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The multidisciplinary Nature of Intellectual Cooperation in a Changing World: **Restrictions and Possibilities**

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The process of intellectual exchange with and learning from the Europeans is a recurring theme in Thai history, especially evident in the reign of King Mongkut and King Chulalongkorn. The modernization of Siam according to European models, including educational reform, was carried out intensively after King Chulalongkorn's first visit to Europe of in 1897. Striking examples are the learning European languages in the reign of King Chulalongkorn, the reception of political ideology in Siam since 1932, and the reception of "Literature for Life" after the student revolution of 14 October 1974. In Europe we might mention the debates between humanities or liberal arts and science, between "Literaturwissenschaft" and "Naturwissenschaft," in the movement of positivism in the early modern age in Europe.

The cooperation between persons, nations or cultures confronts the natural diversity of external as well as internal factors. Each participant brings to the meeting a particular cultural, social and political background, a set of previous experiences, and prejudices, or "Faktizität" in the terminology of Heidegger.

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