



## NEWS #44

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Liebes Myanmar-Netzwerk,

in den letzten Jahren haben wir immer wieder Anfragen von Englischsprachigen Myanmar-Forschenden zur Aufnahme in den Newsletter bekommen. Da nach dem Putsch nun auch zunehmend Forschende aus Myanmar im deutschsprachigen Raum angesiedelt sind, haben wir uns entschlossen den Schritt zu einem bilingualen Newsletter zu wagen.

Danke für eure zahlreichen Einsendungen. Teilt uns weiterhin jederzeit interessante Termine und Veröffentlichungen mit, damit alle Myanmar-Interessierten davon profitieren können.

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Mit besten Grüßen von Felix & Jella

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Dear Myanmar-Network,

In order to cater to our growing number of international members and friends of Myanmar-Institut e.V. we will do our best to create a bilingual newsletter from now on.

Whenever you come across interesting events, publications, audio-visual materials worth sharing with the interested Myanmar community kindly forward it to us via: [newsletter@myanmar-institut.org](mailto:newsletter@myanmar-institut.org)

Yours,

Felix & Jella

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## Myanmar-Institut e.V.

### Zoom-Mittagspause mit Kurz-Vortrag & Diskussion | Zoom-Lunchbreak with Short presentation & discussion

Für Mitglieder des Myanmar-Institut e.V. wird regelmäßig eine gemeinsame digitale Mittagspause per Zoom organisiert. Kurzvorträge informieren über aktuelle Forschungsarbeit und geben Gelegenheit zum fachlichen Austausch untereinander.

This members-only event is a regular meet-up in form of a Zoom-Lunchbreak. One of the members shares their current research in a short presentation followed by an exchange amongst the members.

**24.11.2021**, 12-13 Uhr: Lukas Nagel - TBA

## Veranstaltungen | Events

### DIIS Seminar: 10 months after the military coup - where is Myanmar heading?

This public seminar will bring together international Myanmar experts to provide critical insights into the current political situation and the main future challenges for Myanmar and its neighbors.

Organizer: Danish Institute for International Studies Wednesday

Date: **24 November** 9.00-17.30 and Thursday **25 November** 10.00-12.00

List of speakers (will say do not miss this seminar):

Thant Myint-U, Historian, conservationist and former Presidential Adviser

Moe Thuzar, Fellow, and Co-coordinator of the Myanmar Studies Programme at ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore

Jason Tower, Country Director, Burma, United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

Marco Bünte, Professor at the Institute of Asian Politics and Society, University of Erlangen- Nürnberg

Morten Pedersen, Senior Lecturer, University of South Wales

Michael Lidauer, Associate of the Myanmar Institute and independent consultant

Lisbeth Pilegaard, Director, Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy (DIPD)

Myat The Thitsar, Phd Candidate, University of Massachusetts -Lowell

Mikael Gravers, Emeritus Associate Professor, Aarhus University

Christian Lund, Professor, Copenhagen University

Kirsten McConnachie, Professor, University of East Anglia

Elisabeth Rhoads, Postdoc, Lund University

Anders Baltzer Jørgensen, Emeritus Researcher and previous Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Annika Pohl Harrison, Postdoc Researcher, Aarhus University

Susanne Kempel, Researcher and independent consultant

John Nielsen, Senior Analyst at DIIS and former Danish Ambassador to Myanmar

Helene Maria Kyed, Head of Research Unit, DIIS

Detailed programme & Registration link can be found here:

<https://www.diis.dk/en/event/10-months-after-the-military-coup-where-is-myanmar-heading>

## Identifying and Countering Holocaust Distortion: Lessons for and from Southeast Asia

This symposium is part of the project “Identifying and Countering Holocaust Distortion: Lessons for and from Southeast Asia” implemented by the NEVER AGAIN Association, and supported by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and Heinrich Böll Stiftung Cambodia. The project’s objective is to identify narratives around the Holocaust, develop counter-arguments and strategies against its distortion in Southeast Asia, and inspire critical memory discourses about local instances of conflicts and genocides. The event will be held in English, with simultaneous translation of selected sessions in Burmese, Khmer, and Thai languages.

