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I am currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University. Before moving to Kyoto in August 2019, I was a research fellow at the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) in the Netherlands between February and July 2019. Having been born and raised in Cambodia, I received a master's degree in Southeast Asian Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, and a PhD in History from the National University of Singapore under a joint doctoral fellowship program between the National University of Singapore and the Harvard-Yenching Institute in April 2018.

During my two-year appointment as a postdoctoral fellow at CSEAS, I am working on a book manuscript based on my PhD dissertation tentatively titled "An Intellectual History of Cambodia: From Conventional Chronicles to Scholarly Historiography, 1850s-1960s". The manuscript seeks to understand how new ways of historical thinking, new genres of writing, and historical representation emerged from the

interconnected and layered contexts of the second half of the 19th century and first half of the 20th century Cambodia. It is an historical research of how the establishment of French colonization and the emergence of new ways of historical representation brought about epistemological changes and different discourses about Cambodian history among local intellectuals.

My current research interests also touch upon issues concerning ethnicities in Southeast Asia during the post-independence period. Besides working on the completion of my first book manuscript, I hope to write one or two journal articles on the politics of ethnicity, national identity, and citizenship of post-independence Cambodia through a comparative perspective with other parts of the region, especially Thailand and Indonesia.