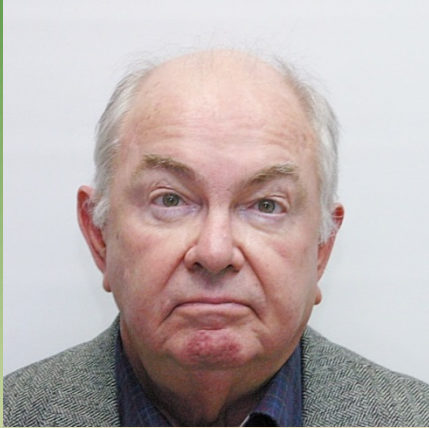




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Comparing the role of the military in the politics of South East Asia: playing or controlling politics?

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ABSTRACT

Since the end of the Cold War, there has been a general trend toward the establishment of civilian regimes in the formerly militarily governed countries of South East Asia. The obvious exception at the moment is Thailand. Indonesia and Myanmar have transitioned to civilian led regimes and the Philippines has managed to fend off attempts to overthrow civilian governments. That, however, does not mean that the armies of these and other Southeast Asian governments are under the firm control of civilian authorities. Indeed, the opposite may, in part, be the case. Examining the political role of the military comparatively, in the light of historical parallels in European history, remains a fruitful endeavor. Professor Taylor's lecture will focus on these concerns and their implications for the future of the military in South East Asian politics.

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