Date: **23-26 November 2021**

Programme: <https://holocausteducation-asia.org/program/>

Registration:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRmFNJVWrg\\_d7ICuWqP62qTz-mL8JHuWDrByY2iWcQ5pjt\\_Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRmFNJVWrg_d7ICuWqP62qTz-mL8JHuWDrByY2iWcQ5pjt_Q/viewform)

## Publikationen | Publications

### Michael Lidauer & Gilles Saphy: Running Elections under Stringent Covid-19 Measures in Myanmar. Case Study, 8 July 2021

Find the publication here:

<https://www.idea.int/sites/default/files/elections-under-stringent-covid19-measures-in-myanmar.pdf>

### Kerstin Duell: Myanmar: Zwischen geopolitischen Interessen und internationaler Anerkennung (German)

Übersichtsartikel zur aktuellen Lage in Myanmar, erschienen per Deutsche Gesellschaft für die vereinten Nationen e.V. am 15.10.2021:

<https://frieden-sichern.dgvn.de/meldung/myanmar-zwischen-geopolitischen-interessen-und-internationaler-erkennung/>

### Heinz Schütte: Mandalay. Unfertige Betrachtungen, Assoziationen (German)

Der Bau Mandalays als Hauptstadt von Oberbirma nördlich der britischen Kolonialgrenze wurde 1857 in Angriff genommen; zwei Jahre später bezog der Königshof die glanzvolle Palaststadt. Zusammen mit seinem urbanen, wirtschaftlich-industriellen Handels- und

Entwicklungszentrum wurde Mandalay das Symbol des Widerstands der letzten birmanisch-buddhistischen Dynastie gegen den Kolonialismus.

Details: <http://www.regiospectra.de/buecher/asien/suedostasien/myanmar/mandalay-detail>

## Podcasts

### **Brand new for you: Myanmar in a Podshell (English)**

#### **Episode 2: Many third forces – The role of Myanmar's Ethnic Armed Organizations**

A talk with Sai Khuensai and Ashley South about the role of Ethnic Armed Organizations.

#### **Episode 1: Myanmar without Aung San Suu Kyi**

A talk with Mon Mon Myat and Michal Lubina

Listen here: <https://myanmar-podcast.podigee.io/episodes>

## Scholarship for Applicants from Myanmar

### **Bettina-Kattermann Foundation Germany: Scholarship**

Call for Applications for a Scholarship for young students from Myanmar in the Medical and Health Sector for 2022/2023. The Application is considered till January 15, 2022. All details can be found in this document: [https://www.asienhaus.de/.../BKS\\_Call-for-Applications.pdf](https://www.asienhaus.de/.../BKS_Call-for-Applications.pdf)

## Call for Papers

### **International Conference: Myanmar - One Year After the Coup**

One year after the coup, this conference will focus on the practicalities of understanding and engaging a deeply contested political reality. We want to know: What are the perspectives of a return to the polls in the short-medium period? Which international actors can influence the course of events? To what extent has the coup impacted on Myanmar's fragile economy?

To discuss these topics, T.wai (Torino World Affairs Institute) is hosting a hybrid international conference one year after the coup.

**The conference will award organisations and young researchers presenting top quality papers.**

Conference Date: **18-19 Feb. 2022**

Deadlines:

1. Paper abstracts (no more than 300 words) shall be e-mailed to [info@myern.org](mailto:info@myern.org) by **10 December 2021**.
2. Paper drafts shall be e-mailed to [info@myern.org](mailto:info@myern.org) no later than **31 January 2022**.

