



**r4d.ch Regional Science Fair South-east Asia:
Role for Development Research During
Global Socio-Economic Uncertainty**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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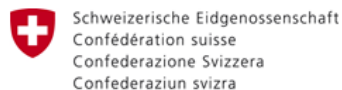
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Hotel Avani - Luang Prabang, Lao PDR

16-17th March 2023

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March 15th 2023: Arrival and Welcome Dinner 19:00 at Hotel Avani, Luang Prabang

March 16th 2023: Day 1

Opening Session: Welcome and Keynote Address @ Avani Meeting Room 2nd floor

- 08:30 – 08:45 Dr. Kikeo Chanthabouly - Vice President, LASES
- 08:45 – 09:00 Local Representative - Swiss Development Cooperation Agency
- 09:00 – 09:30 **1st Keynote Address: Role of Development Research During Socio-Economic Uncertainty** –*Sthabandith Insisienmay*

Session 1: Employment and Skills @ Avani Meeting Room 2nd floor

- 09:30 - 10:00 What should lead skill formation? Views on technical and vocational education training (TVET) and private sector in Vietnam - *Dang Hoang Vi*
- 10:00 – 10:30 Exploring Insights into Vocational Skills Development and Industrial Transformation in Cambodia - *Veung Naron*
- Coffee Break*
- 10:45 – 11:15 The skills formation system in Vietnam: The perspectives from multi stakeholders - *Nguyễn Thanh Thuỷ*
- 11:15 – 11:45 Skill development and skill formation systems in industries: Firm-level analysis of Cambodia's manufacturing industry – *Ing Kvanthai*
- 11:45 – 12:15 Factors shaping skills training programs in Cambodia: Implications for the future development of training programs to meet industrial skills needs - *Yi Kuchvisal*
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch**

Session 2: Social Conflict and Public Health @ Avani Meeting Room 2nd floor

- 14:00 – 14:30 Questioning the Mantra 'All for One and One for All: The Reintegration of Aceh's Female Ex-combatants – *Arifah Rahmanwati*
- 14:30 – 15:00 SGBV in North Ace during the Conflict Era (2000-2003) - *Wariyatun*
- Coffee Break*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Negotiating Ethnic Conflict in Deeply Divided Societies: Political Bargaining and Power Sharing as Institutional Strategies – *Mansi Awasthi*
- 15:30 – 16:00 Cholangiocarcinoma: A Fatal Disease Associated with Liver Fluke Infection in Laos - *Somphou Sayasone*

Documentary Film Screening and Networking Event, with Buffet Dinner at Hotel Avani

- 18:30 onward Film Title: **Inequality and Conflict - Beyond us and them**

March 17th 2023: Day 2

Opening Session: Keynote Address @ Avani Meeting Room 2nd floor

08:30 – 09:00 **2nd Keynote: Research Partnerships for Sustainable Development**
- Gilles Carbonnier

Session 3: Development Challenges in Lao PDR @ Avani Meeting Room 2nd floor

09:00 - 09:30 Commodity Trade Mispricing in Laos: Risks and Evidence - *Viriyasack Sisouphanthong*

09:30 - 10:00 Informality and IFF risks in artisanal mining value chains: a systematic assessment framework – *Joschka Proksik*

10:00 – 10:30 Improving Food Processing Labor Skills Through Cooperative Training - *Santiphap Meunmany*

Coffee Break

Session 4: Ecosystems @ Avani Meeting Room 2nd floor

10:45 – 11:15 Land use shift patterns in humid tropical forest frontiers - *Phokham Latthachack*

11:15 – 12:00 Preservation of Central Asian fruit tree forest ecosystems from fire blight - *Tinatin Doolotkeldieva*

Video Presentation: Dissemination of symptoms and methods of dealing with fire blight by local residents and plant protection experts - *Saikal Bobushova*

12:00 – 12:30 Economic Development and Smallholder Agency in Lao PDR - *Sithong Thongmanivong*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

Session 5: Development Challenges in Nepal @ Avani Meeting Room 2nd floor

14:00 – 14:30 Improving Responsiveness of Primary Health Care to Address the Double Burden of Non-communicable and Neglected Tropical Diseases - *Suman Bahadur Singh*

14:30 – 15:00 Municipal Solid Waste Management: Reflection from the Study of Kathmandu Valley of Nepal - *Yamuna Ghale Upreti*

15:00 – 15:30 Recognising Informal Waste Workers: Changing Social Acceptance and Livelihoods through Samyukta Safai Jagaran - *Yash Man Karmacharya*

15:30 – 16:00 Black Gold in Shadow: Challenges Faced by Big Cardamom on Nepal in Global Market - *Bishnu Raj Upreti*

Closing Remarks Dr. Kikeo Chanthabouly - Vice President, LASES

Documentary Film Screening and Networking Event, with Buffet Dinner at Hotel Avani

18:30 onward Film Title: **Missing Dollars: Curbing Illicit Financial Flows to Finance Sustainable Development**

Event Logistics

Presentation Location: Avani Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Hotel Avani

Presentation Format: We recommend 20min presentation (PowerPoint, video and/or poster), plus 10min for Discussion, Q&A with audience

Exhibition: All invitees are cordially invited to display their research and policy outputs, including posters, research and policy briefs, publications and reports, and videos in **Meeting Room, 1st Floor**

List of Presenters and Institutional Affiliations:

Bishnu Raj Upreti	Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research (NCCR)
Bounseng Khammounty	Vocational Education Development Institute
Tinatin Doolotkeldieva	Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University
Mansi Awasthi	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India
Dang Hoang Vi	Hochiminh University of Education and Technology
Ing Kvanthai	Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI)
Veung Naron	Cambodia Development Resource Institute
Suman Bahadur Singh	B. P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan, Nepal
Arifah Rahmawati	Center for Security and Peace Studies of Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia and ASEAN Women for Peace Registry (AWPR)
Yamuna Ghale Upreti	Nepal Center for Contemporary Research (NCCR)
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Yash Man Karmacharya	NCCR - Centre for Integrated Urban Development (CIUD)
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