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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Regional and Rural Development Planning**, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand (2014)
- **M.P.A in International Development**, Cornell Institute of Public Affairs, Cornell University, New York, USA (2006)
- **B.S. (university and college honors) in Information Systems** (Policy, Organization, and Technology), Carnegie Mellon University, Pennsylvania, USA (2003)
- **B.S (university and college honors) in Economics** with minor in Business Administration, Carnegie Mellon University, Pennsylvania, USA (2003)

RESEARCH INTEREST

Economic development, public policy, fiscal policy, decentralization, aging, sustainable development

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assistant professor in public policy:
 - Public Policy and Public Administration program, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University (2009-present)
 - Teach graduate level (MPA and DPA program) in public policy and management in the following courses
 - Fiscal policy with content in public finance and taxation
 - Social and economic policy with content in economic models in development
 - Public policy for population quality and development with content related to theories in quality of life, well-being, and sustainable development
 - Innovation management for public sector
 - Change management with content in e-government and new public management
 - Strategies for local administration and rural development with content in decentralization, sustainable livelihoods, and microfinance
 - ASEAN Studies for Sustainable Development, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University (2018-present)
 - Teach graduate level (master program) in sustainable development in the following courses
 - Sustainable development in ASEAN with content in participatory public policy, civic empowerment and engagement
 - Entrepreneurship, risks, law and business essentials for cross-border economic relations in ASEAN

- Study visit in rural communities in improving rural livelihoods under sustainable development concept
 - Teach undergraduate level in the following social sciences courses
 - Principle of economics
 - Health economics
 - Thai economics, politics, and global society
 - Public policy and planning
 - Man and society
 - General education (MUGE) with topic on economics related to Thai and global economy
- Guest lecturer:
 - Mahidol University, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand (2009-present)
 - MU ASEAN Mobility program: leads undergraduate students to exchange courses at Cambodia
 - Department of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
 - Teach a class titled “Public policy and Development”
 - Ph.D. program in Criminology, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
 - Teach a course in evaluation
 - Master program in sports management
 - Teach finance with content includes financial accounting, risks and return analysis
 - CMKL University, Thailand (2024-present)
 - Artificial Intelligence and Computer Engineering Program
 - Teach behavioral economics and public policy courses for undergraduate students, supervised undergraduate research projects in the course AI for Society
 - Bremen University, Bremen, Germany (2020-2022)
 - Faculty of Business Studies and Economics
 - Teach summer module course public economics, governance and social economy in developing countries
 - Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok, Thailand (2020)
 - Faculty of Social Sciences
 - Teach public policy course for Master of Public Administration program
 - KMUTT, Bangkok, Thailand (2014-present)
 - Faculty of Civil Engineering
 - A seminar on research methodology with courses related to types of research, literature review, types of research methodology
 - Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand (2012)
 - Faculty of Economics (International Program)
 - A seminar on economics development and qualitative research
 - Faculty of Political Sciences (International Program)
 - A course on cost benefit analysis and policy analysis
- Research Fellows:
 - The Leibniz Universität Hannover (LUH), Germany (2019-2020)
 - Carry out the collection, cleaning and management of panel data in 2019 for the three TVSEP provinces in Thailand under the overall supervision of TVSEP Headquarters at LUH

- Conduct long-term research project for data collection and scientific analysis, the Thailand Vietnam Socioeconomic Panel (TVSEP) in three provinces in Thailand
- Consultant
 - PMUA, TSRI, Bangkok Thailand (2023-present)
 - Consultant on monitoring and evaluating projects focusing on green economy
 - UNICEF, Bangkok, Thailand (2020-2021)
 - : Consultant on fiscal decentralization for children welfare
 - Ministry of Defense, Bangkok Thailand (2020-2021)
 - Consultant on 21st century military reform
- Research Assistant
 - Social and Decision Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA, USA
 - Worked with Professor Christina Fong on economic behavioral research (December 2000 – May 2001)
- Teaching Assistant
 - Information Systems, Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA
 - Assisted and graded fundamental systems and application design courses for junior level classes in Information Systems Program (August 2002 – May 2003)
 - Regional and Rural Development Planning, Asian Institute of Technology, Pathumthani, Thailand
 - Assisted and graded a course in social research and methodology for graduate students (August 2010-December 2012)
- Economic Intern
 - TDRI (Thailand Development Research Institute), Bangkok Thailand
 - Research assistant worked on economic and social development plan providing technical and policy analysis that supports the formulation of policies with long term implications for sustaining social and economic development in Thailand (June 2001 - Aug 2001)
- Administrative Experience
 - Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University
 - Associate Dean in Fiscal and International Relations (2016-2018)
 - Program director for Master of Public Policy and Public Administration Program (2022-present) in Masters of Public Administration Program (2022- present)

