Heinrich Böll Stiftung is Calling for Abstracts for a Scoping Research Project: “Mapping Feminist Southeast Asia”

The Heinrich Böll Stiftung is a German Green Foundation, which is part of the worldwide Green movement. We are an international policy network and support civic educational and awareness building activities worldwide. Our main tenets are ecology and sustainability, democracy and human rights, self-determination and justice. We place particular emphasis on gender democracy, meaning social emancipation and equal rights for all genders. To achieve our goals, we seek partnerships with others who share our values.

Our Regional Office for Southeast Asia was established in 2000 with the main concern to understand how the globalization and ASEAN integration influence the lives of the local people in the region. We support projects, debates and consultation processes and work with partner organizations on strengthening freedom of expression and opinion in fostering their important role as guarantors for a pluralistic and equitable society. See more: https://th.boell.org/en

Through our work in Southeast Asia, we in particular aim to support strong and independent feminist organizations and networking campaigning for women's rights and gender democracy across the region. We aim to form coalitions with numerous stakeholders from various locations in order to strengthen international advocacy efforts to reduce violence against women, girls and LGBTIQ+ and other forms of discrimination based on gender.

Accordingly, we would like to issue a call for proposals/abstracts for regional civil society organizations and/or individuals to conduct a scoping research on the feminist landscape/feminist networking in Southeast Asia.

Scope: The scoping research should investigate the state of feminist movements in Southeast Asia, provide a comprehensive perspective on all genders and/or gender groups and their main focus of interest, including cultural, political, labor, health issues and more. We intend to commission a series of papers submitted by different researchers with different contents or a focus on different core areas, which will together form an input to our overall programming. We moreover are considering a public event to take place at the end of the project.
**Aims:** The purpose of this scoping research project is for us to better understand the contextual nuances of feminisms across Southeast Asia and their variations by country, including challenges, needs and risks. Accordingly, the following aspects should be included into the abstract submitted:

- Identification of feminist movements and organizations within Southeast Asia (country wise, regional).
- Exploration of the challenges encountered by these movements and organizations.
- Assessment of the specific support needs they require.

**Expected Activities/Outputs:**

- Submit an abstract proposal of maximum 1 page A4, Arial, 11 pt., clearly indicating your suggested focus and timeline by **30 June 2024** (selection of abstracts will take place by **15 July 2024**).
- If selected, conduct independent research.
- Compile a report paper in English language, with a maximum length of 15 pages, A4 format, Arial, 11 pt.
- Draft an executive summary of not more than 2 pages including recommendations and advice for hbs future programming.
- The first draft report paper including draft executive summary and draft recommendations is to be submitted to us by **30 September 2024**.
- A presentation of the draft report, either in-person or online, for alignment and feedback (if any) will take place on **4 October 2024**
- The second draft report paper including reflections from the first round to be submitted by **25 October 2024**.
- The presentation of the second draft, either in-person or online, to be held on **1 November 2024**.
- Submit the final report by **15 November 2024**.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

We encourage academics, researchers, and activists based in Southeast Asia to participate in the call. Representatives of all genders are encouraged to submit their applications.

**Requirements:**

- Basic research and report writing experience
- Excellent English proficiency
- Good communication skills
- Ability and readiness to work together with our Program Coordinator and editor provided by hbs
Application submission:
Submit your abstract (max. 1 page A4, Arial, 11 pt.) by email together with your CV and experience portfolio including daily rate. Using title “Mapping Feminist Southeast Asia” to: info@th.boell.org

For more information:
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Previous research commissioned by hbs should be known and considered in the submission of the proposal and can be seen here:


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