

Rethinking the Nature/Culture Divide

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Notions such as ‘nature’ or ‘culture’ are the product of a particular historical process and express the specific distribution of ontological properties to beings in the world that the Moderns have devised. Other civilizations have adopted other systems of distribution, resulting in ontologies and principles of association between humans and non-humans that differ widely from the one which emerged in Europe a few centuries ago. The challenge for the social sciences is to acknowledge this diversity, while retaining the ambition to explain it in non-Eurocentric terms.

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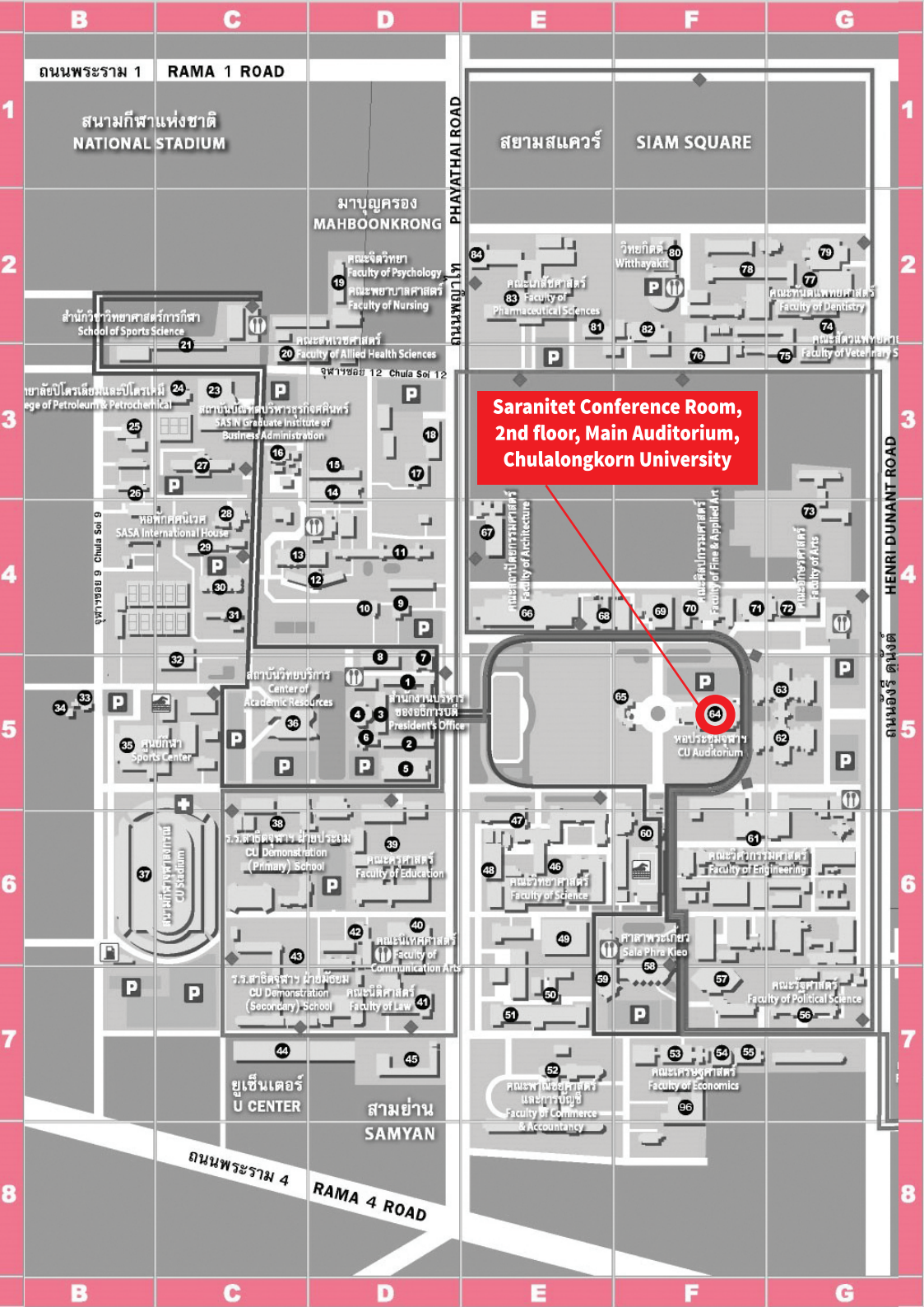
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13.00 Registration
13.30 Presentation
14.00 Lecture
15.00 Discussion
15.30 Open Floor
16.00 Close

Philippe DESCOLA initially specialized in the ethnology of Amazonia, focusing on how native societies relate to their environment. He has published extensively on his field research with the Achuar of Ecuador and on the comparative analysis of the relations between humans and non-humans, including images. He is Professor of Anthropology at the Collège de France and Director of Studies at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris. Among his books in English are *In the Society of Nature*, *The Spears of Twilight*, *Beyond Nature and Culture*, *The Ecology of others*. He is a fellow of the British Academy and a foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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