

PROFESSOR JOHN THAYER SIDEL

**Sir Patrick Gillam Professor of International and Comparative Politics
London School of Economics and Political Science**

Contact Details

Department of Government
London School of Economics
Houghton Street
London WC2A 2AE
United Kingdom
Tel: 44-(0)207-955-6032
Fax: 44-(0)207-955-6532
Email: j.t.sidel@lse.ac.uk

Personal Details

- Born June 4, 1966 in New York City
- United States citizen, permanent UK resident
- Married, one daughter
- Languages: Cebuano, French, Indonesian, Russian, Swedish, Tagalog

Education

- Ph.D. in Government, Cornell University, January 1995
- M.A. in Government, Cornell University, August 1990
- M.A. in Political Science, Yale University, May 1988
- B.A. Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Distinction in the Major, Yale University, May 1988

Honours and Awards

- Harry J. Benda Prize Committee, Association for Asian Studies, 2010-2012
- Southeast Asia Studies Council, Association for Asian Studies, 2002-2005
- British Academy Research Readership, 2003-2005
- British Academy South East Asia Committee Research Grants, 1998, 2003
- Lauriston Sharp Prize, Cornell University Southeast Asia Program, 1996
- Olin Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 1989
- Andrew Dixon White Fellowship, Cornell University, 1988
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1988
- Arthur Twining Hadley Prize for Highest Scholarship in the Social Sciences, Yale University, 1988
- Charles W. Clark Prize in Comparative Government, Yale University, 1988

Employment

- Sir Patrick Gillam Professor of International and Comparative Politics, Departments of Government and International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, September 2004 to the present
- Reader in Southeast Asian Politics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, September 2001 through August 2004
- Lecturer in Southeast Asian Politics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, September 1994 through August 2001

Other Professional Responsibilities and Activities

- Book Series Editor: *Contemporary Issues in the Asia-Pacific* book series, Stanford University Press (2007-2013)
- Editorial boards: *Asian Politics and Policy*, *Critical Asian Studies*, *Indonesia and the Malay World*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Philippine Journal of Public Policy*, *South East Asia Research*, *TraNS: Trans-Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia*
- Advisor: Partnership Strategy Panel, Coalitions for Change in the Philippines Program, Asia Foundation/Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Media commentator: BBC, CNBC, CNN, Monocle 24, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, *Foreign Policy*, *Global Asia*, *Guardian*, *New York Times*, *Time*.

Expert Witness, Briefings, and Consultancy Projects:

- Author/editor of reports for Oxford Analytica, Transparency International, Developmental Leadership Program, Democratic Progress Institute
- Briefings for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (UK), the Office of National Assessments (Australia), and the foreign ministries of Australia, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and Sweden.
- Author of a series of reports on Indonesia for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 1998-2007
- Author of extensive reports on the Ford Foundation's Local Governance and Civil Society programmes in Indonesia (2003-2006), DFID/Oxfam's Coalitions Support Programme in Vietnam (2015), and the Asia Foundation/Australian Embassy's Coalitions for Change Program in the Philippine (since 2012)

Publications

Republicanism, Communism, Islam: Cosmopolitan Origins of Revolution in Southeast Asia (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, in press).

“Rethinking Sovereignty and Stateness in Southeast Asia: A Comparative Historical Perspective,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, Volume 40, Number 3 (December 2020).

“Averting ‘Carmageddon’ Through Reform? An Eco-System Analysis of Traffic Congestion and Transport Policy Gridlock in Metro Manila,” *Critical Asian Studies*, Volume 52, Number 3 (September 2020), pp. 378-402.

(with Jaime Faustino) *Thinking and Working Politically in Development: Coalitions for Change in the Philippines* (San Francisco, CA: The Asia Foundation, 2020).

Cleared for Takeoff: Coalitions for Change and the Development of Clark International Airport (San Francisco, CA: The Asia Foundation, 2019).

Promoting Land Governance Reform in the Philippines, 2000-2017: Long-Term Linkages, Legacies, and Lessons (San Francisco, CA: The Asia Foundation, 2017).

“Patrons, Bosses, Dynasties, and Reformers in Local Politics,” in Mark R. Thompson and Eric Vincent C. Batalla (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of the Contemporary Philippines* (London: Routledge, 2018), pp. 26-37.

Creative Modalities for Addressing Complex Development Challenges: Alleviating School Congestion in the Philippines (San Francisco, CA: The Asia Foundation, 2017).

