payap University with a support of UNICEF Thailand* (part-time)
May 2008 – Apr 2009	Editor, Mae Ai Pocket Book (Stateless people in Mae Ai), *Payap University with a support of UNICEF Thailand* (part-time)
Dec 2007 – Apr 2008	Researcher, the Expectation of the International Community toward the Thai State: Obligations to Protect the Right to Health in the International Human Rights Standards, *Health Insurance System Research Office, the Ministry of Public Health* (part-time)

Mar 2007 – Feb 2008	Coordinator, Project on Capacity Building for Concerned People Working on Birth Registration and Citizenship (the Pilot Project in Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, and Mae Hong Son), *Faculty of Law, Thammasat University with a support of Kanung Luchai Fund, FACE Foundation, and UNESCO Thailand* (full-time)
May 2006 – Jan 2007	Research Assistant, the Situation of Legal Status and Personal Documentation of Tsunami-affected Persons, *FACE Foundation with a support of Plan Thailand* (full-time)
Mar 2006 – Jan 2007	Coordinator, Project on Classroom, Clinic, and Legal Consultation for Stateless Children, Youth and the Family in Thai Society, *Faculty of Law, Thammasat University with a support of Kanung Luchai Fund* (on voluntary basis)
Feb – Mar 2006	Academic Assistant to Associate Professor Phunthip K. Saisoonthorn (a member of the Sub-committee on Stateless Children), *the Senate Committee on Women, Children and the Aged* (on voluntary basis)

Experiences in presenting at international forums:

8 September 2025	Presenting on **"Rethinking the Identification of 'Thainess': The Implication of Legal Differentiation on the 'Displaced Thais"** at *the Identifying Minorities Workshop* in Melbourne, Australia (co-organised by University of Amsterdam, Deakin University and Macquarie University).
25 June 2025	Giving **a statement on behalf of the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, Melbourne Law School, the University of Melbourne** at *the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific* in Bangkok, Thailand (organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific – UNESCAP).
3 March 2025	Presenting on **"The Role of Family in Negotiating Identity and Inclusion: The Case of My Chinese Immigrant Family in Thailand"** at *Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness Doctoral Workshop* in Melbourne, Australia (organised by Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, the University of Melbourne).

26-27 November 2024	Being a panelist in the session on **"Access to legal identity"** at *a Policy Roundtable on Improving the response to people going missing along dangerous routes in Asia* in Bangkok, Thailand (co-organized by International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), UNHCR and the Regional Support Office of the Bali Process (RSO)).
1 June 2024	Being a panelist at the International Symposium on **"Understanding Human Rights of Stateless People in the Real-life Context Asia-Pacific (Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)"** in Tokyo, Japan (organised by Waseda University).
10 November 2023	Presenting initial findings and analysis from the PhD project on **"Stateless Persons from Thailand in Japan"** for members of the Japanese Study Group on Statelessness in Tokyo, Japan (organised by the Study Group on Statelessness and Hosei University).
18 November 2022	Presenting on **"Statelessness Identity: Creating, Narrating and Contesting"** at *the Migration Refugees and Statelessness Interdisciplinary Conference, Melbourne, Australia* (organised by Melbourne Social Equity Institute, the University of Melbourne).
18 November 2019	Presenting on **"Children in the Context of Migration"** at the 14th ASEAN Government-Non-Government Forum on Social Welfare and Development, Vientiane, Lao PDR (organised by ASEAN Secretariat).
2 October 2019	Presenting on **"Introduction to the Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit and the Pilot in Thailand"** at *the Orientation Seminar on Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit for Vulnerable Groups, Islamabad, Pakistan* (organised by the Ministry of Planning, Development & Reforms of Pakistan).
23 July 2019	Presenting on **"Bali Process Civil Registration Assessment Toolkit and the Pilot Project in Thailand"** at *the 14th Bali Process Ad Hoc Group Senior Officials' Meeting, Da Nang, Viet Nam* (co-organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia and the Ministry of Justice of Vietnam).