More information here:

<https://www.twai.it/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Myanmar-One-year-after-the-coup-Call.pdf>

## **Arbeitskreis Südostasien und Arbeitskreis Ostasien in der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Geographie (DGfG) - Jahrestagung 2022**

**Date: 24.-26. Juni 2022** in Osnabrück

Geplant ist eine dreiteilige Veranstaltung, nämlich für den Nachmittag des 24. Juni 2022 mit dem Schwerpunkt „Nachhaltige Stadtentwicklung“. Am Vormittag des 25. Juni 2022 konzentriert sich die Tagung auf den Schwerpunkt „Wirtschaftliche Entwicklungen“. Am Nachmittag des 25. und Vormittag des 26. Juni 2022 steht die Tagung in Fortsetzung guter Tradition dem expliziten, interdisziplinären Forumscharakter der Arbeitskreise offen – mit Vorträgen zu laufenden oder abgeschlossenen Forschungsarbeiten. Für die Abende des 24. und 25. Juni 2022 sind eine Buchvernissage und ein Reisebericht geplant. Auch die traditionelle Stadtextkursion wird nicht fehlen.

Vortragsangebote mit konkretem Titel und Abstract werden bis zum **31. Januar 2022** erbeten.

*English Version:*

The Working Groups Southeast Asia and East Asia of the German Geographical Society (DGfG) will again hold a joint annual conference from June 24-26, 2022, to which we would like to extend a warm invitation! We are planning a face-to-face conference at the University of Osnabrück; otherwise, it will be hosted in a hybrid or virtual format. A three-part event is planned, namely for the afternoon of June 24, 2022, focusing on "Sustainable Urban Development". On the morning of June 25, 2022, the meeting will focus on "Economic Developments". On the afternoon of June 25 and the morning of June 26, 2022, the conference will be open to the explicit, interdisciplinary forum character of the working groups, in continuation of a good tradition – with presentations on ongoing or completed research. A book vernissage and a travelogue are envisaged for the evenings of June 24 and 25, 2022. Further, the traditional urban excursion will be included.

**Date: 24.-26. Juni 2022** in Osnabrück, Germany

Proposals for presentations with a concrete title and abstract are requested to the spokespersons of the working groups **by January 31, 2022**.

Link to Call: <https://suedostasien.uni-koeln.de/>

## Spendenaufrufe | Call for donations

### **Skills for Humanity: Unterstützung für die Betroffenen der kürzlichen Zwangsräumungen | Support those who lost their homes in recent evictions**

Nach der Zwangsräumung der ärmsten Arbeitersiedlungen rund um Yangon sind viele Menschen obdachlos geworden und haben Hab und Gut verloren. In dieser kritischen Situation hat SFH schnelle Nothilfe geleistet, Unterkünfte und Nahrungsmittel organisiert. Die Zahl der Betroffenen in akuter Not steigt weiter und um Spenden wird dringend gebeten.

After the mass evictions, people in Hlaing Thayar, Thanlyn and Shwepyithayar are still struggling and in desperate need, SFH has supported some with accommodation for 1 month and is providing food as well as clothing, however they are contacted by more and more who need help and have been left homeless.

Let's stand together to help those in need.

Via Go Get Funding: <https://gogetfunding.com/save-myanmars-democracy/>

Via Paypal: [https://paypal.me/MeridithBunn?locale.x=en\\_GB](https://paypal.me/MeridithBunn?locale.x=en_GB)

## Kunst & Kultur | Arts & Culture

### **INTERFILM 37 International Short Film Festival Berlin: Special Programs SP 07**

#### **Spotlight: Myanmar**

On 1 February 2021, the military seized power in a coup – politicians from the democratic parties were put under house arrest or imprisoned outright. Across the country, a majority of the population in the multi-ethnic state pushed back against the military's actions. Since then, over 1000 individuals have been brutally murdered by the military, while over 6000 have been imprisoned, many of whom have been subjected to torture. In the scope of a special programme, we are attempting, on the one hand, to sort out and process what has happened. On the other hand, some of the films here are intended to provide specific insight into the complexity of political, cultural and rural life in this hotly contested, resource-rich nation.

Showing:

**17.11.21, 18:00h, ACUD Kino, Berlin:**

<https://booking.cinetixx.de/frontend/index.html?cinemald=1627459203&showId=2472040998&bgswitch=false&resize=false#/show/1627459203/2472040998>

**18.11.21, 16:30h, Babylon 2, Berlin:**

<https://babylonberlin.eu/programm/festivals/interfilm/4174-interfilm-spotlight-myanmar>