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## *“The Politics of Flooding in Bangkok”*

Speaker:

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Time: 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Venue:

Room AAB1217, Resource Centre, Department of Geography

Academic and Administration Building (AAB), Baptist University Road Campus

Hong Kong Baptist University

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This presentation challenges the dominant approach to examining flooding through a case study of the 2011 Bangkok floods, which caused \$45 billion in damage and led to over 800 deaths. The alternative approach developed here views floods not only as outcomes of biophysical processes but also as products of political decisions, economic interests, and power relations. This approach illustrates how vulnerability to floods in Bangkok, which is a combination of exposure to floods and capacity to cope with them, and the extent to which floods are a disaster, are uneven at multiple scales across geographical and social landscapes.

Dr. Danny Marks is an Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at the Department of Asian and International Studies of City University of Hong Kong. Prior to this position, he was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Urban Climate Resilience in Southeast Asia project at the Munk School of Global Affairs of the University of Toronto. Dr. Marks has spent a number of years conducting research and working in Southeast Asia, particularly in the fields of climate change adaptation and environmental governance. He has worked for a number of organizations in the region, including the World Bank's East Asia and Pacific Governance Hub, the Rockefeller Foundation, ActionAid and the NGO Forum on Cambodia. Dr. Marks completed his PhD dissertation, *An Urban Political Ecology of the 2011 Bangkok Floods*, at the University of Sydney. He received his MA in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He has published on climate change governance, disaster risk reduction, and Thai domestic politics in numerous academic journals, blogs and newspapers.