



"Water Security in the Mekong Region: Looking to the Future"
Friday 21 June 2024, 1.30 pm-3.30 pm (Hanoi/Bangkok time, ICT), Hybrid
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Introduction

The Mekong Region is currently facing multiple environmental challenges that, compounded by the effects of climate change, are undermining the sustainable development of the region and further delaying nations from achieving SDG targets. To encourage discussions on these issues, the Institute for Human Studies and SUMERNET Young Professionals will co-organize a seminar on the topic **"Water Security in the Mekong Region: Looking to the Future"**. The main objectives of this seminar are to: (1) exchange successes and challenges on issues relating to water security and sustainable development; and (2) explore the role of young professionals in addressing these issues.

About the hosts

The Institute of Human Studies (IHS)

The Institute of Human Studies (<http://ihs.gov.vn>) is a research institute of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (a government agency) (<https://vass.gov.vn>) based in Hanoi, Vietnam. IHS functions in studies of theoretical and practical issues on human development, human security, and human rights; providing scientific grounds for the formulation of guidelines, strategies, plans, and social policies in Vietnam; providing consultation, education, and training services for the human resource development of the country.

SUMERNET Young Professionals (SYP)

SYP is under the Sustainable Mekong Research Network (SUMERNET, www.sumernet.org) Programme with its Secretariat hosted by the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI Asia) in Bangkok, Thailand. SYP's mission is to engage young professionals of all genders in the Mekong Region and beyond on the critical issues of today (e.g. water security) and contribute to a more sustainable Mekong future for all.

Date and time:

21 June 2024 (Fri), 01.30 pm to 03.30 pm (ICT)

Place:

- **Onsite:** Conference room B at Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, No. 1 Lieu Giai Street, Hanoi, Vietnam. Register [here](#) if you are attending onsite.
- **Online:** [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Participants: approximately 30 onsite participants and 30 online participants (students, early career professionals and everyone who is interested in the topic)

Language: English, Vietnamese (The seminar will provide simultaneous translation.)

Recording: The seminar will be recorded, and the recording will be shared on SUMERNET YouTube channel.

Agenda:[Zoom Registration Link](#)

Time/Duration	Agenda	Who
MC: Phan Thanh Thanh (Ph.D.) Bouanong Lathouly, SUMERNET Fellow		
Session 1: Opening and Introduction (15 min)		
01.30 – 1.35 pm (5 mins)	Welcome, Introduction to SYP and Institute of Human Studies	Phan Thanh Thanh, Ph.D Institute of Human Studies SUMERNET Steering Committee SYP Advisor
01.35 – 01.45 pm (10 mins)	Opening remarks	Dr. Chantana Wungaeo, Chairperson, SUMERNET Steering Committee (online) Dr. Nguyen Thi Hoai Le, Associate Professor, Director of Institute of Human Studies, VASS
Session 2: Presentation (35 min)		
01.45 – 02.20 pm (35 mins)	- Presentation 1 (15 min) “Successful stories on water security in the Mekong River: prospects for the future” - Presentation 2 (10 min) <i>(online)</i> “Groundwater Security and Climate Change” - Presentation 3 (10 min) <i>(online)</i> “Taking Action on Water Issues: Young Professionals as Agents of Change”	- Dr. Nguyen Mai Dang, Associate Professor and Dean School of International Education, Thuyloi University, Hanoi, Vietnam - Ms Phonevilay Soukhy, Program Manager China Exploaration and Research Society (CERS), Lao PDR - Ms. My Le Fellow, Mekong Thought Leadership and Think Tanks Network
02.20 – 02.25 pm (5 mins)	Group Photo + Short Break	Khaing Su
Session 3: Panel Discussion (30 mins)		
02.25 – 02.55 pm (30 mins)	Panel Discussion Panelistes : Dr. Nguyen Mai Dang, Ms Phonevilay Soukhy, Ms. My Le	Moderator – Boripat Lebel, SUMERNET Steering Committee Member, SYP Advisor
02.55 – 03.10 pm (15 mins)	Audience and pre-collected Q&A	Boripat Lebel, SUMERNET Steering Committee Member, SYP Advisor
03.10 – 03.15 pm (5 mins)	Reflection, Key Takeaways, and Closing	Phan Thanh Thanh, Ph.D Institute of Human Studies, SUMERNET Steering Committee, SYP Advisor Dr. Nguyen Thi Hoai Le, Associate Professor, Director of Institute of Human Studies, VASS

End of Seminar		
SYP National Networking Event (only onsite) Onsite Registration Link		
03.30 – 03.40 pm	Session Introduction and Background	Phan Thanh Thanh, Ph.D
03.40 – 04.10 pm	Looking Forward: Future Pathway for SYP	Phan Thanh Thanh, Ph.D
04.10 – 04.20 pm	Reflection, Key Takeaways	Phan Thanh Thanh, Ph.D
04.20 – 04.30 pm	Thank you and Closing	Associate Professor, Dr., Director Nguyen Thi Hoai Le