PUBLICATIONS

- Suriya, S., & Torut, B. (2025). Thai Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax: Does It Really Help? *Kesmas*, 20(1), Article 5. <https://doi.org/10.7454/kesmas.v20i1.2081>
- Phromthep, P., & Torut, B. (2024). Comparing the Collaboration of Smallholder Farmers through Participatory Guarantee System Practices in Northeastern Thailand. *Sustainability*, 16(10), 4186.

- Sringernyuang, L., Torut, B*, Felix, M. S., Vongjinda, S., & Chaimongkol, U. (2023). Determinants for successful loan credits for older people in Thailand. *Asian Economic and Financial Review*, 13(2), 127-137 (corresponding author)
- Limkriengkrai, Jitsuda & Torut, Buraskorn (2022). An exploratory study of fiscal decentralization for children and youth welfare. *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol 11(1), Retrieved from <https://soo5.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/MFUconnexion/article/view/258720>.
- Torut, Buraskorn (2021). Cost benefit analysis of organic vegetable production: case study of organic farmers network at Tha Tamnak Nakhon Chaisi, Nakhon Pathom. *Academic Journal Bangkokthonburi University*. Volume 10, Issue 2, p. 59-71.
- Sringernyuang, L, Felix, M & Torut, B (2020). Thailand: case studies of filial piety, family dynamics and family finances. *Asian-Pacific Social Science Review*. Volume 20, Issue 1, p. 145-158.
- Torut, B. (2019). Assessment of living arrangement on social well-being of rural elders at Bangkotee district, Samut Songkram. *Journal of Politics and Governance*, 9(2), 43-59. Retrieved from <https://www.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/jopag/article/view/165398>
- Torut, Buraskorn (2019). Impact of living arrangement on well-being of Thai rural elders: case study of Bangkotee district, Samut Songkram province. *วารสารเศรษฐศาสตร์และนโยบายสาธารณะ*, 10(19), 59-68.
- Torut, Buraskorn (2018). Impact of living arrangement on well-being of Thai rural elders. *Journal of Education and Social Sciences*, Vol 11. Issue 1 p. 28-33.
- Torut, Buraskorn, Robru, Pichapon, Qi, Xinjian (2017). “Education of Migrant Children in Thailand” in *A Multi-Country Study on the Education of Migrant Children*, Wise Research, Qatar, pp. 77-90.
- Torut, Buraskorn., “Enhancing the Livelihood Activities of the Elderly in the Rural Thailand” *Philippine Journal of Public Administration*, January 2013
- Torut, B. & Pongquan, S, “Impact of the Elderly Club on the Social Well-Being of the Rural Elderly in the Northeastern Region of Thailand” *Journal of Poverty and Public Policy*, Volume 4, Issue 3, (September 2012), p. 58-78

CONFERENCES

- Torut, Buraskorn, “Does the welfare card scheme reduce rural poverty in Thailand: evidence from TVSEP Panel Data” the International TVSEP conference "Poverty dynamics and sustainable development in Thailand and Vietnam" 6-7 March 2025.
- Torut, Buraskorn, “Building Economic Resilience through Public Transfers: Formulating Policies to End Poverty for Households in Rural Thailand” presented at International TVSEP Data User Workshop, 12-13 September 2023

