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Education

2018 PhD Anthropology, University College London (UCL), UK

PhD Thesis: The Values of Ordination: the *bhikkhuni*, gender, and Thai society

Supervisors: Prof David Napier, Dr Joanna Cook

Examiners: Dr Martin Seeger, Dr Sushrut Jadhav

2011 MSc Social Anthropology (Merit), The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK

Dissertation: After abortion in Japan: motherhood and *mizuko kuyō* (Distinction)

2009 BA English (First Class Honours), Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Work Experience

Sep 2018–Present Lecturer, Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University

Jan–Sep 2012 Research Assistant, Chulalongkorn University

Publications

2023. Kakanang Yavaprabhas. Making Merit, Making Movement: The Thai Bhikkhuni Movement and Social Media. *International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*, Vol. 14, Issue 3, 2024, pp. 25–43.

2566 (2023). คัคณางค์ ยาวะประภาส (Kakanang Yavaprabhas). มิซึโกะ-คฺโย: หลังการทำแท้ง ความเป็นแม่ และ ความเป็นผู้กระทำการ [Mizuko Kuyo: After Abortion, Motherhood, and Agency]. *Journal of Sociology and Anthropology*, Vol. 39. (in Thai).

2022. Kakanang Yavaprabhas. Creating “good” Thai citizens: Religions in Thai textbooks. *Journal of Mekong Societies*, Vol. 18, No.2, pp. 105–124.

2022. Kakanang Yavaprabhas. Bhikkhunis in Thailand: Sangha, Society, and Situations. *Journal of HanMaum Studies*, No.9, pp. 127–199.

2018. Kakanang Yavaprabhas. New Temporary Buddhist Ordination for Women and Social Change in Thai Society. *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*, Issue 23.

2017. Kakanang Yavaprabhas. “We’ve become ordained for our mothers”: Temporary Samaneri Ordination in Thailand’. *Anthropological* (a UCL Journal of Anthropology), Issue 14, Summer 2017, pp. 12–13.

Conference Presentations

2023. โซเชียลมีเดียเกี่ยวกับกลุ่มภิกษุณีไทยและผู้ศรัทธา ใน ความเป็นอยู่ที่เปลี่ยนแปลงกับโลกทัศน์ที่เปลี่ยนไปในสังคมดิจิทัล ไทย [Social Media and Thai *bhikkhuni* and their followers in Changing of Lifestyles and Worldviews in Thai digital society]. Paper presented at Thailand’s 3rd Annual Conference on Anthropology and Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 2–3 November. (*in Thai*).
2023. Making Merit, Making Movement: Thai Bhikkhuni Movement and Facebook. Paper presented at the 10th International Conference on Gender and Women’s Studies, Bangkok, Thailand, 24–25 July.
2023. งานภาคสนามกับภิกษุณีไทยและผู้ศรัทธา [Fieldwork with Thai *bhikkhuni* and their followers]. Paper presented at Thailand’s Annual Conference on Anthropology, “Life, ethnographically”, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre, Bangkok, Thailand, 12–14 July. (*in Thai*).
2022. Bhikkhunis in Thailand: *Sangha*, Society, and Situations. Invited speaker at a conference “Buddhist Nuns’ Sangha around the World: Present and Future” to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the passing of Daehaeng Sunim, Hanmaum Seonwon, Seoul, South Korea, 17–18 June.
2022. You Should be Buddhist and nationalistic: Religions in Thai Textbooks and Creation of “good” citizens. The 12th International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, University of Cordoba, Spain-Online, 9–10 June.
2022. Only Men Can be Sacred: Symbolic Annihilation in Thai Buddhism Textbooks. Paper presented at the 14th International Conference on Thai Studies, Japan-Online, 29 April–1 May.
2019. Online Bhikkhuni: Thai Bhikkhuni Movement and its use of social media. Paper presented at the 6th International Conference on Gender and Women’s Studies, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17–18 June.
2018. มุ่งข้ามพ้นเพศภาวะ: การทำความเข้าใจมุมมองร่วมต่อเพศภาวะของภิกษุณีไทย [Toward freedom from gender: understanding Thai *bhikkhuni*’s shared perspectives on gender]. Paper presented at Thailand’s 1st Annual Conference on Anthropology and Sociology, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre, Bangkok, Thailand, 24–25 August. (*in Thai*).
2018. Gender in transformation: The temporary Buddhist ordination and women’s empowerment in Thailand. Paper presented at the 8th International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, USA, 17–18 April.

2016. Out of politics? Doing field work with *Bhikkhuni*, female Buddhist monks, in Thailand.
Paper presented at Anthropology in London Day 2016, “Anthropology and Politics”,
University College London (UCL), London, UK, 14 June.

Award

Thai Government Scholarship (2012 – 2016)