**Chula collaborates with Asian Universities Alliance**

***“Asian Melting Pot: History through the Multicultural Perspective”***

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The Asian Universities Alliance (AUA) was established in 2017 as a joint effort by flagship universities in the region to address regional and global challenges to Asian higher education and to foster economic, scientific, and technological development by strengthening collaboration among member institutions.

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Description automatically generated with low confidenceFaculty of Arts and Office of International Affairs & Global Network jointly organized the conference, to encourage scholars from AUA member institutions and others from wider international networks to bring forth the rich history of multicultural exchanges across the Asian continent from the early modern period to the present day. In order to investigate and re-discover the rich legacy of multicultural Asia, it encouraged presentations from a wide range of fields in the humanities and social sciences while emphasizing trans-regional and trans-continental works.

Presenters were from various fields, with academic affiliations in Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, China, and Kazakhstan. Twenty papers covering a wide range of topics were presented and discussed in a total of six panels, which were divided into three main sessions. Despite the limitations of the virtual platform, these panels spurred fruitful and active discussions that benefited both the presenters and the audience, who brought their insights and questions into these transnational and multidisciplinary exchanges.

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