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POST-ACTIVITY REPORT

Writing Workshop: "Climate Change, Migration Rights, and Development in Southeast Asia's Deltas"

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Smart Classroom, 7th Floor, Kasem Udthayanin Building,
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1. Background and Rationale

Climate change and environmental pressures are increasingly affecting human mobility across Southeast Asia. Rising temperatures, floods, droughts, water scarcity, and environmental degradation are affecting livelihoods, particularly among communities that depend on agriculture and natural resources. These challenges are often interact with armed conflict, economic insecurity, and displacement, making migration experiences more complex. According to the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), around 19.6 million people associated with conflict and disaster-related internal displacements were recorded across East Asia and the Pacific in 2025. In Southeast Asia, countries experiencing disaster-related displacement from recurrent floods, cyclones, droughts, and other hazards included the Philippines (10.7 million), Myanmar (406,000), and Thailand (nearly 230,000).

However,climate mobility is not limited to people moving away from areas affected by climate change. It also includes internal and cross-border migration, movement into climate-affected areas, and people who remain in place. Climate mobility is shaped by social, economic, and political conditions, not only environmental changes(Boas et al., 2022). This is particularly relevant to Southeast Asia's delta regions, where people may move into, within, or out of these areas for work, livelihoods, and other reasons.

In both mainland continental countries such as Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos as well as island Southeast Asia Philippines, Indonesia, Timor, environmental changes and political instability have increased risks for vulnerable populations, including migrant workers, displaced people, and ethnic communities. However, their experiences and the human rights impacts of climate-related migration often remain underreported.

This writing workshop aims to support participants in turning their knowledge, field experiences, and research findings into written outputs for advocacy and policy engagement. The workshop will be organized in collaboration between the Institute for Population and Social Research's Mahidol Migration Center-Joint Research Unit(MMC-JRU), the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University and Research Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD) Chiang Mai University. Through mentoring, peer discussion, and constructive feedback, participants will strengthen their analytical writing and develop policy briefs, research briefs, reports, case studies, or other publications addressing climate-induced migration, environmental justice, and human rights.

2. Objectives

The workshop aims to:

1. Strengthen emergent scholar- activists' and participants' analytical writing and reporting skills on climate mobility, including internal and cross-border migration, environmental justice, and human rights
2. Improve participants' ability to present evidence and findings from a human rights perspective for policy and advocacy purposes.
3. Provide constructive feedback and mentorship to support participants in improving their draft manuscripts.

3. Workshop Overview

Title: *Writing Workshop: "Climate Change, Migration Rights, and Development in Southeast Asia's Deltas"*
Dates: 29 October 2026
Location: Smart Classroom, 7th Floor, Kasem Udthayanin Building, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University

Planning Committee

- Mahidol Migration Center-Joint Research Unit (MMC-JRU), Institute for population and social research (IPSR), Mahidol University
- Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University
- Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP), Mahidol University
- Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University

Workshop Coordinator: Yamin Theint, Research Assistant, Mahidol Migration Center-Joint Research Unit (MMC-JRU), Institute for population and social research (IPSR), Mahidol University

Respondents:

- Dr.Carl Middleton (Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University)
- Dr.Mike Hayes (Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies,Mahidol University)
- Dr.Sudarat Musikawong (Institute for Population and Social Research,Mahidol University)
- Dr.Sirada Khemanitthathai(Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration,Chiang Mai University)
- Dr.Thida Chaiyapa (School of Public Policy, Chiang Mai University)

Number of Participants:

Participants	Female	Male	LGBTQIA+	Total
All Participants	9	1	0	10

4. Participants' Profile

- **Demographic Characteristics**

A total of 10 participants participated in the workshop, including 9 females (90%) and 1male (10%). In terms of nationality, 4 participants were from Myanmar, 2 participants were Indonesian, 2 were Vietnamese, 1 was Thai, and 1 was French.4 (40%) were university lecturers or academics, 3 (30%) were graduate students, 2 (20%) worked for NGOs or civil society organizations, and 1 (10%) was a researcher.

