Bangkok Business Intelligence Talks #2

The Rise of Model Power

How the Datafication of the World Could Transform Business, Politics and Global Power

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Venue	**The Empire Residence, 53rd floor, The Empire** **1 South Sathorn Rd. Yannawa, Sathorn, Bangkok 10120**

About the event

Something far more consequential than another wave of digitalization may be taking shape, its significance still largely unrecognized in the business world. Across the world, countless technological, economic and regulatory developments are creating increasingly detailed and interconnected data representations of reality. Far beyond the familiar digital profiles of individuals, an emerging Dataverse could make entire production networks, economies and potentially societies accessible to computational analysis on an unprecedented scale.

Converging with extraordinary advances in computing power and artificial intelligence, this development could give rise to a new form of power — Model Power — enabling actors to reconstruct complex systems, simulate alternative futures and identify possibilities for action previously beyond reach. As intelligent models increasingly guide real-world decisions and operations, they may also reshape the systems they represent.

The implications reach into the foundations of economic and political power. New modelling capabilities could reshape entire industries, expanding what can be produced, transforming how value is created and shifting the balance of competition. The ability to generate, manage and verify data could become an increasingly decisive condition for doing business, determining the competitiveness of companies and entire economies and their integration into global markets. Computing infrastructure, technical standards and regulatory frameworks could acquire growing strategic importance, while the ability to model other economies — and limit their ability to model one's own — could fundamentally alter geopolitical power relations.

What is being built today may ultimately change how markets operate, how institutions govern and how societies function. Much as the internet transformed the world within a generation, the rise of Model Power could reshape the very conditions under which our economies and societies operate.

About the series

This session marks the second edition of the newly established “Bangkok Business Intelligence Talks” series, jointly hosted by the DEG – Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH Representative Office Bangkok and the German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG).

The series is conceived as a platform for high-level exchange on timely and strategically relevant developments, providing decision-makers with analytically grounded perspectives on how evolving global, regional, and local dynamics shape business risks, opportunities, and strategic choices.

Agenda

Welcome & Opening Remarks	**Benjamin Brink**, Regional Director Southeast Asia, DEG – Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH
Keynote Input	**Henning Glaser**, Director, German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG)
Moderated Discussion	**Benjamin Brink**, Regional Director South East Asia, DEG **Henning Glaser**, Director, CPG **Lucas Meier**, Program Manager, CPG
Open Q&A	
Closing Remarks	**Benjamin Brink**, Regional Director South East Asia, DEG

Speakers (in alphabetical order)

Benjamin Brink

Benjamin Brink has been with DEG – Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH since 2010. As Regional Director in Thailand, he is responsible for originating DEG's Southeast Asia business across Energy & Infrastructure, Financial Institutions, Industries & Services, as well as Private Equity and Venture Capital.

His regional coverage includes Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Bangladesh, and Pakistan, with a portfolio of more than 100 companies and exposure of EUR 1.3 billion across debt, mezzanine, and equity transactions. He leads an international team of investment professionals based in Thailand, Vietnam, Bangladesh, and China, and serves as a non-executive director on the boards of DEG investee companies.

Until July 2023, Benjamin served as DEG's Director Portfolio Management in Bangkok, where he was responsible for the existing debt portfolio of the Industries & Services Asia department in the region. From 2013 to 2016, he managed DEG's South Asia portfolio, including India, while based in New Delhi.

Before joining DEG, Benjamin worked for BNP Paribas in Corporate & Investment Banking in Frankfurt, covering blue-chip clients in Germany and across Europe. Earlier in his career, he served as a risk officer at a public bank in Germany.

Henning Glaser

Henning Glaser is a scholar, attorney, mediator, and strategic advisor working at the intersection of governance, law, public policy, and geopolitical risk. He has been based in Thailand since 2007 as a member of the Faculty of Law at Thammasat University and has served since 2009 as founding director of the German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG), an autonomous academic institute and regional think tank jointly formed by the University of Münster, Goethe University Frankfurt, and Thammasat University in the context of the German Federal Government's Excellence Initiative.

For nearly two decades, he has advised and briefed governments, diplomatic missions, international organizations, development institutions, and corporate actors on political, institutional, regulatory, and geopolitical developments across Asia. His work connects political and institutional analysis with practical questions of governance, compliance, sustainability, risk exposure, and strategic decision-making.

Before establishing his long-term professional base in Asia, Henning worked in Germany in academic research, private legal practice, and business advisory, including as managing director of a trading and consultancy boutique and through his own law office.

Henning is also Editor-in-Chief of Asia in Review and serves as Executive Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Asian Governance Foundation (AGF). He is a registered attorney in Germany, a qualified mediator under German law and International Mediation Institute (IMI) standards, and a member of the German Institute for Compliance (DICO), where he contributes to the working groups "ESG and Corporate Governance" and "Human Rights."

Lucas Meier

Lucas Meier is an advisor and analyst specializing in geopolitical and political risk, strategic foresight, corporate governance, compliance, and sustainability-related ESG developments. He serves as Program Manager at the German–Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG), an academic institute and think tank based at the Faculty of Law of Thammasat University in Thailand.

He is also Deputy Editor-in-Chief and Regional Editor for South Asia of CPG's weekly newsletter Asia in Review, where he contributes analysis of domestic, regional, and geopolitical developments for an international audience of decision-makers.

In parallel, he serves on the Board of Advisors of Dynamic Minds, CPG's corporate advisory arm, contributing to mandates on corporate governance, compliance, sustainability, and ESG. His work focuses in particular on European regulatory developments and their implications for Asian companies engaging with European markets, supply chains, investors, and business partners, as well as for European companies operating in Asia.

In addition, Lucas is active in dispute resolution as a mediator, focusing on cross-border commercial disputes and intercultural mediation in organizational settings. He is qualified under German law in line with International Mediation Institute (IMI) standards.

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