



**EUROPEAN UNION - THAILAND  
SEMINAR ON RECONCILIATION AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

**BANGKOK, 30/31 JANUARY 2013  
VENUE DUSIT THANI HOTEL**

**AGENDA**

<b>DAY 1 – 30 January 2013</b>	
10:15-10:45	Registration Confirmation of attendance to EU reception/dinner <i>Tea / Coffee Break</i>
10:45-11:00	<b>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</b>  Opening remarks by H.E. <b>David Lipman</b> , Head of EU Delegation to Thailand
11:00-11:20	<b>A) OPENING PLENARY: KEY ADDRESSES ON RECONCILIATION AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION</b>  <b>Dr. Niran Phitakwatchara</b> , Commissioner of the National Human Rights Commission
11:20-11:40	<b>Professor Timothy Garton Ash</b> , Professor of European Studies at Oxford University
12:00-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30-15:00	<b>B) PLENARY: MEDIA LANDSCAPE IN THAILAND</b>  Panellists:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>"Thai media landscape – implications to freedom of media and freedom of expression"</i> by <b>Asst. Prof. Dr. Pirogrong Ramasoota</b>, Department of Journalism and Information, Faculty of Communication Arts, Chulalongkorn University</li> <li>• <i>"Legal challenges to media freedom"</i> by <b>Mr. Sinfah Tunsarawuth</b>, independent media lawyer</li> <li>• <i>"Media operation – difficulties and challenges from international media perspective"</i> by <b>Mr. Nirmal Ghosh</b>, President of FCCT</li> <li>• <i>"Media's roles in promoting reconciliation"</i> by <b>Dr. Gothom Arya</b>, Director of Research Center for Peace Building, Mahidol University</li> </ul> <p>Discussion moderated by:  <b>Dr. Thitinan Pongsudhirak</b>, Director, Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS), Chulalongkorn University</p> <p>Open discussion – questions and answers</p>
15:00 -15:30	<i>Tea/ Coffee Break</i>
15:30-17:30	<p><b>C) ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS: MEDIA LANDSCAPE IN THAILAND</b></p> <p><u>Round Table 1: Institutional framework (the role of national regulating institutions in contributing to freedom of expression)</u></p> <p>Introductory remarks by :</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr. Chavarong Limpattamapanee</b>, President of Thai Journalists Association</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ms. Supinya Klangnarong</b>, Commissioner of National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr. Prasong Lertratanawisute</b>, Member of the National Legal Reform Committee</p> <p>Discussion moderated by:  <b>Ms. Nattha Komolvadhin</b>, Thai PBS</p> <p><u>Round Table 2: Challenges in the field from journalists' perspectives</u></p>

	<p>Introductory remarks by :</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr. Sataporn Pongpipatwattana</b>, Thai PBS award winning investigative journalist.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr. Pravit Rojanaphruk</b>, journalist at the Nation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr. Pakorn Puengnetr</b>, Head of South Desk, Isara Institute</p> <p>Discussion moderated by: <b>Mr. Jonathan Head</b>, BBC South East Asia Correspondent</p>
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<b>DAY 2 – 31 January 2013</b>	
09:00-10:30	<p><b>D) PLENARY: LEGAL AND SOCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION</b></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>"Experiences from Europe"</i> by <b>H.E. Tjaco Van Den Hout</b>, former Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Thailand and former Secretary General at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague</li> <li>• <i>"Thailand's lèse majesté law – from historical perspective"</i> by <b>Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa</b> Director of Sathirakoses-Nagapradeepa Foundation</li> <li>• <i>"Lèse majesté law – its content and application"</i> by <b>Dr. David Streckfuss</b>, Resident Director, Council on International Educational Exchange, Khon Kaen University</li> <li>• <i>"Government's perspective on freedom of expression"</i> by <b>Mr. Chaiyan Peungkiatpairote</b>, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Technology <i>To be confirmed</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussion moderated by: <b>Professor Dr. Vithit Muntarbhorn</b>, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University</p> <p>Open discussion – questions and answers</p>

10:30-10:45	<i>Tea/ Coffee Break</i>
10:45-12:30	<p><b>E) ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS: LEGAL AND SOCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION</b></p> <p><u>Round Table 3: Lèse majesté law – its application, challenges and implications</u></p> <p>Introductory remarks by :</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>H.E. Tjaco Van Den Hout</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Mr. Augustín Hidalgo</b>, Senior Prosecutor at Attorney General's office (Spain)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Mr. Peter Mørk Thomsen</b>, Legal Practitioner (Denmark)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Mr. Jon Ungpakorn</b>, Chair of the Working Group on lèse majesté law, Subcommittee on civil and political rights National Human Rights Commission</p> <p>Discussion moderated by: <b>Dr. David Streckfuss</b></p> <p><u>Round Table 4: Computer Crimes Act– its application, challenges and implications</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Ms. Surankana Wayuparb</b>, Director of Electronic Transactions Development Agency / MICT</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Ms. Chiranuch Premchaiporn</b>, Prachathai.com</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Mr. Arthit Suriyawongkul</b>, Coordinator of the Thai Netizen Network</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Ms. Ann Lavin</b>, Director, Public Policy and Government Relations, Google Asia Pacific <i>To be confirmed</i></p> <p>Discussion moderated by: <b>Ms. Gayathry Venkiteswaran</b>, Executive Director of Southeast Asian Press Alliance (SEAPA)</p>

12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:00	<p><b>F) PLENARY: PRESENTATIONS OF ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS</b></p> <p>Presentation of round table discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderators of working groups 1-4</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion – questions and answers</p>
15:00-16:30	<p><b>G) PLENARY: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AS A VEHICLE FOR RECONCILIATION AND CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs. Véronique Arnault</b>, Director for Human Rights and Democracy, European External Action Service</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Matilda Bogner</b>, Regional Representative of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</li> <li>• <b>Professor Thongthong Chandrangsul</b>, Permanent Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Niran Phitakwatchara</b>, Commissioner of the National Human Rights Commission</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sunai Phasuk</b>, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch Thailand</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion – questions and answers</p> <p>Discussion moderated by:  <b>Mr. Gayathry Venkiteswaran</b>, Executive Director of Southeast Asian Press Alliance</p> <p>Closing remarks by <b>H.E. David Lipman</b></p>