



Peace Practitioners' Research Conference:

Transforming Identity-Based Conflicts in Asia

6th-8th December 2013

Apsara Angkor Resort & Conference Hotel

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Agenda

Friday, 6th December 2013

ADDRESSING CULTURE OF VIOLENCE BY TRANSFORMING VIEWS & NARRATIVES OF "THE OTHER"

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 **OPENING CEREMONY** (moderated by Inanna Göbel-Bösch)
- Welcome Remarks - Emma Leslie, CPCS Director
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker - Mr. Neb Sinthay, Chairman of CPCS board
- Keynote Speech - H.R.H Samdech NORODOM Sirivudh, President of the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)
- Group photo
- Coffee break
- 11:00 **PLENARY SESSION: TRANSFORMING IDENTITY BASED CONFLICT IN CAMBODIA**
(moderated by Dr.Kathryn Poethig)
- "Interactive Conflict Resolution – Exploring Historical Narratives and Nationalism in Thai-Cambodian Relations"** (Ly Rattanak & Sonja Meyer)
- "Transforming identities of victims and perpetrators in dealing with the past processes"** (Julie Bernath)
- 11:40 Questions & Answers & group discussion
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 14:00 Seminar sessions
- SEMINAR - ARMED STRUGGLE, GROUP MEMBERSHIP & IDENTITY:
TRANSFORMATION PROCESSES OF ARMED GROUPS**
(moderated by Dr. Bilveer Singh)
- 1) **"Myanmar: All Burma Students Democratic Front: Identity Consideration in Transformation Process after 25 years of Armed Struggle"** (Nerea Bilbatua)
 - 2) **"Philippines: Former Rebels of Bicol: Policy Implications for Future Devolution And Integration"** (Herbert Rosanna)

SEMINAR - ADDRESSING CULTURE OF VIOLENCE THROUGH EDUCATION

(moderated by Sweta Velpillay)

- 1) **“Peace Education through Storytelling: Conflict Transformation in Southern Thailand”** (Erna Anjarwati)
- 2) **“Learning worldviews among ethnic groups using the Peace Counts on Tour for Peace Education and conflict transformation – experiences from field and advocacy”** (Leban Serto)
- 3) **“The Transformation of identity-based conflict through inclusive education”**(Srikanta Pattanaik)

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00 **Reflection on the day (moderated by Sarah Radam) – plenary room**

Reflection on morning session (Dr.Kathry Poethig)

Insights from seminar “Transformation processes of armed groups” (Dr.Bilveer Singh)

Insights from seminar “Addressing culture of violence through education (Sweta Velpillay)

18:30 Meet at lobby-transport to restaurant

19:00 Welcome dinner at Viroth Restaurant

Saturday, 7th December 2013

STATE RESPONSES TO OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES OF DIVERSITY; ADDRESSING ETHNOPOLITICAL & RELIGIOUS CONFLICT AT INTRA-STATE LEVEL

9:00 **PLENARY SESSION: STATE RESPONSES TO OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES OF DIVERSITY** (moderated by Leban Serto)
“Autonomous District Council (ADC) as a tool for diversity management: A boon or a bane?” (Northeast India) (Triveni Goswami)

“Ethnic Identity Conflict, Politics & Reconciliation in Sindh, Pakistan” (Karim Mangi)

09:40 – 10:00 Questions & Answers, group discussion

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 11:15 Plenary splits in three groups, group discussion (for each group with one leading question)

11:15– 12:00 Back to plenary, report outcomes of group discussions & closing of the morning (moderated by Noah Taylor)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 Seminars

SEMINAR - ADDRESSING ETHNOPOLITICAL CONFLICT AT INTRASTATE LEVEL

(moderated by Soth Plai Ngarm)

- 1) **“Transforming Ethnopolitical conflict through Ningol Chakouba, a transcending social familial event”** (Surekha Longjam)
- 2) **“The Ethno-phobia and enduring violent conflict In Afghanistan”** (Hasrat Hussain)

SEMINAR - ADDRESSING RELIGIOUS CONFLICT AT INTRASTATE LEVEL

(moderated by Nerea Bilbatua)

1. **“Impartiality and Governance of Identity Conflict: Study on Sunni-Shiite Conflict in Sampang Indonesia (2004-2012)”** (Novri Susan)
2. **“Perspectives of the Subanen Tribe on the New Bangsamoro Political Entity”**
(Ebrahim Ampuan)

- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 Launch of new book: **“Resolving Conflict in Muslim Mindanao: Showcasing Four Traditional Mechanisms”**
Introduction by Inanna Göbel-Bösch
Speech by Sarah Radam, Research Coordinator Institute of Bangsamoro Studies
Presentation of research paper by Mrs Juwairiya Lingga, Institute of Bangsamoro Studies
“Conflict resolution among the Tedurays in UPI/Mindanao”
- 17:45 Meet at lobby & transport to dinner & circus venue
- 18:00 Optional- (please register in advance):
Dinner & Circus Phare – “The Cambodian Circus”

Sunday, 8th December 2013

PEACE PRACTITIONERS’ SELF-REFLECTION ON IDENTITY-CONSIDERATIONS; FINAL DISCUSSION; CLOSING OF CONFERENCE

- 9:00 – 09:45 **Reflection on Saturday’s seminars (moderated by Juwahiriya Lingga)**
Insights from seminar “Addressing Ethnopolitical conflict at intrastate level”
(Soth Plai Ngarm)
Insights from seminar “Addressing religious conflict at intrastate level”
(Nerea Bilbatua)
Questions & Answers & feedback from participants
- 9:45 **PLENARY SESSION: PEACE PRACTITIONERS’ SELF-REFLECTION ON IDENTITY-
CONSIDERATIONS** (moderated by Dr. Bilveer Singh)
“Essential Identity Considerations for Elicitive Conflict Transformation”
(Noah Taylor)
“Identity-based conflicts in Myanmar “ (Isaac Khen)
Questions & Answers and group discussion
- 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 Reflection on the Conference (Dr. Kathryn Poethig)
Closing Remarks (Sweta Velpillay- representing Emma Leslie in her absence)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Depart to Angkor Wat (optional – please register in advance)