

Call for Papers

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Focus: #SOA_Too. Sexualised Violence and Feminist Resistance in Southeast Asia.

The #MeToo debate, initially limited to Hollywood, has triggered a worldwide movement of women to fight against the systematic, sexualised violence by men in positions of power. But does the #MeToo movement also exist in Southeast Asia? This is the question we want to explore in this issue of the journal *südostasien*.

First, we want to explore the historical experiences with sexualised violence and its social trauma consequences. Nearly every country in Southeast Asia has experienced massive violence - under colonial rule, in the context of national liberation, and later as the site of bloc confrontations: the Japanese invasion during World War II, the American war in Vietnam; the mass murders in Indonesia in 1965; the reign of terror of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia; the decades-long civil war in Myanmar, and much more. In all these conflicts sexualised violence against women was systematically used as a means of war. But it has barely been dealt with - neither socially nor scientifically. What do we know about the experience of women in these conflicts? Where are the gaps that need to be filled? And what social and intergenerational consequences do these traumatic experiences have for today's societies?

Linked to this history are the current social causes of structural violence against women. In which contexts is violence against women embedded in everyday life today? What power structures perpetuate this violence today? Are certain sectors or institutions particularly affected, as in other regions of the world - family, religion, school, media, competitive sports? What role does the sex industry play? How are transgender people affected? What violence emanates from the organs of repression such as the police, the military and prisons? And what is the connection between the new authoritarianism in the region, a hegemonic masculinity and violence against women?

Finally, we are interested in the question of feminist resistance in the past and what new impulses the #MeToo movement may have triggered in Southeast Asia? Could the reporting of incidents, organized women's movements of different institutions and women's rights in general be promoted by it? How have women's movements developed historically here as well? What is happening with men? And what progress has been made, what challenges remain to be met?

We would like to address these questions in as many different ways as possible: Reports, background reports, analyses, portraits of activists, interviews or even photo essays.

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