“Men on Horseback and Their Droppings: Yudhoyono’s Presidency and Legacies in Comparative Regional Perspective,” in Marcus Mietzner (ed.), *The Yudhoyono Presidency: Indonesia’s Decade of Stability and Stagnation* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2015), pp. 55-72.

“The Philippines in 2014: Aquino Fights Back,” *Asian Survey*, Volume 55, Number 1 (January/February 2015), pp. 220-227.

“Primitive Accumulation and ‘Progress’ in Southeast Asia: The Diverse Legacies of a Common(s) Tragedy,” *TRaNS: Trans-Regional and National Studies of Southeast Asia*, Volume 3, Number 1 (January 2015), pp. 5-23.

(with Michael O’Keefe, Heather Marquette, Chris Roche, David Hudson, and Niheer Dasandi) *Using Action Research and Learning for Politically Informed Programming* (Birmingham: Development Leadership Program Research Paper, September 2014).

Achieving Reforms in Oligarchical Democracies: The Role of Leadership and Coalitions in the Philippines (Birmingham: Development Leadership Program Research Paper, April 2014).

“The Philippines in 2013: Disappointment, Disgrace, Disaster,” *Asian Survey*, Volume 54, Number 1 (January/February 2014), pp. 64-70.

“Economic Foundations of Subnational Authoritarianism: Insights and Evidence from Qualitative and Quantitative Research,” *Democratization*, Volume 21, Number 1 (January 2014), pp. 161-184.

“Dangers and Demon(izer)s of Democratization in Egypt: Through an Indonesian Glass, Darkly,” in Fawaz A. Gerges (ed.), *The New Middle East: Protest and Revolution in the Arab World* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013), pp. 226-254.

“Nationalism in Post-Independent Southeast Asia: A Comparative Analysis,” in John Breuilly (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Nationalism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 472-494.

“The Fate of Nationalism in the New States: Southeast Asia in Comparative Historical Perspective,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Volume 54, Number 1 (January 2012), pp. 114-144.

“The Changing Politics of Religious Knowledge in Asia: The Case of Indonesia,” in Saw Swee-Hock and Danny Quah (eds.), *The Politics of Knowledge* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2009), pp. 156-192.

“*Jihad* and the Specter of Transnational Islam in Southeast Asia: A Comparative Historical Perspective,” in Eric Tagliacozzo (ed.), *Southeast Asia and the Middle East: Islam, Movement, and the Longue Durée* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008), pp. 275-318.

“The Islamist Threat in South East Asia: Much Ado About Nothing?,” *Asian Affairs*, Volume 39, Number 3 (November 2008), pp. 339-351.

“Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy Revisited: Colonial State and Chinese Immigrant in the Making of Modern Southeast Asia,” *Comparative Politics*, Volume 40, Number 3 (January 2008), pp. 127-147.

“The Manifold Meanings of Displacement: Explaining Inter-Religious Violence in Indonesia, 1999-2001,” in Eva-Lotta E. Hedman (ed.), *Conflict, Violence, and Displacement in Indonesia* (Ithaca: Cornell University Southeast Asia Program, 2008), pp. 29-59.

“It’s Not Getting Worse: Terrorism is Declining in Asia,” *Global Asia*, Volume 2, Number 3 (November 2007), pp. 41-49.

“From Russia With Love?,” *Indonesia* 84 (October 2007), pp. 115-126.

“On the ‘Anxiety of Incompleteness’: A Post-Structuralist Approach to Religious Violence in Indonesia,” *South East Asia Research*, Volume 15, Number 2 (July 2007), pp. 133-212.

The Islamist Threat in Southeast Asia: A Reassessment (Washington, D.C.: East-West Center Washington, 2007).

Indonesia: Minorities, Migrant Workers, Refugees, and the New Citizenship Law (Geneva: United Nations High Commission on Refugees, March 2007).

Riots, Pogroms, Jihad: Religious Violence in Indonesia (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2006).

“Bossism and Democracy in the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia: Towards an Alternative Framework for the Study of ‘Local Strongmen’,” in John Harris, Kristian Stokke, and Olle Tornquist (eds.), *Politicising Democracy: Local Politics and Democratisation in Developing Countries* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005), pp. 51-74.

