



Dissemination Workshop 1:  
**“Dynamics of Integration and Dilemmas of  
Divergence in Contemporary SEA”**

**- Programme -**

**18 September 2014  
Lone Pine Hotel, Penang, Malaysia**

## Programme

09:00 – 09:20	Welcome coffee
09:20 – 09:40	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Yves Goudineau, EFEO director and SEATIDE coordinator</li> <li>Dr Andrew Hardy, SEATIDE scientific coordinator</li> <li>Prof. Ooi Keat Gin, University Sains Malaysia</li> </ul>
09:40 – 10:30	<b>Panel 1: <i>Settling the Region's Borders</i></b> <b>Chair:</b> Dr. Andrew Hardy, EFEO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Volker Grabowsky and Dr Sok Udom Deth, University of Hamburg – Cambodia/Thailand: Heritage and Nationalism in the Preah Vihear Dispute</li> <li>Dr Vathana Pholsena, ARI, NUS – Laos/Vietnam: Highland Minorities and the Politics of Cross-Border Living</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:50 – 12:00	<b>Panel 2: <i>Coping with Religious Diversity</i></b> <b>Chair:</b> Dr Sumit Mandal, Independent scholar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Rémy Madinier, CASE-CNRS – Islam in contemporary Indonesia</li> <li>Dr Jacques Leider, EFEO – Buddhism in contemporary Myanmar</li> <li>Prof. Jörg Thomas Engelbert, University of Hamburg – Christianity in the highlands of contemporary Vietnam</li> </ul>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Roundtable '<i>Fractures and Predicaments in Southeast Asian Identities</i>'</b> <b>Chair:</b> Yves Goudineau, EFEO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Volker Grabowsky, University of Hamburg</li> <li>Dr Sunil Amrith, Cambridge University</li> <li>Dr Muhadi Sugiono, Universitas Gadjah Mada</li> <li>Prof. Silvia Vignato, University of Milano Bicocca</li> <li>Prof. Franciscus Verellen, EFEO</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Buffet lunch and coffee at Lone Pine Hotel</i>
14:30 – 15:15	<b>Presentation on George Town, Penang</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Ooi Keat Gin, Universiti Sains Malaysia – From Colonial Outpost to Cosmopolitan Centre: Issues of Integration and Identity in the City</li> </ul>
15:30	Coach departs for George Town
16:30 – 18:30	Guided tour of George Town
18:30 – 20:30	<i>Drinks at the E&amp;O</i>
20:30	Coach departs for Lone Pine Hotel

### Bio-notes of speakers

**Dr Sunil Amrith** is a Associate Research Fellow of the Centre for History and Economics and senior lecturer in history at Birkbeck College, London. His research is on the history of migration, cultural interaction, and environmental change around the Bay of Bengal region. He has published widely on India, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia. His books are *Migration and Diaspora in Modern Asia* (2011) and *Decolonizing International Health: India and Southeast Asia, 1930-65* (2006).

**Sok Udom DETH** graduated from Zaman International School in 2002. He went to study his bachelor's degree at Boğaziçi University (Istanbul, Turkey) and received High Honors Diploma in Sociology in 2006. He received a scholarship to do his master's degree in International Affairs (specializing in Southeast Asian Studies) at Ohio University and graduated in 2009. He obtained his PhD in Southeast Asian Studies at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (Germany) in 2014. He is currently the Dean of Academic Affairs and teaches history and political science at Zaman University, Phnom Penh – Cambodia.

**Prof. Dr Jörg Thomas Engelbert**, studied Vietnamese Studies and History, Humboldt University Berlin, 1990 PhD (Dr. phil.): Vietnamese Studies; 2000 Habilitation: History of Southeast Asia, HUB. Since 2002: Professor for Vietnamese Studies, University of Hamburg. Research focus: Vietnam and its minorities, Vietnam and its neighbours, history Vietnam/Indochina, 19th and 20th centuries. Member of German research network DORISEA (Dynamics of Religion in SEA), Topic: Ethnic politics and missions in the Tây Nguyên highlands.

**Prof. Yves Goudineau** is director of the EFEO. He holds a chair in "Comparative Anthropology of Southeast Asia" (EFEO-EHESS) and was visiting professor at the University of Oxford (2008-2011). He has carried out extensive ethnographic fieldwork in South-Laos with an interest in ethnohistory and rituals among austro-asiatic ethnic groups. He conducted also research on development issues in mainland South-East Asia: ethnic minority resettlements, cross-borders relationships. He has been a regional consultant for UNESCO and UNDP.

**Dr. Volker Grabowsky** is Professor of Thai Language and Culture (Thai Studies) and head of the Department of Southeast Asian Languages and Cultures, Asia-Africa Institute, University of Hamburg. From 1996 until 1999 he was visiting professor of Traditional Lao Literature at the National University of Laos in Vientiane, thereafter moving to the University of Münster where he taught Southeast Asian History until 2009. He is specialized in the history, traditional literatures, and manuscript cultures of the Tai peoples in mainland Southeast Asia and Southwest China. His numerous publications include the co-authored volumes *Chronicles of Chiang Khaeng: A Tai Lü Principality of the Upper Mekong* (2008/2011) and *The Chronicle of Sipsong Panna: History and Society of a Tai Lü Kingdom* (2012).

