

Faculty of Engineering

## Monthly Research Seminar Announcement

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### Low-income housing development in Thailand: Lessons learnt from site-and-service to participatory slum upgrading programs

**Speaker:** Dr. Boonanan Natakun

**Date:** Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Time:** 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**Venue:** HD501, VGU – Hoang Dieu office



#### Abstract

As a mega city in Southeast Asia, Bangkok has gone through urban transformations for over a century since its origin being a mere fortified city situated along Chao Praya river. One of the most entrenched urban problems is housing the poor where all sorts of spatial, social economic and cultural activities take place.

This lecture will provide a background of Bangkok since its establishment in 1782 (237 years ago), its urban transformation processes, and various state-funded urban poor housing solutions implemented since the establishment of National Housing Authority of Thailand in 1973. A participatory slum upgrading program namely Baan Monkong, literally 'Secured housing' will be discussed to illustrate a hybrid spatial and social improvement program through a public housing nationwide program in Thailand.

#### About Dr. Boonanan Natakun

Natakun's research focuses on the participatory planning and design at community and neighborhood levels. He has gained a doctoral degree in architecture from the University of Melbourne, Australia. His current research projects look at climate resilience at urban low-income communities and roles of urban neighborhood playing in urban development and urbanization processes in Southeast Asian countries. He is currently a full-time lecturer in Interior Architecture Department and a vice director of Urban Futures and Policy Research Unit at Thammasat Design School (<http://www.urbanfuturestu.com/>).