

**WORKSHOP ON
CONTESTED RESOURCE FRONTIERS
IN MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**Friday, 6 March 2020
Seminar Rooms 1 & 2
ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute
Singapore**

PROGRAMME

(as of 2 March 2020)

8.30 am – 9.00 am	Registration
9.00 am – 9.15 am	Welcoming Remarks Dr Benjamin Loh Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Regional Social and Cultural Studies Programme, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute
	Opening Remarks Dr Oliver Tappe Visiting Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute
9.15 am – 10.45 am	SESSION 1: MINING FRONTIERS Moderator: Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw Visiting Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute <i>The Open Issues: Cases between Chinese Investment Company and Local People in Myanmar</i> Presenter: Dr Su Yin Htun Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Mandalay, Myanmar <i>Community Engagement and CSR of Chinese Investments in Myanmar</i> Presenter: Dr Diane Tang-Lee [By video conference] Senior Programme Officer, International Council on Mining and Metals, United Kingdom <i>Artisanal Mining in Laos: Between Opportunity and Precarity</i> Presenter: Dr Oliver Tappe Visiting Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute <i>Resource Governance and Livelihood Change on a Lao Mining Site</i> Presenter: Dr Oulavanh Keovilignavong Researcher, Policy and Institutions, International Water Management Institute, Vientiane
10.45 am – 11.00 am	Coffee & Tea

11.00 am – 12.30 pm

SESSION 2: CONTESTED WATERS

Moderator: Dr Lee Poh Onn
Senior Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

The Contested Meaning of the Mekong River in Northern Thailand: A Hydrosocial Analysis of Plural Knowledge and Institutions

Presenter: Dr Carl Middleton [By video conference]
Director, Center for Social Development Studies,
Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University,
Thailand

Interpreting Chinese (Hydro-)Power: A "Bottom-Up" View from a Ridgetop in Laos

Presenter: Mr Paul-David Lutz
PhD Candidate, Department of Anthropology, The
University of Sydney, Australia

Institutional Responses to Hydropower Transboundary Impacts: Discourse Analysis from the Vietnamese Mekong Delta

Presenter: Dr Thong Anh Tran
Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National
University of Singapore

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

Lunch

1.30 pm – 3.00 pm

SESSION 3: CASH CROPS AND COMMODITIZATION

Moderator: Dr Benjamin Loh
Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Regional Social and
Cultural Studies Programme, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak
Institute

"Only the best fruits for China!" Tropical Fruits as a Highly Contested Resource in the Borderlands of China, Laos and Thailand

Presenter: Dr Simon Rowedder
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Southeast Asian
Studies, National University of Singapore

Spices for the Chinese Market

Presenter: Mr Matthew Parsfield
Doctoral Candidate, Institute of Social Anthropology and
Popular Culture, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Land Governance and Chinese Investment in Southeast Asia: The Example of the Plantation Economy

Presenter: Professor Yos Santasombat [By video conference]
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Chiang Mai
University, Thailand

3.00 pm – 3.15 pm

Coffee & Tea

3.15 pm – 4.45 pm

SESSION 4: TRADE AND TERRITORIALISATION

Moderator: Dr Oliver Tappe
Visiting Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof-Ishak Institute

Investments, Productivity Cooperation and Trade in China-Myanmar Cross Border Governance

Presenter: Dr Dominik Mierzejewski
Associate Professor, Center for Asian Affairs, University of Lodz, Poland

Uneven Contestations of Land Enclosure in a Peri-urban Wetland of Vientiane, Laos

Presenter: Dr Miles Kenney-Lazar
Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore

The Impact of Chinese Investment on Local Governance: A Case Study from Cambodia

Presenter: Dr Chheang Vannarith
President, Asian Vision Institute, Phnom Penh

4.45 pm – 5.00 pm

Concluding Remarks