- **Institutional Affiliation and Professional Roles**

Participants came from universities, civil society organizations, and independent consulting. Their affiliations included Chulalongkorn University, the School of Public Policy and the Faculty of Economics at Chiang Mai University, the Humanitarian Observatory for Policy and Education in Southeast Asia (HOPESEA), the Kachin Environmental Justice Center (KEJC), ITB, Sebelas Maret University, and Vietnam National University of Agriculture. One participant was an independent consultant.

- **Participants' Knowledge of Climate and Migration Issues**

6 participants rated their knowledge of climate change and environmental rights as intermediate, and 4 rated it as advanced. For migration issues, 6 rated their knowledge as intermediate, 2 as advanced, and 2 as introductory.

5. Participants' Evaluation of the Workshop

5.1. Workshop arrangements, participation, and overall satisfaction

Evaluation statement	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The food and refreshments were appropriate.	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%
The venue was appropriate.	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%
The workshop duration was appropriate.	80%	10%	10%	0%	0%
The workshop was well planned and organized.	60%	20%	10%	10%	0%
There were enough opportunities for discussion and participation.	60%	30%	0%	10%	0%
Overall, I was satisfied with the workshop.	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%

All respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the venue was suitable and that the food and refreshments were appropriate. 9 respondents (90%) gave positive ratings for the workshop duration, and the same proportion felt there were enough opportunities for discussion. 8 respondents (80%) agreed or strongly agreed that the workshop was well planned and organized. Overall, all respondents were satisfied with the workshop. 80% of strongly agreed that they were satisfied, and two (20%) agreed.

5.2. Feedback and Workshop Outcomes

Evaluation statement	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The workshop met my expectations.	60%	40%	0%	0%	0%
The presentation and feedback sessions were useful for improving my publication.	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%
My mentor's feedback was clear and constructive.	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%
The feedback and discussion helped me identify what to improve in my publication.	60%	40%	0%	0%	0%

Evaluation statement	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I better understand how to revise and strengthen my publication.	30%	70%	0%	0%	0%
I feel more confident about revising my publication.	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
There was enough time for presentations and feedback.	30%	50%	20%	0%	0%

All 10 respondents (100%) said the workshop met their expectations. They found the presentation and feedback sessions useful for improving their publications and described their mentors' feedback as clear and constructive. The feedback and discussion helped them see what needed to change and how to make those changes. They also felt more confident about revising their work. Eight respondents (80%) felt there was enough time for presentations and feedback. The other two (20%) gave a neutral response.

5.3. Additional Comments and Suggestions

Seven respondents (70%) suggested changes for future workshops. Three (30%) asked for more discussion time. One of these also asked for better preparation, and another asked for more time to work together. Other suggestions were to adjust the time allocated to sessions, give presenters more time, include actual writing and feedback, and hold the workshop over two days. Each of these suggestions came from one respondent (10%). One respondent said the workshop was perfect and thanked the organizers. 1 respondent asked the organizers to share information and opportunities for discussion on climate change.

6. Annexes

Annex 1: Workshop Agenda

Agenda (29 October 2026)		
Time	**Topics**	**Notes**
9:00-9:30	Registration	
9:30-9:45	Welcoming Remarks, PDPA	Dr. Carl Middleton(Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University)and Dr.Sudarat Musikawong (Mahidol Migration Center-Joint Research Unit, Institute for Social Research and Population, Mahidol University)

Agenda (29 October 2026)		
Time	**Topics**	**Notes**
9:45-10:15	Introduction	All participants & mentors
10:15-10:40	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Thida Chaiyapa** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Eaindra Theint Theint Thu,** PhD - Postdoctoral fellow, Center for Social Development Studies, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University
10:40-11:05	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Carl Middleton** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Nguyen Thi Hoang Nguyen** , Researcher, Humanitarian Observatory for Policy and Education in Southeast Asia, School of Public Policy, Chiang Mai University
11:05-11:20	**BREAK**	
11:20-11:45	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Sudarat Musikawong** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Sri Suryani, PhD. -** Lecturer, Housing and Settlement Research Group, Institut Teknologi Bandung
11:45-12:10	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Sudarat Musikawong** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Haryani Saptaningtyas,** PhD. - Lecturer, Postgraduate School, Sebelas Maret University
12:10-1:10	**LUNCH**	
1:10- 1:35	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Carl Middleton** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Nguyen Thi Hai Ninh,** PhD. - Associate Professor, Faculty of Economic and Management, Vietnam National University of Agriculture

