

# Vatthana PHOLSENA

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017 - Research Fellow, CNRS, Centre Asie du Sud-Est (CASE), Paris, France.
- 2014- 2017 Associate Professor, Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore.
- 2011-2013 Research Fellow, CNRS, Institut de recherche sur l'Asie du sud-est contemporaine (IRASEC, *Research Institute on Contemporary Southeast Asia*), Singapore.
- 2007-2010 Research Fellow, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), Institut d'Asie Orientale (*Institute of East Asian Studies*), Lyon, France.
- 2004-2006 Assistant Professor, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore.

### EDUCATION

- PhD Centre for South-East Asian Studies, Department of Politics and Asian Studies, University of Hull, United Kingdom, 2002
- BA and MA Institut d'études politiques-Sciences Po (*School of Political Studies*), Grenoble, France, 1997

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Topics:** State formation and social change in borderland regions (Laos-Vietnam); social history of the Vietnam and Cold Wars; history and memory.

### PUBLICATIONS

- **Single-authored books**

*LAOS. Un pays en mutation*, Paris: Editions Belin-La documentation Française, 2011.

*Post-war Laos: The Politics of Culture, History and Identity*, Singapore/New York: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies/Cornell University Press, 2006.

- **Co-authored books**

*Le Laos au XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle: Les défis de l'intégration régionale*, Bangkok: IRASEC, 2004, co-authored with Ruth Banomyong. Translated and updated edition: *Laos. From buffer-state to crossroads?*, Chiang Mai: Mekong Press, 2006.

- **Edited volumes, Special issues**

*Changing Lives in Laos*, co-edited with Vanina Bouté, Singapore: NUS Press, 2017.

*Interactions with a Violent Past. Reading Post-Conflict Landscapes in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam*, co-edited with Oliver Tappe, Singapore: NUS Press, 2013.

*Laos. Sociétés et pouvoirs*, co-edited with Vanina Bouté, Paris: Les Indes Savantes, 2012.

“The Experience of War: Four Sino-Indochinese Perspectives”, in *European Journal of East Asian Studies*, co-edited with Christopher E. Goscha, Vol. 9(2), 2010.

“Politics of History and National Identity in Contemporary Laos”, in *South-East Asia Research*, co-edited with Bruce M. Lockhart, Vol. 14(3), 2006.

- **Articles in peer-reviewed journals**

“State formation, social hierarchies, and ethnic dynamics: a case from upland Laos”, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Vol. 41(7), 2018.

“Technology and Empire: the Construction of the Yunnan Railway (1900-1910)”, *Critical Asian Studies*, 2015, Vol. 47(4), 2015, pp. 537-557.

“The (Transformative) Impacts of War and Revolution in a border region in Southeastern Laos (1961-1975)”, *War & Society*, Vol. 31(2), 2012, pp. 163-83.

“Life under bombing in Southeastern Laos (1964-1973). Through the Accounts of Survivors in Sepon”, *European Journal of East Asian Studies*, Vol. 9(2), 2010, pp. 267-290.

“Nommer pour contrôler au Laos, de l’Etat colonial au régime communiste”, *Critique Internationale*, 45, 2009, pp. 59-76.

“Highlanders on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Representations and Narratives”, *Critical Asian Studies*, Vol. 40(3), 2008, pp. 445-474.

“The Early Years of the Lao Revolution (1945-49): Between History, Myth and Experience”, *South-East Asia Research*, Vol. 14(3), November 2006, pp. 403-430.

« The Changing Historiographies of Laos: a Focus on the Early Period », *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, Vol. 35 (2), 2004, pp. 235-259.

« Nation/Representation: Ethnic Classification and Mapping Nationhood in Contemporary Laos », *Asian Ethnicity*, Vol.3 (2), 2002, pp.175-197.

- **Book chapters (selected)**

“Politics of Cross-Border Living in Southern Laos-Central Vietnam”, in *Ethnic and Religious Identities and Integration in Southeast Asia*, Keat Gin Ooi and Volker Grabowsky (eds.), Chiang Mai: Silkworm Press. 2017, pp. 31-55.

“There is more to roads: Modernity, Memory and Roads in Hường Hoá -Sepon area between Central Vietnam and Southern Laos”, in *Transnational Dynamics in Southeast Asia: the Greater Mekong Subregion*

*and Malacca Strait Economic Corridors*, Nathalie Fau, Sirivanh Khonthapane and Christian Taillard (eds.), Singapore: ISEAS, 2014, pp. 377-396.

“A Social Reading of a Post-Conflict Landscape: Route 9 in Southern Laos”, in *Interactions with a Violent Past. Reading Post-Conflict Landscapes in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam*, co-edited with Oliver Tappe, Singapore: NUS Press, 2013, pp. 157-185.

“La production ‘d’hommes et de femmes socialistes nouveaux’: Expériences de l’éducation communiste au Laos révolutionnaire”, in *Laos. Sociétés et pouvoirs*, co-edited with Vanina Bouté, Paris: Les Indes Savantes, 2012, pp. 45-67.

“Shifting Visions of the Past: Ethnic Minorities and the ‘Struggle for National Independence’ in Laos”, in *Contestations of Memory in Southeast Asia*, Roxana Waterson and Kwok Kian-Woon (eds.), Singapore: NUS Press, 2012, pp. 83-105.

“In the Line of Fire: The Revolution in the Hinterlands of Indo-China (1957-1961)”, in *L’échec de la paix? L’Indochine entre les deux accords de Genève (1954-1962)*, Christopher Goscha and Karine Laplante (eds.), Paris: Les Indes Savantes, 2010, pp. 341-359.

“Entre passé vécu et passé réécrit : les débuts de la révolution au Sud-Laos (1945-1949)”, in *Recherches nouvelles sur le Laos*, Yves Goudineau and Michel Lorrillard (eds.), Paris: Ecole française d’extrême-orient (EFEO), Études thématiques n° 18, 2008, pp. 621-638.

“A Liberal Model of Minority Rights for an Illiberal Multi-Ethnic State? The Case of the Lao PDR”, *Asian Minorities and Western Liberalism*, in Will Kymlicka and Baogang He (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005, pp. 80-109.