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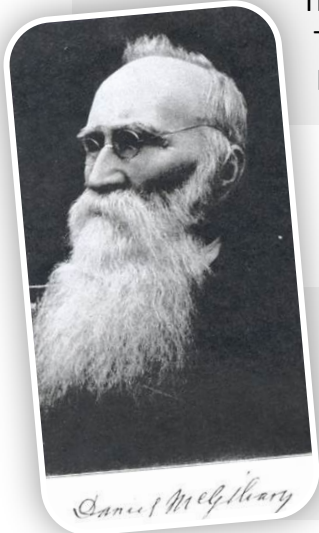
Die Hamburger Gesellschaft für Thaiistik e.V.
in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Arbeitsbereich Thaiistik
der Abteilung Sprachen und Kulturen Südostasiens des AAI
lädt Sie zu folgendem Online-Vortrag ein:

Between Missionaries and Neighbors: The Formation of the Nineteenth Century Northern Thai Protestant Community

The Northern Thai Protestant community from its inception in the 1870s wrestled with the conflicting ideological expectations of its Western missionary patrons and the religious expectations of its Buddhist/animist neighbors. In the hothouse of these contending expectations, Northern Thai Protestants created a new religious community in which they reimagined missionary Christianity in ways that made sense to them culturally while putting religious, social, and physical distance between themselves and their neighbors. They accepted missionary beliefs but then pared down the Western dualisms inherent in those beliefs while transforming the missionaries' emphasis on right thinking (orthodoxy) into a more culturally appropriate emphasis on correct religious behavior (orthopraxy). The result is a hybrid Christian community that arguably is as northern Thai as are other northern Thai and as Protestant as are the Protestantisms of other nations.



This community's experiences offer a window into the way in which the various peoples of Thailand continue to wrestle with the religious tensions between their historical ways of life and secularizing modernization.



Online-Lecture *via Zoom* & *in English*

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Friday, 20 May 2022

14h-16h (CEST)

via Zoom: *(copy the link into your webbrowser to join, you might be asked to download the software)*

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