

WATCHARAPOL SUPAJAKWATTANA

Assistant Professor of Political Science & Public Administration,
Naresuan University

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Specialist in Thai environmental policy and politics in disaster management, bridging the gap between national climate legislation and local administrative execution. Proven track record in evaluating regional resilience strategies, focusing on the political ontology of disaster management in Thailand and the Southeast Asia.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Administrator & Founder

Naresuan Disaster Preparedness & Responency (Facebook Page Platform) - Phitsanulok, Thailand (Remote)

Academic for an online knowledge-sharing platform dedicated to disaster management, community preparedness, and policy dissemination in Thailand.

Assistant Professor

Naresuan University - Phitsanulok, Thailand

- Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Naresuan University
- Research lead on Disaster Governance, Environmental Policy, and Subnational Politics.

Lecturer

Maharakham University - Maharakham

- College of Politics and Governance, Maharakham University
 - Delivered core curricula in Human Resource Management in Public sector and conducted regional governance outreach.
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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Ph.D., Government

University of Essex - United Kingdom

Thesis: "The Politics of Local Disaster Management in Thailand: A Poststructuralist Discourse Analysis of Earthquake Governance in the Upper Northern Region" (under Supervisor- Professor David Howarth, *Centre for Ideology and Discourse Analysis- CIDA*)

Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Human Resource Management, National Institution of Development Administration - Thailand

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WEBSITES, PORTFOLIOS, PROFILES

- <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=59jwYcIAAAAJ>
 - <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Watcharapol-Supajakwattana>
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SKILLS

- Languages: Thai (Native), English (Academic & Professional Proficiency).
 - Methodology: Qualitative Research, Discourse Analysis, Policy Evaluation, Fieldwork.
 - Memberships: International Public Policy Association (IPPA), Council of Thai Studies (COTS), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
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Bachelor of Political Science, Politics
Ramkhamhaeng University - Thailand

Bachelor of Arts, Public Administration
Chiang Mai University - Thailand

BOOKS & EDITED VOLUMES

- Chambers, P., Supajakwattana, W., & Nuangjamnong, N. (Eds.). (Forthcoming). Thailand's Northern Politics: Provincial Democracy in State and Nation. University of Wisconsin Press.
 - Samniang, C., & Supajakwattana, W. (Eds.). (2025). *Social history of the Lower Northern principalities: Economy, politics, flora, cultural ecology, and resources* (Vol. 2). Unit for Administration and Management of Social Development Funds and Higher Education, Research and Innovation Development Funds.
 - Supajakwattana, W., & Budaraksa, W., (2017). *On theories of political science and public administration*. Naresuan University Publishing House (in Thai).
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RESEARCH EXPERTISE & INTERESTS

- Critical Disaster Governance: Applying Poststructuralist Discourse Theory (PDT) to analyze state-local tensions and the "ontology" of disaster response.
 - Subnational Politics & Local Power: Investigating (provincial dynasties) and their influence on public management and disaster resilience.
 - Environmental Policy: Analyzing the politics of climate justice and the development of legislative frameworks in Southeast Asia.
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SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Chambers, P., & Supajakwattana, W. (2025). "The Impact of 'Baan Yai' on Thai Politics: The Case of the 2025 Local Elections in the Lower North." ISEAS Perspective, No. 28. ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute.
- Supajakwattana, W. (2025). "Climate Justice at the Ballot Box: Unpacking the Political Dynamics of Environmental Governance in Thailand's 2023 General Election Campaigns." *Journal of Public Administration, Public Affairs, and Management*, 23(2), 179-200.
- Supajakwattana, W., & Chambers, P. (2025). "Political Study of Thailand's Lower North (A Preliminary Review): Current Status, Focus Areas, Gaps, and Overlooked Local, Social, and Economic Power Dynamics." *Journal of Community Development Research*, 18(4), 32-47.
- Chambers, P., & Supajakwattana, W. (2025). REGIONAL IDENTITY AND POWERBROKERS IN THAILAND'S LOWER NORTH. *Asian Affairs*, 56(2), 327–347. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03068374.2025.2482793>.
- Chambers, P., & Supajakwattana, W. (2025). "Thailand's Climate Change Law Should Be Fortified Before It is Enacted." *Fulcrum* (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute).

- Chaiyapa, T., Supajakwattana, W., et al. (2025). "Climate Policy, Justice, and Electoral Promises: Comparative Perspectives from Asia." In *Handbook of Public Policy in Asia*, Edward Elgar Publishing.
 - Supajakwattana, W. (2025, Oct 3). "From the National and Local Entrepreneur to Ballots: Deciphering Phichit's Political Mosaic." Council of Thai Studies (COTS) Conference 2025, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.
 - Supajakwattana, W. (2025, July 3). "Unpacking the Politics of Disaster Governance: Advancing Critical Disaster Studies Through Post-Structuralist Discourse Theory." 7th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP7), Chiang Mai, Thailand.
 - Supajakwattana, W. & Chambers, P. (2025). Unresolved Puzzles: Investigating the Structure-Agency Debate through Political, Historical, and Societal Research in Thailand's Lower North. In *Social history of the northern (lower) principalities: Economy, politics, ethnicity, cultural ideas, and resources* (Vol. 2, pp. 45–100). Unit for Administration and Management of Social Development Funds and Higher Education, Research and Innovation Development Funds (In Thai).
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