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A Remark on Modern Thai Political History: The struggle between revolution and passive revolution since 1932

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The lecture provides both basic information and analytical tools to understand the dynamism of Thailand's political history since the 1932 revolution. Gramsci's notion of passive revolution seems to help understand the political structure and logic behind the Thai conservative movement, which prevents changes put forth by the progressive force and sets its direction of change. The current political deadlock is a clear example of the political outcome of an ongoing passive revolution of the regime, which is the continuation of the 2014 coup political structure and economic dominance.

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