

The Contests Over Monastic Lands

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Abstract:

The state's policies over the management of monastic land (thi wat) and monastic donated land (Thi Thoranisong) has been changed several times since King Chulalongkorn period to the present day. The monastic land especially in urban area gradually became contested space for several state agencies and monastic orders since several laws and regulations created different discourses and generated conflict over the benefit of the monastic land.