

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The University of Zurich (Switzerland), the Royal University of Phnom Penh (Cambodia), the National University of Vietnam, Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia) and Mandalay University (Myanmar) invite graduate students to apply for the jointly organized

### International Summer School Southeast Asia in Motion

Royal University of Phnom Penh, 4th – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016



Confirmed speakers include Dr. Ngin Chanrith, Dr. Peou Chivoin and Dr. Heng Naret (Royal University Phnom Penh), Prof. Dr. Pujo Semedi H. Yuwono (Universitas Gadjah Mada), Prof. Dr. Pham Quang Minh and Prof. Dr. Nguyen Tuan Anh (USSH-Vietnam National University), Prof. Dr. Annuska Derks, Michael Meier, Esther Horat and Dr. Olivia Killias (University of Zurich).

'Southeast Asia in Motion' is an international summer school program involving students and scholars from Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar and Switzerland that will be held at the Royal University of Phnom Penh in Cambodia from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2016.

By combining state-of-the-art research in and on Southeast Asia with an innovative teaching format, this summer school gathers students, junior researchers and senior scholars in a two-week intensive program around a topic that has played a key role in social and political transformation processes across the region over the last decades: "development". From the demise of large state-led development programs in post-Suharto Indonesia to the redefinition of development in post-*Đổi mới* Vietnam, the question of what has happened to large national and international development projects in the wake of political and economic turmoil has been key to recent research in and on the region, and has led to a renegotiation of what "development" entails, leading scholars to question developmental nationalism and "the will to improve" (Li 2007) and to formulate concepts such as "the afterlife of development" (Rudnyckyj 2010).

#### Structure of the summer school

In the first week of the summer school, students will get an introduction into fundamental theories on the concept of "development" by lecturers of the participating universities. The lectures will be closely related to each lecturer's on-going research – from the unfolding and experiences of *Đổi mới* seen through the analysis of an ordinary object (Derks 2015), to the politics of agrarian development in Indonesia (Pujo Semedi H. Yuwono 2014) to the challenges of NGO accountability in Cambodia (Ngin 2004). In the second week of the summer school, students will train their skills in ethnographic research methods by exploring field sites in and around Phnom Penh and carry out practical assignments in mixed groups. Reflecting on these assignments, students and lecturers will discuss what it actually means to do ethnographic research on social and political transformation processes – both within and beyond Asia.

#### Applications

The summer school is primarily open to graduate and postgraduate students. Participants are selected on the basis of a competitive call for applications, and will be provided travel allowances and accommodation for the duration of the summer school.