

PhD Completion Seminar: Orratai Waleewong

Dimensions of alcohol's harm to others and implications for policy and service in low- and middle-income countries, including a case study of Thailand

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Alcohol consumption can have a wide spectrum of negative impacts on people other than the drinker, known as 'alcohol's harm to others (HTO)'. This thesis analysed population survey data on HTO from five low-and middle-income countries in Asia (Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, Laos and Vietnam). The thesis aims to document the magnitude of HTO (focusing on three dimensions, including others' drinking-related aggression, violence and misconduct; financial consequences; and seeking help due to others' drinking) and examine its relationships with socio-economic factors and other related variables. Policy implications of the findings were also discussed.