“Other Schools, Other Pilgrimages, Other Dreams: The Making and Unmaking of ‘Jihad’ in Southeast Asia,” in James Siegel and Audrey Kahin (eds.), *Southeast Asia over Three Generations: Essays Presented to Benedict R. O’G. Anderson* (Ithaca: Cornell University Southeast Asia Program, 2003), pp. 347-382.

Indonesia: Continuing Refugee Problems, November 2001 – August 2002. Geneva: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, August 2002.

“Response to Iletto: Or, Why I Am Not an Orientalist,” *Philippine Journal of Political Science*, Volume 23, Number 1 (March 2001), pp. 109-122.

Indonesia: The Limits of Democratization and Decentralization, January 2000 – October 2001. Geneva: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, October 2001.

“‘It takes a *madrasah*’?: Habermas meets Bourdieu in Indonesia,” *South East Asia Research*, Volume 9, Number 1 (March 2001), pp. 109-122.

“Riots, Church Burnings, Conspiracies: The Moral Economy of the Indonesian Crowd in the Late Twentieth Century,” in Ingrid Wessel and Georgia Wimhofer (eds.), *Violence in Indonesia* (Hamburg: Abera Verlag, 2001), pp. 64-81.

Philippine Politics and Society in the Twentieth Century: Colonial Legacies, Post-Colonial Trajectories. London: Routledge, 2000. Co-authored with Eva-Lotta Hedman.

“Filipino Gangsters in Film, Legend, and History: Two Biographical Case Studies from Cebu,” in Alfred W. McCoy (ed.), *Lives at the Margin: Biographies of Filipinos Obscure, Ordinary, and Heroic* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 2000), pp. 149-191.

Capital, Coercion, and Crime: Bossism in the Philippines. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1999.

Indonesia: Trends Toward Consolidation, Threats of Disintegration. Geneva: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, December 1999.

“The Usual Suspects: Nardong Putik, Don Pepe Oyson, and Robin Hood,” in Vicente L. Rafael (ed.), *Figures of Criminality in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Colonial Vietnam* (Ithaca: Cornell University Southeast Asia Program, 1999), pp. 70-94.

Indonesia: Transition and its Discontents, July – November 1998. Geneva: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, December 1998.

“*Macet Total*: Logics of Circulation and Accumulation in the Demise of Indonesia’s New Order,” *Indonesia* 66 (October 1998), pp. 159-194.

“Murder Inc., Cavite: Capitalist Development and Political Gangsterism in a Philippine Province,” in Carl Trocki (ed.), *Gangsters, Democracy, and the State in Southeast Asia* (Ithaca: Cornell University Southeast Asia Program, 1998), pp. 55-80.

“Take the Money and Run?: ‘Personality’ Politics in the Post-Marcos Philippines,” *Public Policy*, Volume II, Number 3 (July – September 1998), pp. 27-38.

Indonesia: Crisis and Transition, Catastrophe and Progress. Geneva: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, June 1998.

Indonesia: Economic, Social, and Political Dimensions of the Current Crisis in Indonesia. Geneva: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, April 1998.

“The Underside of Progress: Land, Labor, and Violence in Two Philippine Growth Zones,” *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*, Volume 30, Number 1 (Jan.-March 1998), pp. 3-12.

“Philippine Politics in Town, District, and Province: Bossism in Cavite and Cebu,” *Journal of Asian Studies*, Volume 56, Number 4 (November 1997), pp. 947-966.

“Rewind, Pause, Fast Forward: Viewing the Ongoing Political Transition in Indonesia 1996-1997,” *European Institute for Asian Studies Briefing Paper* No. 97/01 (Brussels: EIAS, March 1997).

“Siam and Its Twin?: Democratisation and Bossism in Contemporary Thailand and the Philippines,” *Institute of Development Studies Bulletin*, Volume 27, Number 2 (April 1996), pp. 36-52.

“The Philippines: The Languages of Legitimation,” in Muthiah Alagappa (ed.), *Political Legitimacy In Southeast Asia: The Quest for Moral Authority* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1995), pp. 136-169.

“On The Waterfront: Labour Racketeering in the Port of Cebu,” *South East Asia Research*, Volume 3, Number 1 (March 1995), pp. 3-17.

“Walking in the Shadow of the Big Man: Justiniano Montano and Failed Dynasty Building in Cavite 1935-1972,” in Alfred W. McCoy (ed.), *An Anarchy of Families: State and Family in the Philippines* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 1993), pp. 109-161.