

Memories, Networks and Identities of Transnational Hmong



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The Hmong Studies Consortium is a group of scholars with expertise on the Hmong living in the United States of America and Asia. The vision of the Hmong Studies Consortium is to bring together well established and newly emerging scholars who have an interest in Hmong transnational connections, broadly defined. For this reason, graduate students are also encouraged to participate in the conference. This next conference, which will be held at UNISERV, is organized by the Center for Ethnic Studies and Development (CESD) at Chiang Mai University, in Chiang Mai Thailand. The primary language of the conference will be English.

This international conference on Hmong studies aims to feature presentations by Hmong and non-Hmong scholars from around the globe whose work highlights the transnational nature of Hmong memories, networks, and identities. We seek papers on the following themes:

- 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, for both presenters and observers, 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 arranging their own accommodations either at UNISERV or elsewhere in Chiang Mai.

Scholars are encouraged to submit individual abstracts not exceeding 250 words, or panel abstracts not exceeding 400 words. Panel abstracts must also contain the individual abstracts of each presenter as well. Email submissions to Dr. Prasit Leepreecha (prasit.lee@cmu.ac.th) and Dr. Ian Baird (ibaird@wisc.edu) by June 30, 2016. Acceptance of abstracts will be confirmed by August 15, 2016.

Note: this conference will be occurring during the Hmong New Year celebration in Thailand, which will take place from December 29, 2016 to January 8, 2017. The main event that draws participants from twelve Hmong villages will take place at Doi Pui village, near Chiang Mai city on January 1, 2017.