

Button

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: **5109** 

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: 2. 2 cm
diameter: 1. 3 cm**

Acquisition: **collection of Ferenc Hopp**

Button from Siam. In the centre with a single large inlaid stone, and seven smaller pointed crystals in the shape of a flower are set around it. Pair of the item with inventory number 5107.

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.

