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CET Academic Programs

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Payap University, Thailand

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Asian capitalism, and nationalism play in continuing popular and academic conceptions of that regional entity known as "East Asia?" How in the context of the classroom is it possible to rethink "identity" and "culture" not as fixed traits, but as the outcome of "process geographies" working themselves out historically through diasporic, interactive, and large-scale processes and configurations?

Finally, and most specifically, how it is possible to engage contemporary visual culture and mass media across the East Asian and global geography, to identify those points of articulation that help define late