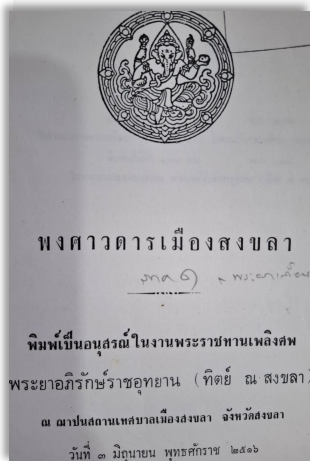


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## Chinese Networking in Southeast Asia: The Chinese community in Songkhla, Thailand, during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries

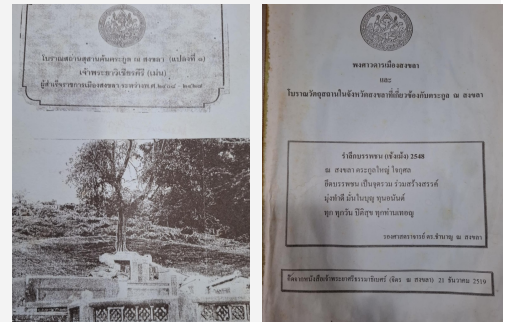


The lecture explores the significant role of the Chinese community in Songkhla, southern Thailand, during the late 18th and 19th centuries. There is a particular emphasis on the Wu family and its influence. It discusses previous sources that overlooked the community's autonomy and political power by highlighting the transformative role of the Wu family in the changeover of Songkhla from Muslim to Chinese domination.

The economic and political dynamics of Songkhla reflect its significance as a regional trade hub that engaged with both the Bangkok court and international networks across Southeast Asia and beyond. By referring to primary sources in English, Thai, and Chinese, along with interviews and archival materials, the talk illustrates the interplay

between local autonomy and national authority.

The political position of the Wu family, within the broader historical context of Southeast Asian maritime trade, contributes to a deeper understanding of Chinese migrant communities and their enduring influence on regional history. The lecture will highlight a “centralist” perspective on Thai historiography, providing a localized view of Songkhla's development and the strategic adaptability of its Chinese community.



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## Online Lecture *via Zoom & in English*



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