

## Amporn Marddent



### 1. Personal Details

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### 2. Areas of Specialization

Thailand and Southeast Asian Gender and Sexuality, Muslim Feminism, Women and Peace Building, Gender and Preventing Violence Extremism, Political Islam, and Women's Movement

### 3. Professional Experience

- 2005-Present Lecturer at the Program of Cultural Studies, Department of Social Sciences, School of Liberal Arts, Walailak University  
Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand
- 2017-Present Head of the Center of Excellence on Women and Social Security  
Walailak University
- 2002-2005 Researcher at the Center for Health Policy Studies  
Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand

### BACKGROUND IN BRIEF

Over almost two decades, my experience has been gained from research and teaching on different levels and in different locations locally and globally. For fifteen years, I have also providing academic services and advocacy work with civil society organizations, INGOs and NGOs. I studied comparative religion at Master level course in Mahidol University, Thailand and received a scholarship from German Academic Exchange Service (or DAAD: Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdiens) for summer semester in 2008 and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES or Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung) since winter 2008 until completing doctoral study. Recently, I also obtained a Mercator Fellowship at the Collaborative Research Centre, SFB1095: Discourses of Weakness and Resource Regimes, at Goethe University Frankfurt during April until May 2018.

I have considerable experience in both research and activism. I have participated in programs both at grassroots and policy levels with my capability to direct issue-based mobilization, motivation, and develop programs from community to national levels. During my research and activism period, I organized different international, national and local level movements and did advocacy work for groups such as; PATANI Working Group for Monitoring of International Mechanisms, Thailand during the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of CEDAW Periodic Report; Southern Thai Women's Peace Network to Stop Violence, Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN), Thailand in collaboration with AMAN, Indonesia organizing a successful first Muslim female religious scholars in 2017.

#### **4. Academic Qualification**

I completed a PhD in Anthropology in February 2017 at the Institute of Anthropology, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Institute of Anthropology, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The title of my dissertation was "Gender Piety of Muslim Women in Thailand".

I completed Master of Arts in Comparative Religion in 2001 at Mahidol University, Thailand. The title of my thesis was "Sexual Ethics in Buddhism and Islam: A Comparative Studies of Buddhist and Muslim University Students' Attitudes". In 1996, I graduated from Prince of Songkla University, Thailand with a master in Eastern languages: Arabic and Malay.

#### **5. Research**

- 2018: Formative Research on Women Networks Increase Accountability of Religious and Governmental Institutions to Reduce Violence against Women in Deep South Thailand [Supported by Oxfam]
- 2016-2018: Women, Security and Peace Building in Asia [Supported by the Thai Research Fund]
- 2014-2015: Assessment Project, Development of Sustainable Community Extension Services for Women and Children Most-affected by the Unrest and Violence in the Deep South Thailand [Supported by Raks Thai Foundation, funds from EU]
- 2013: Identity Dialogue between Muslim and non-Muslim Women in Southern Thailand, Supported by SEASREP Foundation [Synergistic Writing Project on Identity and Agency in Southeast Asia]
- 2008: Gender Piety of Muslim Women in Thailand [Supported by Friedrich Ebert Foundation [PhD Grant]
- 2006: Assessment of the Roles of Gender and Religion on Accessibility and Utilization of HIV Prevention and Care Services in Southern Thailand [Supported by WHO, Thailand]
- 2005-2007: The Contribution of *Pondok* for Sustainable Co-existence among Cultural Groups in the Three Southern Border Provinces of Thailand [Supported by National Research Council of Thailand]
- 2005: Sexual Culture among Young Urban Migrant Muslim in Contemporary Thailand, [Supported by the Rockefeller Foundation and Asian Muslim Action Network]
- 2003-2004: Gender, Sexuality, and Violence: Policy, Advocacy and Action [Supported by Ford Foundation]

- 2003: From Trafficking to Sex Work: Burmese Migrants in Thailand (Cross-Border Mobility and Sexual Exploitation in the Greater Southeast Asia Sub-Region) [Supported by the Rockefeller Foundation]
- 2001: The Capacity of Civil Society to Combat Violence against Women and Children in Thailand [Supported by Health System Research Institute, Thailand]

