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The two panels described below can be seen to reflect the interdisciplinary character of the 36 panels at the fourth conference of the European Association for South-East Asian Studies. Participation to all panels is open to EUROSEAS members and non-members alike. The deadline for receiving paper abstracts (max. 200 words) is 1 April 2004. Those scholars interested are referred to the conference website.

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Economic, Political, and Cultural Transformations of the Southeast Asian Uplands (Panel)

Scholars of Southeast Asia have long made a radical distinction between lowlands and uplands in matters ecological, political-economic, and cultural. They have only recently begun to question this separation on the basis of topographic features.

This panel intends to bring together and stimulate scholarship on the economic, political, and cultural processes constituting the Southeast Asian uplands. Its participants will be encouraged to investigate not only the processes differentiating lowlands from uplands, but also the processes linking these areas through tribute, trade, markets, state-formation, conservation, and development processes. Moreover, in order to debunk essentializing and generalizing notions of the uplands, participants will seek to understand patterns and processes of variation within upland regions.

Participants are expected to combine locally grounded studies with attention to the larger-scale forces bearing upon upland lives and environments. Concrete issues of interest include the dynamics of market liberalization, migration, international conservation, the exercise of state power, human rights agendas, and the representation of upland people in Southeast Asian media.

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