8 – 9 November 2018	Co-presenting on **"Regional Synthesis: Legal Identity of All Women and Children in ASEAN"** at *the Regional Consultation Workshop on Promoting inclusion and sustainable development in building the ASEAN Community through ensuring the recognition of the legal identity of all women and children in ASEAN, Dalat, Viet Nam* (co-hosted by ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) and UNHCR).
24 – 25 July 2018	Presenting on **"Cross-border collaboration and efforts to improve CRVS in South-East Asia"** at *the Meeting of the Civil Registrars of South Asia, Kathmandu, Nepal* (co-organised by UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific).
7 – 8 June 2018	Presenting on **"Good Practices of ASEAN Member States in Birth Registration: with a focus on Thailand"** at *the Regional Conference on the Right to Legal Identity and Prevention of Statelessness, Almaty, Kazakhstan* (co-organised by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan and UNHCR).
18 – 19 September 2017	Presenting on **"Experiences of ASEAN Member States on realizing the right to a nationality and the prevention and reduction of statelessness amongst children and women"** at *the International Workshop on the implementation of Viet Nam's nationality law and good practices on the prevention and reduction of statelessness, Khanh Hoa, Vietnam* (co-organised by the Ministry of Justice of Vietnam and UNHCR).
13 – 17 November 2016	Presenting on **"The Nexus between Statelessness & Human Trafficking"** at *the Regional Consultation on Criminalization of Human Trafficking and its Impact on Women and Children: Towards an Ecumenical Advocacy, Chiang Mai, Thailand* (organized by the Christian Conference of Asia).
14 – 15 September 2015	Co-presenting on **"Legal Studies and the Rights of Rohingya under Thailand's Legal Framework"** at *the International Forum on Strengthening the Protection of the Rights of Stateless Rohingya, Bangkok, Thailand* (co-organised by the Equal Rights Trust and the Institute of

	Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP), Mahidol University).
20 September 2014	Presenting on **"Birth Registration Benchmarks and Indicator: Ensuring timely birth registration and facilitating late birth registration and quality of documentation issued, recording of information and security of data and other measures to ensure the effectiveness of registration"** at *the Regional Workshop on the Promotion and Protection of Every Child's Rights to be Registered at Birth, Bangkok, Thailand* (co-organised by Thailand's ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and UNHCR Regional Office for South-East Asia).
15 – 17 September 2014	Co-presenting on **"Birth registration and statelessness - regional perspectives"** and **"Benchmarks and indicators for assessing nationality laws"** at *the First Global Forum on Statelessness, The Hague, the Netherlands* (co-organised by Tilburg University and UNHCR).
18 July 2014	Presenting on **"Viet Kieu or Overseas Vietnamese and the Future of Viet Nam: The Case of Viet Kieu Association in Thailand"** at *the 18th ISA World Congress of Sociology (Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology), Yokohama, Japan* (organised by International Sociological Association).
26 – 27 February 2011	Presenting on **"Experience in Solving Statelessness in Thailand: Identification, Prevention, Reduction and Protection"**, at *the International Symposium on Human Rights and Support for the Stateless People around the World: Japan's Role, Osaka, Japan* (organised by the National Museum of Ethnology).

Publications:

No	Details	Language
Dissertations/Theses		
1.	Napaumporn, B. (2026). *Stateless persons from Thailand in Japan: Negotiating identity and inclusion* [PhD thesis, The University of Melbourne]. https://minerva-access.unimelb.edu.au/items/37a5d301-27f6-4d61-aac2-7085020c8d95	*English*
2.	Napaumporn, B. (2012). *Analysis of nationality verification of migrant workers in Thailand: The case of workers from Cambodia,*	*English*

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	Lao PDR and Myanmar [Master of Arts Thesis, Mahidol University]. http://mulinet11.li.mahidol.ac.th/e-thesis/2556/cd479/5038118.pdf	
Books/Book Chapters		
3.	Napaumporn, B., & Kneebone, S. (2024). Asylum and Refugee Protection in Thailand's History: Between Sovereignty and Humanitarianism. In S. Kneebone, R. Mariñas, A. Missbach, & M. Walden (Eds.), *Refugee Protection in Southeast Asia* (1st ed., Vol. 51, pp. 55–88). Berghahn Books. https://doi.org/10.2307/jj.16275978.9	*English*
4.	Napaumporn, B. (2023). Forgotten Stateless Vietnamese in Thailand. In S. Petcharamesree & M. P. Capaldi (Eds.), *Migration in Southeast Asia: IMISCOE Regional Reader* (pp. 57–74). Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25748-3_4	*English*
5.	Meesen, N., Napaumporn, B., & Petcharamesree, S. (2016). Legal Analysis: Holes and Hopes for Rohingya in Thailand. In *Confined Spaces: Legal Protections for Rohingya in Bangladesh, Malaysia and Thailand* (pp. 164–218). Equal Rights Trust. https://www.equalrightstrust.org/resources/confined-spaces-legal-protections-rohingya-bangladesh-malaysia-and-thailand-0	*English*
6.	Mae Ai Legal Clinic, Faculty of Law, Payap University. (2009). *คนไร้รัฐไร้สัญชาติ ใน ... แม่อาย [Stateless Persons in Mae Ai]* (B. Napaumporn, Ed.). Duen Tula Publishing House.	*Thai*
7.	Napaumporn, B. (2007). 40 ปีที่รอคอยของ บ๊อบบี้ สุทธิบุตร [A 40-Year Wait of Bobby Sutthibutra]. In P. Unkaew (Ed.), *คนไร้รัฐไร้สัญชาติในรัฐไทย [Stateless Persons in the Thai State]* (pp. 35–40). Winyuchon Publication House.	*Thai*
Book Reviews		
8.	Napaumporn, B. (2024). Stateless by Chen Tienshi Lara, Translated by Louis Carlet (National University of Singapore Press 2024) 236 Pages. Price SGD36.00. ISBN 9789813252325. *The Statelessness & Citizenship Review*, *6*(2), Article 2. https://statelessnessandcitizenshipreview.com/index.php/journal/article/view/689	*English*
Academic Blog Posts		
9.	Napaumporn, B. (2025, February 6). Living Statelessness in the Legal 'in-between': Migrants from Thailand in Japan. *Critical Statelessness Studies Blog, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, Melbourne Law School*. https://law.unimelb.edu.au/centres/statelessness/research/critical-statelessness-studies-blog/living-statelessness-in-the-legal-in-between-migrants-from-thailand-in-japan	*English*

