



New Potential Canadian Policy Engagements on Myanmar in 2024

This policy paper aims to provide policy recommendations through interviews and discussions had with various on-the-ground actors based in Chiang Mai, Mae Sot, and around the Thai-Myanmar border in Thailand for use by a Canadian policy audience. A set of interviews were made with (and are continuing to be made with) non-governmental organization (NGO) workers, academics, representatives of the National Unity Government (NUG), representatives of certain Ethnic Armed Organizations, also known as Ethnic Revolutionary Organizations (EROs), and individuals who work in capacities with or adjacent to these organizations. Understandings of the situation on the ground in Myanmar, changing situations, policy issue identification, and policy recommendations were made with specific reference to the capacities of Canada and the "international community" as understood by participants. This paper will introduce past Canadian policy interventions into Myanmar across governments, outlining the role Canada has played in Myanmar politics since independence through its foreign and diaspora policies, both in Canada and abroad. Then it will go into the narratives, policy issue identification, and policy recommendations as offered by interview participants.

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A Talk by

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