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## Governing transboundary land commons through COVID-19 in Southeast Asia

This special session explores how border restrictions and socioeconomic uncertainties exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic are reconfiguring environmental commons across land borders in Southeast Asia. We understand transboundary commons to mean the spatial arrangements for governing shared resources and coordinating responses to environmental threats and crises that traverse jurisdictions and property boundaries within, as well as between, nation-states. Transboundary commons have become important for the governance of landscapes in Southeast Asia where development pressures create complex and cascading environmental problems that cannot be effectively addressed by individual administrations, sectors and groups of resource users. Border restrictions aimed at containing the COVID-19 pandemic have led to a rolling back and scaling down of key environmental regulations that provide a basis for transboundary cooperation in addressing issues such as the equitable distribution of common pool resources and the creation of sustainable and inclusive livelihood opportunities. The four presentations in this session comprise scholars of Southeast Asia working on various dimensions of governing transboundary land commons. Our speakers, united by a shared belief that it has never been more important to take a transboundary approach to addressing environmental governance, will reflect on what pandemic-driven transformations in mixed land-use regimes mean for the future of transboundary commons in this rapidly changing world region.

Chair: David Taylor

Co-Chair: Michelle Ann Miller

Panelists: Helena Binti Muhamad Varkkey, Jonathan Rigg, Zu Dienle Tan, Rini Astuti, and Michelle Ann Miller

**When:** Sept 15, 2021, 4:00 am – 5:00 am (UTC-7)

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