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CONFERENCE
Networks and Knowledge in Southeast Asia
April 14-15, 2023

Golub Home Room, International House
2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley

Day 1
Friday, April 14

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Nancy Lee Peluso

Professor, Environmental Science, Policy & Management; CSEAS Chair, UC Berkeley

9:00 – 10:20 a.m. **Panel 1: Resistance in Conflict**

Air(im)mobility: Routing the Helicopter War in Việt Nam

Jason Vu, University of Southern California

The Southeast Asianist Political Theory of Benedict Anderson and James Scott

Thanh Nguyen, Yale University

Strange Bedfellows or Genuine Comrades? Variation in Digital Solidarity among Myanmar's Revolutionaries

Mai Van Tran, University of Copenhagen, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies

The State of the Nation: Crisis and Authenticity in the Philippines during 2020

Angela Romea, CUNY Graduate Center

Moderator: **Earl John C. Hernandez**, UCLA

10:30 – 11:50 a.m. **Panel 2: Cultural Production, Memories, and Storytelling**

Survivors Making Place: Cambodian Popular Music in Diaspora

Sophea Seng, California State University Long Beach

Sexy Spirits, Bawling Baklas and Babaylans, and Garish Gaydars: Reading Ridiculous Sounds in in the Philippine Film Remington and the Curse of the Zombadings

Steven Beardsley, UC San Diego

Refusing Colonial Romance in Cambodian Film: Anti-Archive and The White Building

Emily Mitamura, University of Minnesota

The Ambiguity of Southeast Asia: Ho Tzu Nyen's Storytelling in *The Nameless*

Lillian Ngan, University of Southern California

Moderator: **Rane Prak**, UCLA

1:10 – 2:30 p.m.

Panel 3: Transregional Movement

We Refugees: Citizenship and Belonging on the Thai-Myanmar Border

Carrie Perkins, UC Irvine

Bandung, Non-Alignment Networks, and the Life of Merdeka Building

Rina Priyani, UC Berkeley

Enmeshment Aesthetics: Chiang Mai, Thailand as Social Media Assemblage

Kasidit "Gunn" Phikrohkit, UC Irvine

Southeast Asian Revolution in the Making: The PKI's Regional Internationalism during the Confrontation with Malaysia

Thiti Jankajornkeiat, University of Victoria

Moderator: **Gia Dao**, UC Berkeley

2:40 – 4:00 p.m.

Panel 4: Connection, Mobility, and Buddhism

Dvaravati Connection along the Gulf of Siam

Wannasarn Noonsuk, California State University, Fresno

A Burmese Envoy to Qanbaliq: Disapramok's Mission to the Mongol Empire, 1284-1285 - Part I & II

Sean Cronan, UC Berkeley; **Kenneth Wong**, UC Berkeley

Moderator: **Thomas Kingston**, UC Berkeley

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Journey to the South: Buddhist Connections across the South China Sea

Jack Meng-Tat Chia, National University of Singapore

Location: Heyns Room, Faculty Club, UC Berkeley

Day 2
Saturday, April 15

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 10:10 a.m. **Panel 5: Migration, Labor, and Transnational Production**

Learning the Land, Beautiful and Developed: A Comparative Understanding of Pre-migration Knowledge Production and Exchanges of Vietnamese Migrant Workers and Marriage Migrants to South Korea

Dasom Lee, UC San Diego

Plural Indigeneities and Ambiguous (De)colonizations: The Case of Indigenous Textiles in Vietnam's Contemporary Fashion

Chi Yen Ha, UC Riverside

The Cultural Production of Intellectual Property: The Case of Temasek Rice in Singapore and Indonesia

Mohammad Khamsya Bin Khidzer, UC San Diego

Moderator: **Solihin Samsuri**, UC Berkeley

10:30 -11:50 a.m. **Panel 6: Activism, Protests, and Current Events**

Global Recognition without Regional Relevance: Singapore's International Engagements in Mosquito Control in the 1970s and 1980s

Timothy Sim, Cambridge University

Network and Knowledge Diffusion of Youth Protest in Southeast Asia: The Case of the 2020 Youth Protest in Thailand

Tuanont Phattharathanasut, Waseda University

Ghost Stories: Temporalities, Terrains of Visibilities, and the Legality of Duterte's War on Drugs

Samantha Lopez, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Moderator: **Valerie Nguyen**, UCLA

1:30 – 2:40 p.m. **Panel 7: History, Poetry and Literature**

The Savoy Hotel Jazz Band at the 1955 Asia-Africa Conference

Otto Stuparitz, UCLA

Sinographic Solidarities, Learned Gentlewomen, and the Poetics of Anticolonialist Practice: "Lady Lee Adrift" between Guangdong, Vietnam, and the Philippines

Alan Dai, Yale University

The Archipelagic Self: Examining the Bilingual Poetics of Muhammad Haji Salleh's
Beyond the Archipelago

Joshua Tee, Pennsylvania State University

Moderator: **Daniel Owen**, UC Berkeley

3:00 – 4:20 p.m.

Panel 8: Diaspora and Displacement

Infrastructuring Migration: The Construction of Labor Mobility in the East Coast
of Sumatra

Robin Hartanto Honggare, Columbia University

"This is a Slow Revolution:" The Sakulolo Pala Agroecology Project and Everyday
Resistance to Bare Life under Post-Conflict Transition

Alexandra Scrivner, Syracuse University

Moderator: **Lisandro Claudio**, UC Berkeley

4:40 – 5:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks