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Qualifications

- 2016 PhD with Integrated Study in Local Government and Public Policy, University of Birmingham, UK
- 2007 MA Political Sciences (Public Administration), Thammasat University, Thailand
- 2005 BA Political Science (Public Administration), Kasetsart University, Thailand (first class honours)

Certificates

- 2019 'Futures Thinking and Strategy Transformation' conducted by Sohail Inayatullah, UNESCO Chair for Future Studies, the Change Initiative
- 2013 'Getting Research into Public Policy Summer School', Business School University of Birmingham, UK

Awards

- 2017 The National Research Council of Thailand: Excellent Dissertation Award for PhD thesis entitled "The Initiation and Sustainability of Collaboration between Small Local Governments: a Comparative Analysis of England and Thailand".
- 2013 Runner up in the Research Poster Conference at the University of Birmingham, England
- 2011 The Royal Thai Government Scholarship: Project of Human Resource Development in Humanities and the Social Sciences

Work experience

- 2018 – current** **School of Public Policy, Chiang Mai University, Thailand**
Position: Assistant Director/ Lecturer
- 2016 – 2018** **College of Politics and Governance, Mahasarakham University, Thailand**
Position: Lecturer
- 2013 – 2015** **Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham, England**
Position: Consultancy team member
Responsibilities:
 - Providing an extensive academic literature review as to the drivers of and barriers to effective inter-local collaboration for the work commissioned by The District Councils' Network (DCN), England
 - Undertaking a document review to analyse the progress made by the councils towards effective collaboration for the work commissioned by English local councils to support them in using collaboration to transform their working practices

- 2015** **Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham, England**
 Position: Research assistant to Professor Chris Skelcher (Professor of Public Governance)
 Responsibilities: collecting and analysing data under the research project on company formation by English local authorities
- 2010 – 2011** **Thai National Health Foundation , think tank under Thai Reform Committee**
 Position: Researcher
 Responsibilities: conducting research and producing policy recommendations for the Thai Government in the area of ‘Local Government Reform’
- 2008 – 2010** **The Office of Political Development Council, King Prajadhipok’s Institute, Thailand**
 Position: Researcher
- 2006 – 2008** **Human Resources Institute, Thammasat University, Thailand**
 Position: Researcher/ Project administrator

Areas of expertise/interest

urban governance, collaborative governance, policy entrepreneurship, inclusive policy design, local government amalgamation and collaboration, shared services in local governments, network analysis, and innovation index for cities

Publications

- Boossabong, Piyapong & Chamchong, Pobsook. (Forthcoming). Coping with outbreaks under centralised and weak democratic systems: Lessons from policy responses to COVID-19 in Thailand. *International Review of Public Policy*.
- Boossabong, Piyapong & Chamchong, Pobsook. (Forthcoming). Unpacking forms of knowledge in policy deliberation: Lessons from Thailand. *Journal of Public Deliberation*.
- Chamchong, P., Boossabong, P. (2020). Innovative city index and its application for stimulating inclusive, sustainable and connected innovative city development. *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10901-020-09744-6>
- Chamchong, Pobsook. (2020). How cultural and organizational conditions impact on policy entrepreneurship: evidence from Thailand. *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, 13(1), 79-93. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17516234.2019.1630886>
- Boossabong, Piyapong and Chamchong, Pobsook. (2019). The Practices of Deliberative Policy Analysis in the Context of Political and Cultural Challenges: Lessons from Thailand. *Policy Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01442872.2019.1618815>
- Chamchong, Pobsook. (2018). Inter-municipal Cooperation: Reasons, Types and Key Success Factors in International Context. *Local Administration Journal*, 11 (3): 1-22. (in Thai)
- Boossabong, Piyapong and Chamchong, Pobsook. (2018). The Importance of Network in Public Policy and Governance: Critical Perspectives and an Analytical Framework for Going beyond an Empty Signifier. *Journal of Social Sciences*, 15(2): 113-136. (in Thai)
- Chamchong, Pobsook. (2018). *Local Innovation through Collaborative Governance*. Mahasarakham: COPAG Press. (in Thai)
- Chamchong, Pobsook. (2017). Justifications for Local Government Amalgamation in International Context. *Journal of Social Sciences*, 13(2): 161-185. (in Thai)

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2016). Collaborative Entrepreneur and Collaborative Manager: The New Leadership Roles in Forming and Sustaining Local Government Collaboration. *The Journal of Asian Review of Public Affairs and Policy*, 1(1) December: 75-92.

Papers presented at conferences

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2019). "Innovative City Index and Its Application for Stimulating Inclusive, Sustainable and Connected City Development." ASIALICS 2019, Seoul, South Korea, 26-27 July.

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2019). "When Cultural and Organisational Streams Matter: The Roles of Policy Entrepreneurs in Forming and Sustaining Inter-local Collaboration Policy in Thailand." The 5th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5), Montreal, Canada, 26-28 June.

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2018). "The Influence of Socio-cultural Conditions on Interlocal Collaboration Policy: Lessons from Thai Cases." The 5th International Conference on Social Policy and Governance Innovation: Towards Collaborative and Balanced Public Policy, Guangzhou, China, 27-28 October.

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2017). "Amalgamation as Innovation in Structural Reform: Changes in Collaboration among Neighbouring Municipalities in Roi-Et, Thailand." International Research Symposium on Public Management in Asia, The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 24-25 November.

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2017). "Socio-cultural conditions in driving collaborative governance: Lessons learned from Thailand." The 21st International Research Society on Public Management (IRSPM) Conference, Budapest, Hungary.

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2017). "The Influence of Hierarchical Social System on Inter-local Collaboration Policy in Thailand: A Critical Perspective." The 3rd International Conference Public Policy, Singapore.

Boossabong, Piyapong and Chamchong, Pobsook. (2017). "Decoding Local Policy in Thailand: The Emergence of Policy Networks and Their Collaboration." International Conference ASIA-PACIFIC PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK (AP-PPN), Chiang Mai University, Thailand, 10-11 February.

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2016). "Collaborative Entrepreneur and Collaborative Manager: The New Leadership Roles in Forming and Sustaining Local Government Collaboration." International Conference on Public Organisation VI: ICONPO VI, Thammasat University, Thailand, 10-11 August.

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2014). "Collaboration between Small Local Governments: A Comparative Study of England and Thailand." the 2014 Policy and Politics Conference 2014: The Challenge of Leadership and Collaboration in the 21st Century, the University of Bristol, England, September.

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2014). "Collaboration between Local Governments in Thailand: Lessons from the United Kingdom", British Politics Workshop, School of Government and Society, University of Birmingham, England, 19th February.

Chamchong, Pobsook. (2013). "Collaboration between Local Governments in Thailand: Lessons from the United Kingdom", Poster Presented at the ESRC Festival of Social Science Event, Organised by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK, November.