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Conference Papers/Presentations		
10.	Napaumporn, B. (2025, September 8). *Rethinking the Identification of 'Thainess': The Implication of Legal Differentiation on the 'Displaced Thais.'* Identifying Minorities Workshop, Melbourne, Australia.	*English*
11.	Napaumporn, B. (2025, March 3). *The Role of Family in Negotiating Identity and Inclusion: The Case of My Chinese Immigrant Family in Thailand*. Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness Doctoral Workshop.	*English*
12.	Napaumporn, B. (2014). *Experience in Solving Statelessness in Thailand: Identification, Prevention, Reduction and Protection*. *118*, 17–31. https://minpaku.repo.nii.ac.jp/records/9035	*English*
13.	Napaumporn, B. (2014, July 18). *"Viet Kieu" or Overseas Vietnamese and the Future of Viet Nam: The Case of Viet Kieu Association in Thailand*. XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology on Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology (July 13-19, 2014), Yokohama, Japam. https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2014/webprogram/Paper65913.html	*English*
14.	Hall, A., & Napaumporn, B. (2012). การเข้าไม่ถึงกองทุนเงินทดแทนอุบัติเหตุ: ภาพสะท้อนความอยุติธรรมต่อแรงงานข้ามชาติในประเทศไทย [Denial of Access to the Accident Compensation Fund: Reflection of Social Injustice towards Migrant Workers in Thailand]. In K. Wajanasara & K. Archavanitkul (Eds.), *ประชากรและสังคม 2555: ประชากรชายขอบและความเป็นธรรมในสังคมไทย* (pp. 265–291). สถาบันวิจัยประชากรและสังคม มหาวิทยาลัยมหิดล. https://ipsr.mahidol.ac.th/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Report-File-397.pdf	*Thai*
Published Research/Reports		
15.	Petcharamesree, S., & Napaumporn, B. (2020). *Legal Identity of All Women and Children in ASEAN: A Regional Synthesis* [Synthesis Report]. ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC). https://asean.org/book/legal-identity-of-all-women-and-children-in-asean-a-regional-synthesis/	*English*
16.	Suphanchaimat, R., & Napaumporn, B. (2015). แผนงานเสริมสร้างสุขภาวะประชากรสาธารณสุขต่างด้าวในประเทศไทย ระยะที่ 1 [Well-Being Development Program for Alien Health Populations in Thailand (Phase I)] [รายงานการศึกษาวิจัย]. สถาบันวิจัยระบบสาธารณสุข กระทรวงสาธารณสุข. https://kb.hsri.or.th/dspace/handle/11228/4320	*Thai*
17.	Thaweesit, S., & Napaumporn, B. (2011). Integration of Minorities in Thailand. *Thailand Migration Report 2011, Migration for Development in Thailand: Overview and Tools for Policymakers*,	*English*

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	131–142. https://publications.iom.int/books/thailand-migration-report-2011	
18.	Napaumporn, B. (2008). *โครงการประเมินความคาดหวังของประชาคมระหว่างประเทศต่อรัฐไทย ในการปฏิบัติตามพันธกรณีระหว่างประเทศ เพื่อการคุ้มครองสิทธิในสุขภาพหลักประกันสุขภาพของคนไร้รัฐ [Expectation of the International Community toward the Thai State: Obligations to Protect the Right to Health of Stateless Persons]* (ชุดโครงการวิจัยเพื่อสิทธิในสุขภาพของคนไร้รัฐในประเทศไทย [Research to Develop a Health Policy Proposal for Stateless Persons in Thailand]) [รายงานการศึกษาวิจัย]. สถาบันวิจัยระบบสาธารณสุข กระทรวงสาธารณสุข.	*Thai*
Newspaper Articles		
19.	Napaumporn, B. (2010, August 1). มนุษย์ในสุญญากาศรัฐ [People Stranded in a Legal Vacuum between States]. *หนังสือพิมพ์มติชน*, 9.	*Thai*