



# Somkiat Tangnamo

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## Midnight University

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**Arte Útil archive nr:**  
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**Initiator:**  
Somkiat Tangnamo

**Location:**  
Thailand, Online

**Category:**  
pedagogical, politics

**Users:**  
Students

**Maintained by:**  
Midnight University

**Duration:**  
1997 – 2014

**Description:**

Midnight University is a free educational project and an academic forum online. The project was committed to democratic ideals and social justice. Since its foundation, it has been a dissenting voice in the country's larger political landscape becoming a valuable resource for artists, academics, and activists. After Thailand 2006 coup, the University website was temporarily shut down after some scholars led a protest in Chiang Mai againsts the Junta's draft interim constitution. In Mei 2014, Thailand's military junta blocked access to the 'Midnight University' website. The user was redirected to a Junta's announcement that stated: Temporarily closed down according to the order of the National Council for Peace and Order.

**Goals:**

The primary task of this website is to be an educational tool for citizens, providing a forum to discuss social and political issues.

**Beneficial Outcomes:**

The Midnight University website receives over 2.5 million unique visits per month and offers users from around the world access to over 1500 scholarly articles. Most of the materials are in Thai and some are in english.

**Images:**

