

Button

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: **5106** 

Type: **bronze, lead, gold and silver; metalwork; accessory**

Date of production: **19th century**

Place of production: **Thailand (Siam), Southeast Asia**

Materials/Technique
s: **silver, rock crystal**

Dimensions: **height: 1.7 cm
diameter: 1 cm**

Acquisition: **collection of Ferenc Hopp**

Button from Siam. In the centre with a single large inlaid stone, and eight smaller pointed crystals in the shape of a flower are set around it.

The high quality of 19th-century Thai goldsmithing is described by many European travellers. Ornate outer garments with buttons made of precious metals and precious stones were part of the so-called Bangkok-era menswear.

