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lädt Sie zu folgendem Online-Vortrag ein:

Inequality, COVID-19, and Thailand's Youth Democracy Movement

The study analyzes income inequality and the effects of the shock of the pandemic outbreak of COVID-19 in Thailand. Growing inequality and political power of the elite class together with the economic shock lead to the latest pro-democracy movement. Income and wealth inequality in Thailand have been increasing since the latest military coup in 2014. The existing constitution allows Thailand's elite class and military government to become extremely powerful financially and politically. COVID-19 exacerbates the effects of this unequal system. Workers in the vulnerable service sectors have lost their jobs and income. The middle class and younger generations sparked the democracy movement and protests in September 2020 in Bangkok and in numerous other big cities to campaign for a new constitution, transparency, and democracy. This study applies a political economy framework to analyze the phenomena and suggest the way forward for Thailand.



Online-Lecture *via Zoom & in English*



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