



Daniel K. Inouye
Asia-Pacific Center for
Security Studies

Senior Security Studies Course

May 17-21, 2021



Strategic Studies Center,
National Defence Studies
Institute

Topic Overview

Thailand's Role amid ASEAN Geopolitical Volatilities: The US Perspectives

18 May 2021, 1000-1200 AM (Bangkok Time) Via ZOOM Meeting

Overview

Geopolitical is one of the factors, which affects to a national and regional level. This factor conduces international cooperation to respond and preserve their National interests. However, ASEAN has been encountering challenges from Geopolitical factors consists of (1) In-ASEAN region Geopolitical factors such as security dilemmas, and recent Political insurgency situation in Myanmar; on 1st February 2021, which bring about ASEAN role on the situation via “ASEAN Chairman s Statement on the Development in The Republic of The Union of Myanmar¹”, Chairman s Statement on the Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting²”, and Chairman s Statement on the ASEAN Leader s Meeting³” consequently pose a challenge to Principle of Non-interference”, regarding ASEAN Charter⁴, and (2) Out-ASEAN region Geopolitical factors, especially Great power competition in ASEAN region, partly in form of bilateral and multilateral cooperation with the ASEAN Member States, which underscore ASEAN Geopolitical importance.

As aforementioned, all Geopolitical factors might cause challenges and effects to increase Geopolitical volatilities to ASEAN and ASEAN Member States. As well as Thailand will have to seek an appropriate Role for Great power and ASEAN.

Objectives

- To perceive Thailand s Role amid ASEAN Geopolitical Volatilities
- To perceive Recommendations for Thailand s Role to Great power and ASEAN

¹ ASEAN. (2021). *ASEAN Chairman's Statement on the Development in The Republic of The Union of Myanmar*. Retrieved 28 April 2021 from <https://asean.org/asean-chairmans-statement-developments-republic-union-myanmar/>

² ASEAN. (2021). *Chairman's Statement on the Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting*. Retrieved 28 April 2021 from <https://asean.org/storage/FINAL-Chairmans-Statement-on-the-IAMM.pdf>

³ ASEAN. (2021). *Chairman's Statement on the ASEAN Leader's Meeting*. Retrieved 28 April 2021 from <https://asean.org/storage/Chairmans-Statement-on-ALM-Five-Point-Consensus-24-April-2021-FINAL-a-1.pdf>

⁴ ASEAN (2008). *ASEAN Charter*. Retrieved 28 April 2021 from <https://asean.org/storage/images/archive/publications/ASEAN-Charter.pdf>

Scope of Lecture

- Thailand's Role amid ASEAN Geopolitical Volatilities
- Recommendation for promoting Thailand's Role to Great power and ASEAN

Date (Bangkok Time)

- 18 May 2021, 1000 – 1200 AM
 - 1000-1100 AM Keynote speech
 - 1100-1200 AM Q&A/Open discussion

Mode of appearance:

- Via Zoom meeting

Point of Contact

- Lt. Col. Tamrongchai Noonpugdee, Attached in Regional Studies Division, Strategic Studies Center, National Defence Studies Institute, Tel: +666-1591-9564

References

1. ASEAN. (2021). *ASEAN Chairman's Statement on the Development in The Republic of The Union of Myanmar*. Retrieved 28 April 2021 from <https://asean.org/asean-chairmans-statement-developments-republic-union-myanmar/>
2. ASEAN. (2021). *Chairman's Statement on the Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting*. Retrieved 28 April 2021 from <https://asean.org/storage/FINAL-Chairmans-Statement-on-the-IAMM.pdf>
3. ASEAN. (2021). *Chairman's Statement on the ASEAN Leader's Meeting*. Retrieved 28 April 2021 from <https://asean.org/storage/Chairmans-Statement-on-ALM-Five-Point-Consensus-24-April-2021-FINAL-a-1.pdf>
4. ASEAN (2008). *ASEAN Charter*. Retrieved 28 April 2021 from <https://asean.org/storage/images/archive/publications/ASEAN-Charter.pdf>