



UC Berkeley, Center for Southeast Asia Studies
22nd Annual Conference
"Producing People and 'Nature' as Commodities in Southeast Asia"
February 4 –5, 2005
150 University Hall

Friday, FEB 4

DAY 1

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Peter Zinoman, Chair, Center for Southeast Asia Studies
Associate Professor, History, UC Berkeley

Nancy Lee Peluso, Co-Chair, CSEAS 22nd Conference Committee
Professor, Environmental Science, Policy & Management, UC
Berkeley

9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

PANEL 1: Constructing "New" Commodities

"What's New with the Old? Restructuring Asia's Markets,
Reorganizing Indonesia's Timber Industry"
Paul Gellert, Cornell University

"Old Markets, New Commodities: Live Reef Food Fish in South
Sulawesi, Indonesia"
Dorian Fougères, UC Berkeley

"Commodifying Malaysian Resources: The Case of the Bio Valley"
Sandra Smeltzer, University of Western Ontario

Discussant: **Joseph Nevins**, Vassar College

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 – 1:15 p.m.

PANEL 2: Producing "Natural" Commodities

"Nature as Commodity: Global to Local Iterations"
Tania Li, University of Toronto

"Colonizing the River: Converting Water into Property and Power in
the Mekong Basin"
David Biggs, UC Riverside

"Contingent Commodities"
Anna Tsing, UC Santa Cruz

Discussant: **Nancy Lee Peluso**, UC Berkeley

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1:15 – 2:30 p.m. LUNCH (on own)

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. **PANEL 3: Creating the Rational Subject**

“Image Repertoire: Marketing Managers’ Performances in Lao Hydropower Mitigation”

Jerome Whittington, UC Berkeley

“Islamic Ethics and the Spirit of Neo-Liberalism: Spiritual Economy in an Indonesian State-Owned Enterprise”

Daromir Rudnyckyj, UC Berkeley

“New Slaves of an Apparel Industry: Human Commodities and Disposable Bodies under a New Regime of Factory Production”

Piya Pangsapa, SUNY Buffalo

“Labor Strikes in an Age of Globalization: Vietnamese Garment Workers, Labor Unions, Global Civil Society and the State”

Angie Ngoc Tran, CSU Monterey Bay

Discussant: **Aihwa Ong**, UC Berkeley

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Saturday, FEB 5

DAY 2

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 – 10:45 a.m.

PANEL 4: Radical Transformations on Land

"Post-Colonial Concessions, State Effects and Violence in Burma"
Ken MacLean, University of Michigan

"Explaining Institutional Change: Property Rights in Land in Thailand"
Tomas Larsson, Cornell University

"The New Million Hectare Plan: Spreading Palm Oil Plantations and Organizing Resistance in Central Kalimantan"
Greg Acciaioli, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

Discussant: **Annette Clear**, UC Santa Cruz

10:45 – 11:00 p.m.

Break

11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

PANEL 5: Negotiating Between Scales of Space and Time

"Plantation Networks and New Forest Commodities in the Mekong Region"
Keith Barney, York University

"Commodifying Bornean Forest: Transformation of the Kemena Basin Society in Sarawak, Malaysia"
Mayumi Ishikawa, Osaka University & **Noboru Ishikawa**, Kyoto University

"Commodities and Actors: Palm Sugar to Shrimp Farming in Southern Thailand"
Peter Vandergeest, York University

"Producing Tree-Based Commodities in Indonesia: Historical Perspectives, Modern Issues"
Lesley Potter, Australian National University

Discussant: **Frank Hirtz**, UC Davis

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Discussion
Closed Session for Conference Panelists only

Moderated by **Nancy Lee Peluso**, UC Berkeley & **Joseph Nevins**,
Vassar College

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Informal reception – all welcome

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