

Memory, Network, and Identity of the Transnational Hmong



Chiang Mai, Thailand
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The Hmong Studies Consortium is a grouping of Hmong Studies scholars living in the United States of America and Asia. The vision of the Hmong Studies Consortium is to bring together a group of scholars interested in Hmong transnational connections, broadly defined. This includes bringing together well-established scholars as well as those beginning their careers. Graduate students are encouraged to actively participate in the conference. The next conference will be held at UNISERV, and organized by the Center for Ethnic Studies and Development (CESD), Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai Thailand. The primary language of the conference will be English.

This international conference on Hmong studies will feature presentations by Hmong and non-Hmong scholars from around the world broadly related to the transnational nature of Hmong memory, network, and identity. Focus will be the following issues:

- History/ oral history/ social memory
- Nostalgia and homeland visit
- Kinship and marriage
- Business/ trading
- Religious movement and practices

- Political movements
- Negotiated identities
- Cross border interactions
- Cyber space connections
- Media and entertainment
- Area and comparative studies

The cost of attending the conference (presenters and other participants) is \$50/person for international participants, and 1,000 Baht for Thai citizens. Snacks and refreshments will be provided during the conference. Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation, either at UNISERV or elsewhere in Chiang Mai.

Scholars within the social sciences and humanities are encouraged to submit individual abstracts not exceeding 250 words, or ideas for panels not exceeding 400 words. Submissions should be sent to Dr. Prasit Leepreecha prasit.lee@cmu.ac.th and Dr. Ian Baird ibaird@wisc.edu and should be received no later than June 30, 2016. Acceptance of abstracts and panel ideas will be confirmed by August 15, 2016.

Note: Please note that this event will be during the Hmong New Year celebration in Thailand, during December 29, 2016 to January 8, 2017. The big event nearby Chiang Mai city will be on January 1, 2017. Villagers from 12 Hmong villages in the area will get together at Doi Pui Hmong village.