

# 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 Indo-Pacific

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Administrator & Founder, 05/2014 to Current**

**Naresuan Disaster Preparedness & Respondency (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, 05/2009 to Current**

**Naresuan University - Phitsanulok, Thailand**

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

**Lecturer, 01/2007 to 04/2008**

**Maharakham University - Maharakham**

- College of Politics and Governance, Maharakham University
- Delivered core curricula in Public Policy and conducted regional governance outreach.

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

**Ph.D., Government (Politics),**

**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"

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

**Bachelor of Political Science, Politics,  
Ramkhamhaeng University** - Thailand

**Bachelor of Arts, Public Administration,  
Chiang Mai University** - Thailand

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## WEBSITES

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

## 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).

## BOOKS & EDITED VOLUMES

- Supajakwattana, W. (Forthcoming). *Disaster Studies: Foundations of Disaster Management, and Critical Perspectives*. Naresuan University Press (in Thais).
- Supajakwattana, W. (Forthcoming). *Political Dynasties (Forthcoming) in Secondary Cities: Inherited Capital in Lower Northern Thailand*. Program Management Unit for Human Resource & Institutional Development, Research and Innovation (PMU-B) (in Thais).
- Chambers, P., Supajakwattana, W., & Nuangiamnong, N. (Eds). (Forthcoming). *Northern Thai Politics: Bosses, Parties, and Provincial Democracy*. University of Wisconsin Press.

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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 "Baan Yai" (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. (2026). Poststructuralist discourse theory in policy analysis: A framework for understanding state power, political strategies, and the dynamics of governing power. In W. Wangsajjachok (Ed.), *Political science and public administration from the perspective of "people from below": An introduction to the study of politics and administration* (pp. 151–181). Naresuan University Publishing House.
  - 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). "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.
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