‘Returning Dignity’

The 23rd Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies
8th - 12th March 2014 at Chiang Mai University

Conference program: http://www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/annualmeeting/23.php

Day 1: Public Event, 8 March 2014
8th floor, HB7 Building, Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University

9:00 – 10:30  Introduction by Kjell Skyllstad and Evelin Lindner
10:30 – 12:00  Presentation by AIPP (Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact) Overview of ethnic and indigenous human rights in Asia
12:00 – 1:30  Lunch
1:30 – 3:00  Film: ‘Killing the Mekong, Dam by Dam’, by Tom Fawthrop with discussion.
3:00 – 4:30  Special Talk: ‘A Voice from Indigenous People’ by Joni Odochaw, a Karen sage from Ban Nong Thao and the former village headman
4:30 – 5:30  Curator Walk: ‘Majesty in the Mountains’, by Victoria Vorreiter

Exhibition of Photos and Artifacts by Victoria Vorreiter

Day 2: Public Event, 9 March 2014
8th floor, HB7 Building, Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University

9:00 – 9:05  Welcome by Dr. Chayan Vaddhanaputhi
9:05 – 10:20  Special Talk: ‘Update from Burma’ by Garrett Kostin, Burma Study Center
10:20 – 10:35  Coffee break
10:35 – 11:50  ‘Prospects for Peace and National Reconciliation in Burma/Myanmar’ by Alex James, Burma Partnership
11:50 – 12:20  Presentation: ‘Dignity Amidst the Rubbish’ by Jeffrey Warner
12:20 – 1:45  Lunch
1:45 – 2:45  ‘Nothing About Us Without Us: Refugees, Repatriation, and Representation’
2:45 – 4:00  Women’s issues in Burma
4:00 – 4:15  Coffee break
5:25 – 5:30  Concluding Remarks by Evelin Lindner

Exhibition of Photos by Jeffrey Warner

Day 3: Public Event, 10 March 2014

Full day excursion and overnight homestay in a Lahu Village
Hosted by ‘Suan Lahu’, Lahu Coffee and Culture in Northern Thailand, devoted to sustainable coffee farming and preserving Lahu culture,
Led by Carina zur Strassen.

The cost for the field trip, including meals and overnight stay, is 1,500 Thai Baht per person. There will be a small additional cost for the transport.

Day 4: Workshop, 11 March 2014
4th floor, Operations Building, Faculty of Social Sciences, CMU

Return in the morning to Chiang Mai (Sinthana Hotel)
Free morning & Open arrangements for lunch
1:30 – 5:30  Presentations by Conference Attendees
Dinner: Chiang Mai Night Market

Day 5: Workshop, 12 March 2014
4th floor, Operations Building, Faculty of Social Sciences, CMU

9:00 – 12:00  Presentations by Conference Attendees
12:00 – 1:30  Lunch
1:30 – 5:20  Presentations by Conference Attendees
5:20 – 5:30  Parting remarks by Kjell Skyllstad
Dinner: Open arrangements

IMPORTANT NOTE: People who are interested can sign up for the workshop on 11-12 March 2014.

After the conference has concluded:
Those wishing to stay longer in Chiang Mai to learn more about human rights issues in the area are welcomed to take a trip to Mae Hong Son to visit the refugee camps at the Thai-Burma border.

Organizers:
The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSS) and the Center of Ethnic Studies and Development (CESD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, in connection with the Journal of Urban Culture Research and NGOs and individual activities for minority and refugee rights in border areas.