

Aiding Southeast Asia: Exploring further Chinese projection in Southeast Asia (2000-2022)

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Scholar works investigating relations between China and Southeast Asia are undertaking an important renewal since the rising international power of China and the adoption of the Belt and Road Initiative. The papers gathered in these panels will shed light on different processes and materializations of Chinese investments and development aid in Southeast Asia. Wishing to provide cross-cutting and multidisciplinary analysis of what we name the “Chinese projection” abroad, the contributions will explore the circulation and landing of China's projects and capital in Southeast Asian countries, as well as the mechanisms of negotiation and partnership that shape them. By defending the importance of empirical and contextual approaches, we wish to contribute to the analysis of the role of Chinese actors and capital flows in the evolution of the regional politico-economic environment and in the transformation of territorial dynamics.

Panel 1

Discussant: Nathalie Fau (CESSMA, University of Paris)

a. *China's power play in Indonesia: infrastructure investment and territorial incursions*

By Daniel Peterson (Deakin University, Australia; KILTV, Leiden)

b. *China's diplomacy negotiators in Southeast Asia: individual trajectories, business sphere and chamber cooperation*

By Hui Yun Cher (INALCO, Paris); Xavier Delannay (Sciences po and CASE, Paris) and Aymeric Mariette (UP, CASE, Paris)

c. (to be decided)

Panel 2

Discussant: Marie Gibert, University of Paris.

a. *The anchoring of Chinese capital in Sihanoukville, Cambodia: shaping territories as investment platforms*

By Robin Laillé (Université de Montréal, Canada), Antonin Morin and Gabriel Fauveaud (Université de Montréal, Canada)

b. *Paving the way for investments? A fresh look at China's foreign aid in Southeast Asia*

By Elsa Lafaye de Micheaux (Université de Rennes, France), Chiang Min-Hua National (University of Singapore) and Muriel Périsset (Université d'Artois, France)

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