



HOMOGENEOUS, EMPTY TIME

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SYNOPSIS

"Ruling the country is for soldiers, not civilians", is a recurring sentiment in this documentary that gets its title from German-Jewish philosopher Walter Benjamin: nationalist ideologies always develop in 'empty time', in places where people share a 'homogeneous consciousness'. Based on this idea, the film observes the causes of rising nationalism in Thailand without comment. Various groups are observed, from military cadets to Buddhists, Muslims and the pupils of a Christian boarding school. Their opinions vary wildly on many subjects, but what unites them is boundless confidence in the monarchy.

Documentary makers Thunskas Pansittivorakul and Harit Srikhao shot *Homogeneous, Empty Time* between the 2014 military coup and the death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej in October 2016, as the military leaders consolidated their grip on society and countless political opponents were imprisoned. (IFF Rotterdam)

FESTIVALS

Singapore, IFFR Rotterdam

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PREMIERE

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Thailand

LINKS / REFERENCE

<https://www.instagram.com/s...>

<http://www.sleepofreasonfil...>

Produktion

<http://thunskas.tumblr.com/>

<https://vimeo.com/248765815>

Trailer