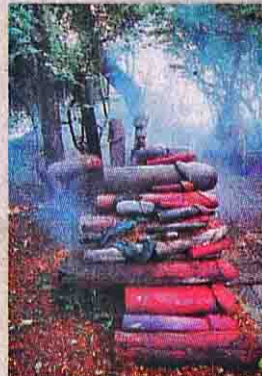


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The art of amulets

Prof Douglas Sanders will discuss the role of *palad khik* – phallic amulets – in Thailand on April 26 at the Siam Society at 7.30pm.

Traditionally, *palad khik* are small wooden phalluses worn by boys around the waist to protect them from disease or danger. Larger examples promote good business and are often seen on the tables of street vendors. The largest may be donated to special shrines.



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