

## Nucharee Nuchkoom Smith

Nucharee Nuchkoom Smith has completed her PhD studies at Western Sydney University and will graduate in April 2018. She holds Bachelor degrees in Political Science and Law from Ramkhamhaeng and Thammasat Universities respectively in Bangkok. She also holds a Master of Political Science from Kasetsart University, Bangkok as well as a Master of International Trade and Commerce Law from Macquarie University in Sydney.

Nucharee spent her career prior to her PhD studies as an officer of the House of Representatives of the Thai Parliament. Her period of service covered one of the most turbulent periods in Thai parliamentary history. Starting in 1997 as an Academic/Legal Officer she was appointed as an Academic Officer to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs. In 2005 she was appointed as a Legal Office to the Committee where she remained until she resigned in March 2011. She assisted with writing of the Clauses on International Trade Treaties in the 2007 Constitution.

Her research has included investigating the attitudes of students in the Thai Army Command and General Staff College toward democracy as a way of life and attitudes towards female politicians. Currently she is focusing on the impact of international trade treaties on the economies and social fabric of developing countries. Her particular emphasis is on international free trade agreements entered into by ASEAN and its members, in particular Thailand.