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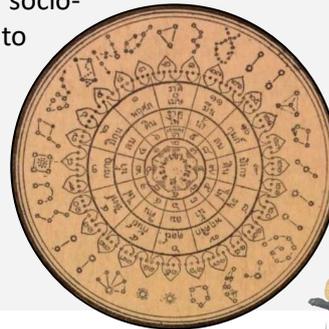
Die Hamburger Gesellschaft für Thaiistik e.V.
in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Arbeitsbereich Thaiistik
der Abteilung Sprachen und Kulturen Südostasiens des AAI
lädt Sie zu folgendem Online-Vortrag ein:

Astrological Symbols: The Condiments of Life, Beliefs, and Rituals of Thai People



Thai society is strongly characterized by the Buddhist belief in karma blended with other traditional beliefs in supernatural powers and spirits. Astrology is another important body of knowledge integrated into Thai society that is deeply rooted in almost every way of life. It can be said that astrology is a cultural mechanism that shapes life in Thai society. Various principles of astrology and relationships to people's lives can be broadly divided into three levels: 1) Individual level: referring to uses of astrology in everyday life: terminological principles and calculations of days, months, and years according to the Thai astrological calendar system; 2) Social level: referring to applications of astrology in accordance with certain goals or occasions for a group of people, i.e., Navagraha Prayer Ceremony, Rahu Worship Ceremony, Paritta Praying

Ceremony, etc. 3) National level: referring to uses of astrology to determine national attributes, such as overseeing the future of country and providing socio-economic forecasts and political milestones. Owing to the close relationship between astrology and Thai people, it can be assumed that astrology plays the role of a condiment in the various recipes characterizing Thai identity. Therefore, understanding the astrological symbol system is another way to better understand Thai lives from the perspective of their beliefs.



Online-Lecture

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