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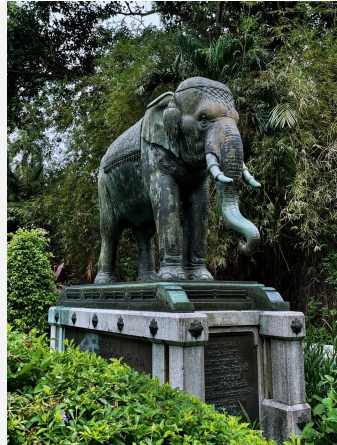
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in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Arbeitsbereich Thaiistik
der Abteilung Sprachen und Kulturen Südostasiens des AAI
lädt Sie zu folgendem Online-Vortrag ein:

Art, Diplomacy, and the Projection of Power: The Thai Elephant Statues in Singapore, Jakarta, and Ho Chi Minh City



In Singapore, Jakarta (Indonesia) and Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) stand bronze elephant statues gifted by Thai Kings in 1872 and 1934, respectively. The monuments were designed to commemorate the kings' visits to these cities and to provide a visual record of Siamese royal power. The lecture will contextualise these



(Photos by Stefan Hell)

statues in diplomatic practice and contemporary politics, in terms of both cultural setting and symbolism, and the history of secular bronze sculpture in Thailand. A focus will be on the statue in Ho Chi Minh City, which is identified as the first major bronze statue to be cast at the foundry of the Fine Arts Department in Bangkok in 1932.

Online Lecture *via Zoom & in English*



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