- Torut, Buraskorn, “Building Income Security for Older Persons through Community Resilience after Covid-19 Pandemic: Case Study of Elderly Clubs in Thailand” presented at Asia Scholar Network Conference, 29 April 2023, Carolina Asia Center, USA
- Torut, Buraskorn, “Determinants for Successful Loan Credits for Older Persons in Thailand” presented at Public Sector 2022 Conference “Ageing and Long Term Care”, 21 October, 2022, Institute of Public Finance, Croatia
- Torut, Buraskorn, “Participatory Public Policy for Enhancing Well-Being of Rural Elders in Thailand” presented at International Forum on Education for Rural Transformation (IFERT) :13-15 November 2017, AIT, Thailand
- Torut, Buraskorn “Participatory Public Policy for Promoting Well-being for Thai Rural Elders” Aging and Society: 6th Interdisciplinary Conference, 6-7 October 2016 Linköping University, Norrköping, Sweden
- Torut, Buraskorn. “Elderly Club as Function of Enhancing the Livelihoods of the Aging Population: A Case Study of Local Administration for Providing Social Services in Rural Thailand.” Conference proceeding in International Conference Public Administration and Governance, June 2012, Manila, Philippines.
- Torut, Buraskorn. “Assessment of the Social Policy in Enhancing the Quality of Life for the Aging Population in the Rural Thailand. “Conference proceeding in International Conference on Public Policy and Governance, September 2012, Bangalore, India.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDINGS

- Building economic resilience through public transfers
 - Position: Research Fellow
 - Funding: PIER: Puey Ungphakorn Institute for Economic Research, Bank of Thailand
- Military conscription reform: cost benefit analysis evaluation 2020
 - Position: Researcher
 - Funding: Ministry of Defense
- The Evaluation of project performance supported by Older Persons Fund 2018
 - Position: Researcher
 - Funding: Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
- Cost and benefit analysis of organic farming for an implementation of suitable financial policy
 - Position: Head researcher
 - Funding: Food and nutrition policy for health promotion (Ministry of Public Health)
- Evaluation of national health assembly participatory and public policy enactment 2014-2016
 - Position: Researcher
 - Funding: National Health Assembly Commission
- Effectiveness of provincial hearing on national health assembly’ policy agendas 2014-2016

- Position: Head of the research project
 - Funding: National Health Assembly
- The assessment of Thailand's investment protection regime in connection with its prospective participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (2016)
 - Position: Researcher
 - Funding: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Assessment of Livelihood Security of Rural Elders in Thailand (2014)
 - Ph.D Dissertation
- Senior Honors Thesis Research, July 2002- May 2003
 - Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Carnegie Mellon Pittsburgh, PA
 - Worked with Professor Uday Rajan and Christine Parlour analyzing economic profits of brokerage firms and market makers

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- Uganda Field Study
 - FICA Seeds Ltd, Victoria Seeds Ltd., Kampala Uganda
 - Provided market consulting , created websites for the client, published case study for the Emerging Program at Cornell University (December 2004)
- Information Systems Projects
 - Information Systems Program, Carnegie Mellon, Pittsburgh, PA
 - Implemented invoicing and inventory systems for Beginning with Books Org.
 - Implemented a computer based online dormitory registration for on campus students (January 2002- January 2003)

THESIS ADVISORS

- The influence of environmental CSR on consumer purchase intentions: e-commerce platforms in Thailand and Taiwan
 - Miss Yihsin Lee (ASEAN Studies for Sustainable Development (International Program, 2024)
- A study on local government functions in the development of community-based ecotourism: from the perspective of cases comparison between China and Thailand
 - Miss Kewei Song (ASEAN Studies for Sustainable Development (International Program, 2024)
- Youth involvement in social entrepreneurship for social and economic development: a case study of young social entrepreneurs in Thailand
 - Miss Deepa Parajuli (MA, 2024)
- Governmental promotion model in organic agriculture based on participatory guarantee system for small-scale farmers
 - Miss Pisane Phromthep (DPA, 2024)

- Over-indebtedness among farm households amid severe shocks in Thailand: case study of Roi-Et province (2019-2022)
 - Mr. Chuchit Chaithaweep (DPA, 2024)
- Proactive policies for tackling risk factor of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) problems in dimension of unhealthy diet
 - Miss Sittaporn Suriya (DPA, 2021)

AWARDS and HONORS

- Royal Thai Government Scholarship to continue undergraduate and graduate studies in the field of Economics to the United States, 1998-2008
- Asian Institute of Technology Ph.D. Fellowship, 2009-2013

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Economic development and economic policy
- Public finance (fiscal policy and fiscal decentralization)
- Policy evaluation
- Aging and social policy
- Sustainable development

SKILLS

- Computer Skills
 - Software: R, Stata, SPSS, Eviews, Endnote,
 - Programming: C++, Java, JavaScript, PHP, SQL, Python
- Language Skills
 - Thai: Native
 - English: Fluent in oral and written communication skills