

**Round Table Discussion on**  
**Financing Political Parties in a Party Democracy**

Bangkok, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Kamolmart Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor The Sukosol Hotel (Siam City Hotel)

Institute of Democratization Studies (IDS) in cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung KAS

- 10.00 – 10.30 hrs      Registration
- 10.30 – 10.40 hrs      Opening and Introduction  
*Mr. Chaturon Chaisaeng*, President of IDS, former Deputy  
Prime Minister  
*Mr. Clauspeter Hill*, KAS Thailand
- 10.40 – 11.00 hrs      **Dr. Michael Fuchs**, Member of German Bundestag,  
Vice-Chairman of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group,  
Germany
- 11.00 – 11.20 hrs      **N.N.** (Member of the Election Commission of Thailand)
- 11.20 – 12.00 hrs      Q & A
- 12.00 – 13.30 hrs      Lunch

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The concept of program-based political parties is not widely known in Thailand. Parties are established by prominent and influential figures in order to pursue particular interests. Political financing of parties and campaigns is not transparent and therefore, money politics has become a matter of fact.

In this roundtable two speakers will present the respective situation in Germany and Thailand to share knowledge and experiences. This shall support the discussion on reforms to be introduced in Thailand. Of particular interest are aspects of political parties based on a specific agenda and not merely interests of a small group and how those parties are financed publicly and privately. Finally, control mechanisms to ensure transparency in regard to political financing shall also be explored.

Expected participants (approx. 50) are politicians from all relevant parties, members and staff of the Election Commission as well as academicians.