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## RESEARCH INTEREST

- Democracy & democratic backsliding
- Party politics and party systems
- Election system
- Political party & civil society
- EU governance and politics
- Southeast Asia & Thai politics

## EDUCATION

- 04.2022-present **Doctoral candidate, Geschwister-Scholl-Institute of Political Science (GSI), Chair of Comparative Political Science, LMU Munich, Germany**  
- thesis: "The effect of democratic backsliding on party politics in new democracies: How does the pathway of backsliding influence the role of parties in Eastern Europe and East Asia", Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Nicole Bolleyer & Second supervisor: Prof. Dr. Klaus H. Goetz
- 10.2019-09.2021 **ERASMUS MUNDUS Joint Master of Arts with distinction, European Politics and Society (EPS) programme under three mobilities: Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic), Leiden University (Leiden, Netherlands), and Pompeu Fabra University - UPF (Barcelona, Spain)**  
- thesis: "Assessing polarisation and party system deinstitutionalisation in multiparty Western Europe between 1998 and 2018", Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Mariano Torcal, UPF (Barcelona, Spain)
- 06.2013-12.2017 **BACHELOR OF ARTS, Political Science major in International Relations with second class honours, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand**
- 03.2016-02.2017 **ERASMUS+ exchange mobility, Geschwister-Scholl-Institute of Political Science (GSI), LMU Munich, Germany**  
- GPA 1.78/1.00

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS

- 04.2022-present **Research fellow & lecturer (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin), Chair of Comparative Political Science (Prof. Dr. Nicole Bolleyer), LMU Munich, Germany**
- 09.2021-01.2022 **Research associate (remote), German-Southeast Asia Center of Excellence for Public Policy & Good Governance (CPG), Bangkok, Thailand**  
- A joint research project between CPG and Hanns Seidel Foundation Thailand/Laos: Thailand Research Agenda: Rule of Law and Democracy Reform
- 11.2020-08.2021 **Research assistant (remote), German-Southeast Asia Center of Excellence for Public Policy & Good Governance (CPG), Bangkok, Thailand**  
- A joint research project between CPG and Hanns Seidel Foundation

Thailand/Laos: Thailand Research Agenda: Rule of Law and Democracy Reform

- 10.2020-02.2021 **Research assistant to Assoc Prof. Dr. Lindsay Black (internship), Institute for Area Studies, Leiden University, Netherlands**  
- Research project: the EU response to the Rohingya crisis between 2012 and 2017 and the role of the EU normative power
- 06.2020-10.2020 **Research assistant (internship), Centre for EU-Asia Relations, Institute of International Relations (IIR), Prague, Czech Republic**
- 06.2019-08.2019 **Research assistant to Asst Prof. Dr. Danny Marks, Department of Asian and International Studies of City University of Hong Kong**  
- Two Bangkok-based research projects: Political Economy of transforming Bangkok's transportation system with a focus on railway system and Coastal erosion
- 06.2018-09.2018 **Research assistant to Asst Prof. Dr. Danny Marks, Department of Asian and International Studies of City University of Hong Kong**  
- Two Bangkok-based research projects: Political Economy of transforming Bangkok's transportation system with a focus on bus system and Marine plastic and waste
- 04.2018-06.2018 **Project assistant, the American Studies Association in Thailand (ASAT), Bangkok, Thailand**  
- Research project: the Youth Attitude on the Thai-US Bilateral Relationship
- 01.2018-05.2018 **Research & Teaching assistant to Prof. Dr. Kittti Prasirtsuk, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand**  
- Foreign Relations and Policies in East Asia (BA seminar course, semester 2/2018)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 10.2021-02.2022 **Trainee (Schuman traineeship), European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium**  
- Policy analysis and research team of the Unit for Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, Directorate-General for External Policies
- 10.2018-08.2019 **Project officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok, Thailand**  
- Division of the European Union, Department of European Affairs
- 09.2018 **Conference Assistant at Bangkok Climate Change conference, UNITED NATIONS Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand**  
- Registration and protocol department under a two-week contract

