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lädt Sie zu folgendem Online-Vortrag ein:

“Like a Python Wraps Its Prey”:

Competing Oral Histories about Vietnam among Cambodian Political Actors



Vietnam, to the south and east of modern Cambodia, has had a continuous presence in Cambodian history and has always played a significant role in shaping Cambodian politics. As a result, memories of Vietnam in Cambodia are subject to contestation among political actors, contributing to broader memory politics. The main objective of this lecture is to analyze competing oral history narratives related to Vietnam and told in Cambodia by current Cambodian political actors. Based on empirical data gathered from interviews with 51 actors, it is seen how the narratives of these actors are influenced by their political affiliation and mediated by geographical spaces and past personal experiences. Memory politics in Cambodia about Vietnam are influenced by a macro-political context that is embedded in, but also mediated by individual factors at the micro level. The micro level context of

geographical spaces and the individual experiences also determine which memories are remembered and which are deemed appropriate in particular spaces and in the context of particular experiences. Selectivity and silence play a role in resolving conflicts between macro political narratives and micro individual contexts.

Online-Lecture *via Zoom & in English*

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