Southeast Asia as the Crossroads of Civilizations
Conference Program
April 21-22, 2004, IMEMO, Moscow

April 21

Welcoming Address - Academician Nodari Simonia, IMEMO Director.
Introduction - Prof. Vladimir Khoros, Head of the Center for Development and Modernization Studies, IMEMO, Project Coordinator.

Presentations:
Southeast Asia as Civilization Entity - I.V. Podberezsky, Dr. Sc.(Philology), Leading researcher, IMEMO.
Civilization of Southeast Asia: its Basic Institutions and Values — A.S. Agadzhanyan, Dr. Sc.(Hist.), IMEMO.

Round-table Discussion.

Major Subjects:
- Southeast Asian Civilization: Its Homogeneity/ Heterogeneity.
- The Region as a Model for Inter-Civilization Cooperation.
- Southeast Asia’s Civilization Space: Racial, Ethno-linguistic and Religious Structure.

Realms of the Secular and the Sacral.


Man and Society.

- Specific Features of Society, the Role and Place of Communal Units.

Man and Power.

- Patron-Client Relations, Principles of Domination and Subordination.
- Patrimonial Bureaucracy.
- Specific Features of the State.

Labor and Property.

- Flexibility of Peasant Communal Ideals.

Presentation:
Historical Development of the Civilization of Southeast Asian Region. — D.V. Deopik, Dr.
Sc.(Hist.), Head of Department, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University.

**Round-table Discussion.**

**Major Subjects:**
- Main Stages of the Evolution of Southeast Asia’s Civilization Entity.
- Southeast Asian Civilization Constants and the Problem of Modernization.
- The Period of Colonialism.
- Ways of Development of the Region during Independence.

**Presentations:**
- “Southeast Asia in the Cold War and the Globalizing World” — V.V. Sumsky, Cand. Sc.(Hist.), Head of Section, IMEMO.
- “Southeast Asia in the World Economy: Notions and Realities” — A.A. Rogozhin, Cand. Sc.(Econ.), Head of Section, IMEMO.

**Round-table Discussion.**

**Major Subjects:**
- Southeast Asian Countries, Cold War and Globalization Challenges.
- Modernization in the Region: Achievements and Failures.
- China in Southeast Asia: Friend, Threat or Something Else?
- Has the Idea of Catch-up Development Been Realized in Southeast Asia?
- Is Southeast Asia the Most Globalized Segment of the Third World?
- Real and Formal Integration into Southeast Asia.
- Russia’s Interests in Southeast Asia.

**Concluding Remarks:**
- E.B. Rashkovsky, Dr. Sc.(Hist.),
- V.G. Khoros, Dr. Sc.(Hist.)