

MEKONG MINI-SEMINAR

“What will be the future of the Mekong?”

WHEN: Wednesday 9th June 2010 at 10.00 – 12.00

WHERE: Room H1, TKK Main Building (next to Restaurant Silinteri)
Aalto University School of Science and Technology
Otakaari 1, Espoo

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The Mekong Region in Southeast Asia is facing many changes, with the Mekong River –the lifeline of the region and the world's 10th largest river– seeing various development plans, most notably in the form of large-scale hydropower construction.

The Mekong mini-seminar will include two inspiring presentations from the region as well as a short introduction to the Mekong research at Aalto University, seeking to understand the different aspects related to the current development plans. After the presentations, there will be a possibility for discussion and for lunch (with own cost).

The seminar is organised in cooperation with Siemenpuu Foundation.

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Opening remarks + introduction to the Mekong research at Aalto University
 - Marko Keskinen, Water & Development Research Group, Aalto University
- 10.15 Save the Mekong: implications of large-scale hydropower plans
 - Premrudee “Eang” Daoroung, TERRA, Thailand
- 10.45 Discussion
- 11.00 The threat of Mekong dams to Cambodia's fisheries, food security & livelihoods
 - Pen Raingsey, NGO Forum Cambodia
- 11.30 Discussion & lunch

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