**Dr Andrew Hardy** was educated in England, France and Australia (PhD, Australian National University, 1999). His research and teaching focuses on Vietnamese migration, ethnic relations in Southeast Asia and the history of Champa and Central Vietnam. He headed the Hanoi centre of the École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO) from 2002-2012 and is now based at the EFEO in Paris. His first book – *Red Hills: Migrants and the State in the Highlands of Vietnam* (NIAS Press, 2003) was awarded the Harry J. Benda Prize for Non-Fiction on Southeast Asia by the Asian Studies Association (2005). Since 2005, with Nguyen Tien Dong (Vietnam Institute of Archaeology), he co-directed a multi-disciplinary project on the Long Wall of Quang Ngai, designated a national monument in 2011.

**Dr Jacques P. Leider**, a research scholar at the French School of Asian Studies, is currently attached to the Embassy of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in Bangkok. He is former head of the EFEO centre in Chiang Mai (Thailand) and Yangon (Myanmar). A specialist of the history of Rakhine State (Arakan), he has been sharing his expertise on the background of the recent communal conflict between Buddhists and Muslims in Rakhine State at various forums in the US, in Myanmar and in Thailand.

**Dr Rémy Madinier** is CNRS research fellow (in Jakarta until 2011), EFEO associate researcher and CASE member (EHESS). He is a renowned specialist of religious issues in SEA, especially Islam (book on *The End of Innocence? Indonesian Islam and the Temptation of radicalism*).

**Dr Sumit Mandal** is presently an independent scholar and from January 2015 will be Associate Professor at the School of Politics, History and International Relations at the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.. He

works on transnational and transregional histories with an interest in cultural geographies of the Malay world. He is concerned with the ways in which cultural diversity and notions of insider/outsider are constituted. Mandal views the Malay world in terms of its connectedness to the Indian Ocean. His interests extend to sites of interaction in ethnicised contexts such as Malaysia and Indonesia. He has published recently in the following journals: *Indonesia and the Malay World* (2013), *Modern Asian Studies* (2012) and *Cultural Dynamics* (2012).

**Prof. Ooi Keat Gin** is coordinator of the Asia Pacific Research Unit (APRU), School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia. His fields of interest are socio-economic and socio-cultural history of Southeast Asia, urban history, and female labour migration. He guest edited *Themes for Thought on Southeast Asia*, *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies*, 11, 1 (June 2009), commissioned to write *Historical Dictionary of Malaysia* (Scarecrow Press, 2009), and recent works include *The Japanese Occupation of Borneo, 1941-1945* (Routledge, 2011), and *Post-war Borneo, 1945-1950. Nationalism, Empire, and State-building* (Routledge, 2013). Professor Ooi is founder-editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Asia-Pacific Studies* (IJAPS) ([www.usm.my/ijaps/](http://www.usm.my/ijaps/)), series editor of the APRU-USM Asia Pacific Studies Publications Series (AAPSPS) ([http://www.hum.usm.my/apru\\_pub.asp](http://www.hum.usm.my/apru_pub.asp)) published under the auspices of APRU and Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM Press).

**Dr Vatthana Pholsena** is a research fellow at the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS). Currently based in Singapore, she is also the representative for the Institute of Research on Contemporary Southeast Asia (IRASEC), and affiliated with the Department of Southeast Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore.

**Dr Muhadi Sugiono** is a senior lecturer at the Department of International Relations and currently the Director of Center for Southeast Asian Social Studies at Universitas Gadjah Mada. He was former Director of the Center for Peace and Security Studies (2004-2007) and the Head of Postgraduate Programme in International Relations (2007-2009) at the same university. He was an Erasmus Mundus Visiting Scholars at the Network on Humanitarian Action (NOHA), hosted by the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Groningen in 2008 and a visiting professor at the School of International Politics, Economics and Communication, Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo in 2011. He also serves as a member of advisory board of the Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, the University of Queensland, Brisbane. He is the author of *Gramscian Critiques of Development* and his articles on peace, security and international relations appear in journals and as book chapters.

**Prof. Silvia Vignato**, Associate Professor in anthropology at The Department of Human Science for education "Riccardo Massa", Università di Milano-Bicocca (UNIMIB), teaches undergraduate and graduate students and supervises M.A. and Ph.D. thesis focused on Southeast Asia. Her research interest is on subjectivity as related to work/unemployment, gender and marginality, evolving structures of families and unattached children in Indonesia and Malaysia. Beside a monography about Indonesian Tamil migrants, other Sumatranese ethnic minorities and their levels of subjective integration into the State, she has published articles about Malaysian factory workers and manpower agents for migrants and about post-conflict young Acehenese people.

**Prof. Franciscus Verellen** is an historian of medieval China and was director of the Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient from 2004 to 2014, where he also holds the chair in History of Daoism and currently serves as head of the EFEO Hong Kong Center. After doctoral studies at Oxford and Paris, Franciscus Verellen taught at Columbia University (New York) and the École pratique des hautes études (Paris). He held visiting appointments at Princeton University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). He is an honorary professor in the Department of Chinese Studies of the University of Hong Kong, a member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Chinese Studies and ICS Fellow, CUHK, and a member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2009-2010). He is also chairman of the Steering Committee of the European Consortium for Asian Field Study (ECAFS) and SEATDE coordinator. Franciscus Verellen has participated in many international conferences and research activities and has published more than fifty articles and books on regional culture in medieval China and the history of Taoism, including *The Taoist canon: A historical companion to the Daozang*, 3 volumes (The University of Chicago Press, 2004, edited with Kristofer Schipper).