

**Tentative Program**  
**TRF Seminar Series in Basic Research: The Agrarian Transformation**  
**in Northeast Thailand**

15 September 2014  
Faculty of Agriculture, Khon Kaen University

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:10	Opening session Chairperson: Dr. Arunee Promkhambut (KKU Program on Systems Approaches in Agriculture)
09:00-09:10	Welcome by KKU administrator: Prof. MD. Weerachai Kosuwan (Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer Affairs Khon Kaen University)
09:10-09:40	Opening Address by the Director of the Thailand Research Fund
09:40-10:10	Invited speaker: Dr. Jefferson Fox (Senior Fellow, East-West Center)
10:10-10:40	Coffee break
10:40-12:00	Oral presentations - Session 1: The agrarian transformation in Northeast Thailand Chairperson: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suchint Simaraks (KKU Program on Systems Approaches in Agriculture)
10:40-11:10	Prof. Dr. A. Terry Rambo (KKU Program on Systems Approaches in Agriculture): <i>Overview of research by the KKU-TRF basic research project on the agrarian transformation in Northeast Thailand</i>
11:10-11:30	Ms. Pijika Timsuksai (Lecturer, Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University, former CHE doctoral student in the KKU Program on Systems Approaches in Agriculture): <i>Comparison of the ecological structure of homegardens of different ethnic groups in the Sakon Nakhon Basin</i>
11:30-11:50	Ms. Sukanlaya Choenkwan (RGJ doctoral student in the KKU Program on Systems Approaches in Agriculture): <i>Factors influencing the occurrence of high-value agricultural systems in the mountains of Northeastern Thailand</i>
11:50-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:45	Oral presentations - Session 2: The agrarian transformation in Northeast Thailand Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Fukui Hayao (KKU Program on Systems Approaches in Agriculture)
13:00-13:40	Invited speaker: Dr. Chai Podhisita (Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University): <i>Household Dynamics, Capitalism and Agricultural Change in Rural Thailand</i>

13:40-14:00	Mr. Chalee Gedgaew (Lecturer, Udon Thani Rajabhat University, and doctoral student in the KKU Program on Systems Approaches in Agriculture): <i>Tomato seed contract farming: Agriculture as a competitive industry</i>
14:00-14:20	Ms. Patcharaporn Phumchantuk (Lecturer, KKU Department of Agricultural Extension and RGJ doctoral student in the KKU Program on Systems Approaches in Agriculture): <i>The impact of urbanization on agricultural land use in Khon Kaen City</i>
14:20-14:40	Dr. Sorat Praweenwongwuthi (Lecturer, Nakhon Phanom University, and former doctoral student in the KKU Program on Systems Approaches in Agriculture): <i>Changes in land use and agricultural systems on the river bank along the Mekong River</i>
14:40-15:00	Coffee Break
15:00-15:30	Poster Session
15:30-17:00	Oral presentations - Session 3: Restoration of degraded soils in Northeast Thailand Chairperson: Dr. Banyong Toomsan (Retired lecturer in the KKU Agronomy Section)
15:30-16:00	Prof. Dr. Patma Vityakon (Land Resources and Environment Section, Faculty of Agriculture, KKU): <i>Restoration of degraded soils in Northeast Thailand by organic means: Overview of work of the Research Group on Soil Organic Matter.</i>
16:00-16:20	Dr. Phrueksa Lawongsa (TRF Young Researcher Awardee, and Lecturer, Land Resources and Environment Section, Faculty of Agriculture, KKU): <i>Microbial roles in decomposition and restoration of degraded soils in Northeast Thailand.</i>
16:20-16:40	Ms. Ratikorn Saenghaw (Lecturer, Mahasarakham Rajabhat University, and CHE doctoral student in the Land Resources and Environment Section, Faculty of Agriculture, KKU): <i>The roles of soil invertebrates in decomposition and restoration of soils in Northeast Thailand.</i>
16:40-17:00	Mr. Somchai Butnun (RGJ doctoral student in the Land Resources and Environment Section, Faculty of Agriculture, KKU): <i>The use of charcoal for soil fertility restoration in Northeast Thailand: a research perspective.</i>
18:00	Award Presentation and Closing Remarks & Reception