

## **ABSTRACT**

Thesis Title : The Political Impact of “Yadana” Natural Gas Pipeline  
Project: A Case Study of Wangrajae Subdistrict,  
Saiyok District, Kanchanaburi Province

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The objectives of this thesis collecting data at Wangrajae subdistrict, Saiyok district, Kanchanaburi province, are to study the political impact of “Yadana” natural gas pipeline project in three dimensions; namely, (1) the integration of interest groups, (2) the conflicts among the interest groups, and (3) the role change of the local leaders.

The samples used for collecting data in this research by questionnaire survey and in-depth interview are 260 residents in Wangrajae subdistrict, Saiyok district, Kanchanaburi province. Frequencies and percentage are descriptive statistics used for analysing the data.

The research findings are as follows :

1. After implementing “Yadana” natural gas pipeline project, there are interest groups aiming at asking for compensation for negative impacts of “Yadana” natural gas pipeline project.

2. There are conflicts among the interest groups after implementing “Yadana” natural gas pipeline project, especially the conflicts between the villagers who ask for the compensation and building contractors.

3. “Yadana” natural gas pipeline project does not affect the roles of local leaders. That is the third hypothesis is rejected in Wangrajae subdistrict.

According to the research findings, public relations on the project in detail and encouragement on human relations among the interest groups to decrease the conflicts in the community are suggested.