

Pei Palmgren

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2022 – present Postdoctoral Fellow / Stanford Impact Lab Fellow, Immigration Policy Lab and Department of Sociology, Stanford University
- 2022 PhD Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
 Dissertation: "Reactive control: development, governance, and social reproduction in Thailand's regimes of labor migration"
 Committee: Ching Kwan Lee (chair), Roger Waldinger, Rubén Hernández-León, Eric Sheppard
- 2015 MA Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2008 MA Humanities and Social Thought, New York University
- 2006 BA Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political sociology, international migration, global and transnational sociology, sociology of development, Southeast Asia, comparative ethnography and qualitative methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed articles

Palmgren, P. 2022. "State capacity and opportunistic governance: the causes and consequences of regulatory brokerage in Thailand's guestwork formalization process." *Social Problems* (online first).

**Honorable mention, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award for a Graduate Student Paper, Political Sociology section, American Sociological Association, 2022*

Palmgren, P. 2017. "Survival and integration: Kachin social networks and refugee management regimes in Kuala Lumpur and Los Angeles." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 34 (13):2247-2264.

Palmgren, P. 2014. "Irregular Networks: Bangkok Refugees in the City and Region." *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 27 (1): 21-41.

Palmgren, P. 2011. "Navigating a Hostile Terrain: Refugees and Human Rights in Southeast Asia." *Sociology Compass*, 5: 323-335.

Book chapter

Palmgren, P. 2020. "Onward pushes and negotiated refuge: theorizing the fluid national and urban regimes of forced migration in Southeast Asia." in *Displacement: Global Conversations on Refuge*. Manchester University Press.

Manuscripts in progress (drafts available upon request)

Palmgren, P. "Time-space control: explaining subnational variation in Thailand's guestwork regimes." Under review.

Palmgren, P. "Infrastructures of social reproduction: migrant survival and economic development at the Thailand-Myanmar border." Under review.

Palmgren, P., Tomás Jiménez, Isabela Avila Breach, Elisa Cascardi. "Brokering refugee integration: promises and pitfalls of refugee cosponsorship in the United States." In preparation for *Ethnic and Racial Studies* special issue on "Resettlement as an Institution."

Shorter pieces and reports:

"Migrant rights and exploitation in global production: a view from above and below in Thailand." *Global and Transnational Sociology newsletter*. Fall 2020.

"Refugees 'in limbo' and the haphazard asylum of cities in Southeast Asia." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* "Spotlight On" online series – "The Urban Refugee 'Crisis' ." September 2016.

"Adrift in ASEAN: Tackling Southeast Asia's Migration Challenge." *The Diplomat*. September 2, 2015.

(Contributor) *Equal only in name: The Human Rights of Stateless Rohingya in Thailand*. London: Equal Rights Trust and the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University. 2014

Refugee Protection in ASEAN: National Failures, Regional Responsibilities. Bangkok: People's Empowerment Foundation. 2010

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Global Development Research Funding, King Center on Global Development, Stanford University (\$15,000), 2023-2024

Silton Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award, UCLA, 2022

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division (\$20,000), 2021

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Thai), UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies (\$15,000), 2020-2021

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement (\$15,472), 2020-2021

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Thai), UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies (\$15,000), 2018-2019

UCLA International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship (\$2,000), 2017

Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (\$5,000), 2016

UCLA Sociology Department Excellence in Teaching Award, 2014-2015

UCLA Graduate Division, Graduate Research Mentorship (\$21,000), 2015-2016

Ford Foundation, Predoctoral Fellowship (alternate - honorable mention), 2015

UCLA Grad Division, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (\$6000 each), 2014, 2015

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship (hon. mention), 2014

UCLA Department of Sociology Fellowship (\$21,000 each), 2013-14, 2017-18

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Instructor of Record, Contemporary Immigration in Global Perspective, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant/Associate, Department of Sociology, UCLA:

Comparative Immigration, with Dr. Roger Waldinger (Winter 2017, Fall 2014)

Contemporary Sociological Theory, with Dr. Rebecca Emigh (Fall 2016)

Comparative Acculturation/Assimilation, with Dr. Rubén Hernández-León (Winter 2015)

Development of Sociological Theory, with Dr. Cesar Ayala (Spring 2015)

Research Mentor, King Center on Global Development, Spring 2023

Mentor, UCLA Sociology Departmental Honors Thesis Seminar, 2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2021- 2022

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Time-space regulation of guestwork: explaining subnational variation in Thailand's regimes of labor migration." Invited talk, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, November 20, 2023.

"Governing guestwork: development, regulation, and reproduction in Thailand's regimes of labor migration." International Sociological Association (ISA) 20th World Congress, Session on International Migration and Economic Informalization: A Denationalized Perspective, June 27, 2023.

"State capacity and opportunistic governance: the causes and consequences of regulatory brokerage in Thailand's guestwork formalization process," American Sociological Association (ASA) 21st Annual meeting (virtual), Section on Asia and Asian America, Panel Session on Asia and the Global Asian Diaspora, August 7, 2021.

"Remaking regimes of labor migration: a multiscalar analysis of guestwork governance and social reproduction in Thailand," Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual meeting (virtual), Critical dialogue: Labor in the Global Economy, August 5, 2021.

"Migration and protection challenges under human rights regimes," Invited guest lecture, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand, November 15, 2017.

"Integral informality: status brokers and the regularization of irregular migration in Thailand," Third International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria, July 10-14, 2016.

"Hybrid migrations: formal institutions and informal networks during Kachin refugee resettlement from Kuala Lumpur to Los Angeles," Chicago Ethnography Conference, Loyola University, March 14, 2015.

"Navigating Insecurity: the Stateless Rohingya in Thailand," the Second International Conference on Human Rights and Peace & Conflict in Southeast Asia, Special Panel on Rohingya, Jakarta, Indonesia, October 18, 2012.

RESEARCH CONSULTANCIES

Migrant accommodation policies and regulations, Desk Review, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, April – June 2021

Fostering Accountability in Recruitment for Fishery Workers (FAIR Fish) project, Pre-situation Analysis Desk Review, Plan International Thailand, July – September 2019

Chinese Investment in Thailand/Asia, Just Economy and Labor Institute, Thailand and Asia Monitor Resource Centre, March 2018 – March 2019

Strengthening Human Rights Protection for the Rohingya, Institute for Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand and Equal Rights Trust, January 2012 – December 2012

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Development Coordinator, Goodwill Group Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand, June 2012 – April 2013

Program Development Officer, People's Empowerment Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand, January 2009 – November 2011

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer, *Human Rights Review*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*, *Refugee*, and *Social Problems*

Awards Committee member, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Graduate Student Paper, Political Sociology section, American Sociological Association, 2023

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

International Sociological Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Associate Member, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network, Southeast Asia Working Group

LANGUAGES

English (superior)

Thai (advanced)