Agenda (29 October 2026)		
Time	**Topics**	**Notes**
1:35 - 2:00	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Sirada Khemanitthathai** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Manon Troux ,** PhD - Postdoctoral researcher , Department of Urban and Regional Planning,Chulalongkorn University
2:00-2:25	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Mike Hayes** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Jarukit Kanokjaros,**PhD candidate, School of Public Policy, Chiang Mai University
2:25-2:40	**BREAK**	
2:40-3:05	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Sirada Khemanitthathai** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Nway Nway ,** Master of Economics, Chiang Mai University; MBA in International Business, University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, Independent Consultant, Socioeconomic Research and Programme Management
3:05-3:30	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Mike Hayes** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Bum Wyne,** Master of Arts in Human Rights and Democratization (International Program)Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand & General Secretary,Kachin Environmental Justice Center - KEJC,Myanmar
3:30-3:55	Presentation & Feedback **Respondent: Dr.Thida Chaiyapa** (10 mins Presentation & 15 mins feedback from mentor + audience)	**Tin Maw Maw Tun,** PhD Candidate in Economics, Faculty of Economics, Chiang Mai University
3:55-4:05	Workshop Evaluation Collection	
4:05-4:30	Closing and Group Photo	

Annex 2: Workshop Activity Photos

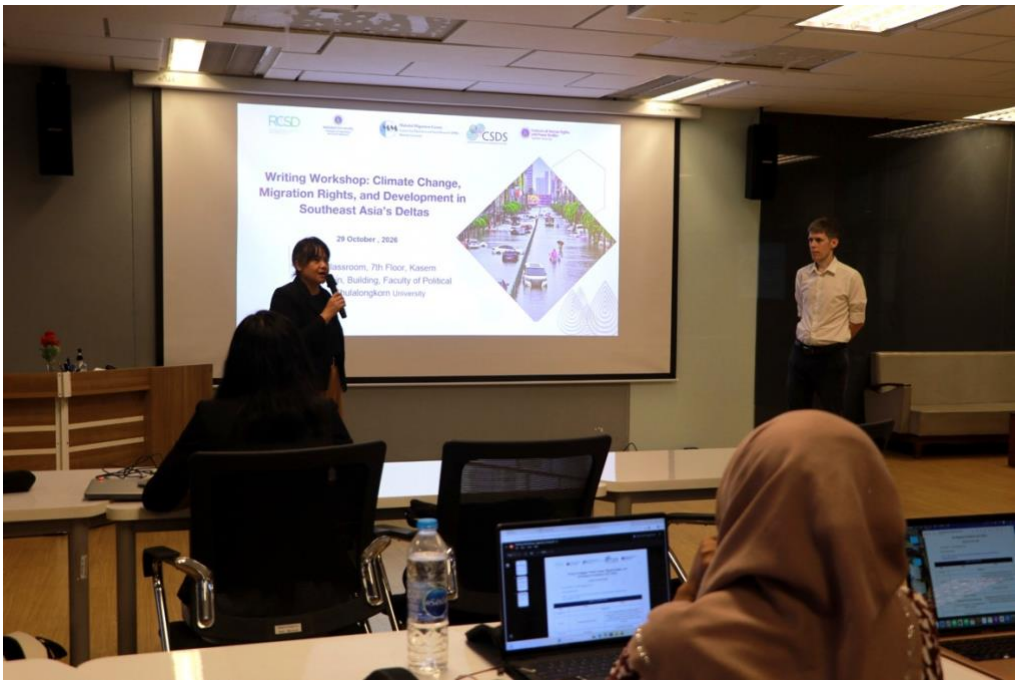

Figure 1 Opening and Welcoming Remarks by Dr.Carl Middleton and Dr.Sudarat Musikawong



Figure 2 Presentation Time



Figure 3 Presentation Time



Figure 4 Group Photo