

# POLITICAL SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM

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“Confessions to Lese Majesty in Thailand”

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Rule of law in Thailand has its own characteristics due to its particular history and development. The political crisis in the past decade has damaged the rule of law even more. The lese majesty, a.k.a. the "112", crime has skyrocketed in the past decade. Unlike other crimes, most people who are arrested for lese majesty confessed to the crime, even though all of them denied committing any wrongdoing. Why? What happened to them and what are the conditions that led to their confessions even though most of them were not physically abused or tortured by the police? The answers are telling about the history and the current state of the rule of law in Thailand.

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**2:30 – 4:00 pm**

**Saunders 624, Harry Friedman Room**

*Light Refreshments will be served!*

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