

Student Workshop

“Hanging out with Islamist, Gangsters and Revolutionaries: A Female perspective on The Art of (not) Being Prepared for Fieldwork”

December 4th (wed.) 2019, 12:00 - 13:30

Seminar Room (Room no. 213)

2F, Inamori Foundation Memorial Building, Kyoto University



This seminar is specially designed for graduate students and post-graduate fellows in social sciences and humanities (including other related fields). It will offer insightful research perspectives gathered from over 15 years of ethnographic research experience of both Vilashini Somiah and Sophie Lemière, who have worked closely with exclusive communities and in sensitive contexts. It also highlights the specificities of working as female researchers in male dominated circles. This lively and interactive seminar aims at preparing students for the challenging and often unpredictable nature of field research and the art of ethnographic research. Students will have the opportunity to discuss their own experiences, fieldwork and ethnographic methodology with peers during the session.

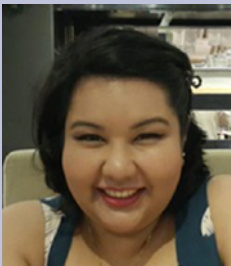
This unique session will also be followed by a one-on-one between both speakers and eager students who would like to receive “tailored” advice for their research.(13:30 ~)

This is limited to only the first 10 students who register.

Registration →
For one-on-one session



Dr. Sophie LEMIERE, Ash Center, HKS, Harvard University, Visiting Fellow at CSEAS
Sophie Lemièrè is a political anthropologist at Harvard University, and a Visiting Fellow at CSEAS. She is currently writing her first monograph on political legitimacy based on her experience in the inner circles of Mahathir from December 2017 to May 2018.



Dr. Vilashini SOMIAH, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya. Vilashini Somiah is a Sabahan anthropologist who received her PhD from the National University of Singapore. Currently a senior lecturer at the Gender Studies Programme at the University of Malaya, she maintains a keen interest for underrepresented narratives of women, migrants and Bornean living in the interiors. Outside of academia, she writes ethnographic articles on the local socio-political landscape.

Organizer: Dr. Sophie LEMIERE, and Dr. Hiroyuki YAMAMOTO, Associate Professor, CSEAS, Kyoto University

