



– Institute's Colloquium –

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**Memories in a postconflict society:
40 years after the revolution in Cambodia.**

In the talk two different types of memory about the revolution of the Khmer Rouge will be discussed: 1) memory of everyday life and hardship during the revolution and 2) the material embodiment of memories in forms of killing fields, museums and the presentation of the bones of the dead. The first example relates to collective memory (in the theory of Halbwachs) while the second focusses on abstract (Koselleck) or cultural memory (Assmann). A short introduction of these theories of memory is followed by their application by individual informants and by writers of the Khmer diaspora. The second part on cultural memory analyses the policies of the post-conflict Vietnamese/Khmer government in order 1) to legitimize their invasion as rescue operation and 2) to create the idea of common victimhood as the foundation for the reunification of the country. If time allows psychological aspects of memory, like trauma will be discussed as well.

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Everybody is welcome!