Thai-Yunnan Project Workshop

At risk, under care: nurturing culture, the environment and the human in the Thai-Yunnan region

Thursday 27 November 2014 Sparke Helmore Law Theatre 1
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Organised by the Department of Anthropology (School of Culture, History and Language) and the ANU Southeast Asia Institute, this workshop aims to bring together academics and students from The ANU and partner institutions, in an enquiry on the intersections between national and regional processes of territorialization, and the responses on the part of the local populations and ecologies put at risk by such processes, in the borderlands of China and mainland Southeast Asia. Beyond stereotypes of predatory states and corporations, and apocalyptic images of environmental and cultural destruction, the workshop invites an anthropological and historical investigation into the multiple and locally idiosyncratic agencies engaged in exchanges of care and protection in a region in continuous transformation, with an emphasis on cross-border and trans-national phenomena.

The Thai-Yunnan Project was initiated at The ANU by Prof. Gehan Wijeyewardene at the end of the 1980s. One of the aims of this workshop is to celebrate the long-term connections our university maintains with this region, while advancing them into a new chapter of multi-disciplinary research and co-operation. Presentations will be concentrated on the first day of the workshop (Thursday 27th), with a roundtable discussion to be held in the morning of the second. We invite ANU academics and students to participate in this collective exploration of continuities and transformations in the Thai-Yunnan region.

No registration is required but for catering purposes please RSVP at:
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