## 6. Selected Publications in English

- Amporn Marddent, “Women Political Participation in Peacebuilding in Southern Thailand”, *AL ALBAB* 6, no. 2 (December 2017): 229-246.
- Amporn Marddent, review of Kingdom’s Edge, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom, by Humphries, Richard, *Journal of International and Global Studies* 9, no. 1 (December 2017): 193-195.
- Amporn Marddent, “Religious Piety and Muslim Women in Thailand” in Susanne Schröter (ed.) *Gender and Islam in Southeast Asia*. Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2013: 241-265.
- Amporn Marddent, “Muslim Women’s Movements in the Modern Thai State”, in Fritz Schulze und Holger Warnk (eds.), *Islam und Staat in den Ländern Südostasiens: Islam and State in Southeast Asia*. Frankfurter Forschungen zu Südostasien 7, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2010: 171-196.
- Yusuf, Imtiyaz and Marddent, Amporn. 2013. “Thailand” in The [Oxford] Encyclopedia of Islam and Women, Natana J. DeLong-Bas (ed.). Oxford University Press [Online].
- Amporn Marddent, “Interfaith marriage between Muslims and Buddhists in Southern Thailand” in Jones, Gavin W, Chee Heng Leng and Maznah Mohamad (eds.) in *Muslim-non-Muslim marriages: Political And Cultural Contestations In Southeast Asia*. Singapore: ISEAS, 2009: 190-218.
- Amporn Marddent. *Sexual Culture among Young Migrant Muslim in Bangkok*, Chiang Mai, Thailand: Silkworm Books, 2007.
- Amporn Marddent. ‘From Adik to Mo’ji: Identities and Social Realities of Southern Thai People’, in *Portals Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*, 2006, pp.1-25), URL: <http://kyotoreviewsea.org/images/images/pdf/files/magazine01.pdf>
- Pimpawun Boonmongkon, Philip Guest, Amporn Marddent and Steve Sanders. ‘From Trafficking to Sex Work: Burmese Migrants in Thailand’ in *Living on the Edges: Cross-Border Mobility and Sexual Exploitation*, Thomas E. Blair (ed.), 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Yogyakarta, Indonesia: Southeast Asian Consortium on Gender, Sexuality and Health, 2006). URL: <http://www.seaconsortium.net/autopagev3/fileupload/MonAugust2008-14-44-57.pdf>.
- Amporn Marddent. ‘From Adik to Mo’ji: Southern Thai People and Social Realities’, in *Knowledge and Conflict Resolution: The Crisis of the Border Region of Southern Thailand*, Uthai Dulyakasem and Lertchai Sirichai (eds.), Bangkok: Nakorn Publishing, 2005: 269-301.

## 7. Volunteer Activity and Professional Membership

- The Ethical Review Committee for Research in Human Subjects, Walailak University (2006-2016)
- Vice President of the “Asian Peace Cultures Foundation” of Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN), Bangkok Office

- Committee of the Wasatiyyah Research Program, the Sheikul Islam Office of Thailand
- Member of Thai Women and HIV/AIDS Task Force, Thailand (Muslim Women Sector)
- Member of MUSAWAH (A Global Movement for Equality and Justice in the Muslim Family)
- Member of Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI)
- Member of Asia-Pacific Women's Alliance for Peace and Security (APWAPS)
- Member of The Women's Alliance for Security Leadership (**WASL**) and The International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)

## **8. Teaching and other Professional Involvements**

### 1. Reviewers of:

- a. Journal of Contemporary Islamic Studies
- b. Journal of Human Rights and Peace Studies (editor), Mahidol University
- c. Journal of Population and Social Sciences, Mahidol University
- d. 4 Thai journals: Academic Journal Thammasat University, Thai Khadi Research Journal, walailak Journal of Social Sciences, and Journal of Walailak Abode of Culture

### 2. Guest lecturer at:

- a. February 2010: Center for Southeast Asian Studies | International Institute | University of Michigan, USA
- b. January 2014: Southeast Asian Studies, Graduate School, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- c. 2014-2016: Peace in Southern Thailand, Thaksin University, Thailand
- d. 2016: Thai Studies, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand