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# Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Freiburg (Germany)

**Grounding Area Studies in Social Practice** 

The University of Freiburg pursues an interdisciplinary concept of Southeast Asian research. The disciplines involved include Political Science, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Economics, and History.

"Beyond Orientalism and Occidentalism" Participating scholars conceptualize Area Studies as relational and pursue transculturally oriented research beyond Orientalism and Occidentalism. They focus on everyday social practice in its complex plurality and sociocultural diversity, shaped by local as well as transnational and global contexts and transformations.

The mandala concept of Southeast Asian Studies at Freiburg is designed as a program composed of concentric circles radiating from an interdisciplinary and international research and teaching program.

Other components such as methodology training, regional networking, graduate studies, the alumni program and publicly-oriented knowledge transfer are closely linked with the research core.

### Southeast Asian Research

- Interdisciplinary and international
- PhD studies
- \* Research network
- Integrated language teaching
- Empirical research based on extensive field work and transcultural collaboration
- \* In step with policy-making

A stimulating and challenging research environment

## Main research topics

- \* Concepts of ,Self' and ,Other'
- Decentralization from economic, political and cultural perspectives
- Democratization as a multilayered process
- \* Southeast Asian Regionalism

## **Participating Disciplines**

- Political Science (Prof. Dr. Jürgen Rüland)
- Social and Cultural Anthropology (Prof. Dr. Judith Schlehe, Prof. Dr. Stefan Seitz)
- Economics (Prof. Dr. Günther Schulze)
- History (Prof. Dr. Sabine Dabringhaus)

Cutting-edge scholarship on Southeast Asia



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