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**“Poverty, Inequality and middle classes in  
ASEAN countries”**

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**Abstract**

Absolute poverty has almost disappeared in many ASEAN countries and remains significant in Lao PDR and Cambodia only. This success entails a profound change in the distribution of income and in particular the emergence or the strengthening of the middle classes. Our presentation looks at the economic and social stratification data available to better understand the lower and upper, old and new middle classes and draws preliminary lessons for political development in ASEAN countries.

**Speaker's Profile**



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