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Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)

Education:

2015: BA in Political Economy

Public Policy and Administration Minor

University of California, Berkeley

Areas of Interests :

Thai Politics, Comparative Politics, Economic History, American Politics, Government Failures, Anti-Corruption, Decentralization, Education, Sports and Business, Tennis, Football

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January 2016 - Present: Researcher at Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)

August 2015 - January 2016: Policy Consultant at the Democrat Party's Policy Unit (Under Korn Chatikavanij)

Research Projects :

- Analysis of Thailand's Corruption History (2016-2017)

This project systematically and meticulously analyzes the key public sector corruption cases from all levels of the Thai government in the last 30 years in order to parse out themes and patterns to better understand and tackle Thailand's systemic and chronic corruption problem.

- Trading Nation (2016-2017)

This large-scale and multifaceted project aims to map out Thailand's commerce strategy by focusing on strengthening Thailand's private sector, particularly the small-and-medium-sized enterprises (SME's), and to enhance the public-private sector cooperation in order to transform us into a competitive 'Trading Nation'.

Media Work :

- *FM 96.5, "4 เรื่องที่น่าจับตา จากนโยบาย โดนัลด์ จอห์น ทรัมป์ กับ ณัชพล ประดิษฐเพชรา", November 2016.*

  A 20-minute radio interview that I gave (In Thai) about the possible economic impacts of President-Elect Donald Trump's proposed policies on Thailand.

Publications :

- *Bangkok Post: "Making Big Data Corruption's Worst Enemy", January 2017.*

  This article outlines how and why the Thai government should use Big Data to help combat corruption by drawing on the example from the US' crackdown on Medicare fraud.

- *กรุงเทพธุรกิจ: "'ทีดีอาร์ไอ' แนะถึง 'บิ๊กดาต้า' ป้องทุจริต..ต้านคอร์รัปชัน", December 2016.*

  This article (in Thai) outlines how and why the Thai government should use Big Data to help combat corruption by drawing on examples from the US and South Korea.

- *กรุงเทพธุรกิจ: "ถ้าทรัมป์ชนะเลือกตั้งสหรัฐ", November 2016.*

  This article (in Thai) analyzes the effects a Trump presidency might have on Thailand and the surrounding region. This was before the elections were held and the foresight proved pertinent!

- *Bangkok Post: "Clinton or Trump, TPP Unlikely to Get Nod", October 2016.*

  This article previewed the 2016 US General Elections and discussing its implications on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal.

- *TDRI Quarterly Review: "Government Advertising and Media Intervention", June 2016.*

  This article provides an overview of the different channels the Thai government uses to influence the media in Thailand and how to reduce such influence in order to preserve a free and autonomous media in Thailand.

- *TDRI Quarterly Review: "Labor Protection in the Newly Integrated ASEAN Community", December 2015.*

  This article analyses the labor laws of ASEAN member nations and highlights the challenges and opportunities in the realm of labor as the region converges into one community.

- *Independent Work: "Rejecting Refugees is a Terrible Idea", November 2015.*

  This article passionately argues why countries should build bridges and not walls for refugees fleeing the ceaseless violence in the Middle East.