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- 08.2021-09.2021 **ECPR 2021 General Conference Participation Grant | 255 EUR**
- 10.2019-09.2021 **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) | 49 000 EUR**
- 03.2016-02.2017 **Erasmus+ (1-year exchange mobility) scholarship | 10 700 EUR**
- 01.2014-01.2016 **POSCO TJ Foundation tuition fee scholarship | 3 000 USD**

## PUBLICATION

- Laohabut, T. (2020, Dec 15). **Why voting for Boris Johnson is equivalent to voting for a no-deal Brexit?** *European Student Think tank*.  
<https://esthinktank.com/2020/12/15/why-voting-for-boris-johnson-is-equivalent-to-voting-for-a-no-deal-brexit/?fbclid=IwAR3n4cPEeU5y6YPP6oLW0ZIG-u0Jsv4Rc4Kd3j83vFz9Iapo4Wfc4agodM>
- Laohabut, T. (2020, Sept 16). **The epic fight between pro-royalist and pro-democracy in Thai politics.** *Mezinárodní Politika*. <https://www.iir.cz/the-epic-fight-between-pro-royalist-and-pro-democracy-in-thai-politics>
- Laohabut, T. & Nožina, M. (2020, Aug 11). **From Siam-Czechoslovakia to Thai-Czech: the relationship between two disconnected background and history** (in Thai). *the101.world*. <https://www.the101.world/thailand-and-czech-republic/>
- Laohabut, T. (2019, Apr 28). **2019 Thai general election: A déjà vu of 1969 Thai general election**, *Prachatai English online*. <https://prachatai.com/english/node/8031>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

- Laohabut, T. (2022). **‘Time changes, games change? Thailand’s pro-Democracy movements: from the Redshirt movement to the 2020 student movement’**, [14th International Conference on Thai Studies – ICTS, 29 Apr - 1 May 2022 hosted by Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, 29 Apr – 1 May (virtual due to the Covid-19)]
- Laohabut, T. (2021). **‘Cooperation, Cooptation, Alienation, Amalgamation, and Non-alignment? How democratic backsliding has shaped movement-party relationships in Thailand’**, [European Consortium for Political Research – ECPR General Conference, 30 Aug - 3 Sep].  
<https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PaperDetails/60246>
- Laohabut, T. (2021). **‘An insolubly normative dilemma? Reassessing the EU normative power in Myanmar between 2012 and 2017’**, [the Spring School “Europe in the World - the World in Europe” hosted by the Europaeum at University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 22-24 Apr (virtual due to the Covid-19)]
- Laohabut, T. (2020). **“‘Covid-19 Coup’: a comparative study in Hungary and Thailand’** [the Serbian Political Science Association Annual International Conference, Serbian Political Science Association, Belgrade, Serbia, 27 Sep (virtual due to the Covid-19)]
- Laohabut, T. (2020). **“‘East-West Europe’: a haunting discourse embedding senses of “other” into CEECs society’**, [the SSEES 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Postgraduate Student Conference, University College London (UCL), London, United Kingdom 19-20 Feb]
- Laohabut, T. (2019). **‘The Political Conspiracy Theory of Elite-oriented Society: the comparative studies on the rise of illiberal democracy in Poland and Czech Republic after 1989’**, [the XVII International Student Conference, University of Wrocław, Wrocław, Poland, 4 Dec]

## SERVICE TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

- 02.2022-present      **Reviewer for Politikon, the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) Journal of Political Science**  
 - <http://politikon.iapss.org/index.php/politikon>

## TEACHING

- Summer 2022      **Democratic Consolidation and Backsliding, LMU Munich**  
 - BA seminar (20 class participants)

## **SPEAKER & PANELLIST**

26.10.2018

**Panellist, Youth representative, in the Europe & Asia:  
Strengthening cross-regional cooperation for global challenges  
at the EURASI FORUM 2018, Bratislava, Slovakia**

**LANGUAGE SKILL** Thai: Native | English: C1 (Advance) | German: A2 (Beginner)

**COMPUTER SKILL** Advance: Microsoft office | Intermediate: Stata | Beginner: R

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