

Brief introduction to the MK31, MK32 and MK33 projects



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- **The project's goals are:**
 - To strengthen the capacity for undertaking research and policy engagement of scholars and practitioners of water, land and energy use, management and governance in the Salween Basin.
 - To research on and raise the profile of gender and other forms of social marginalization.
 - To build a learning community amongst fellows who are scholars and practitioners, and link them across the Mekong, Red and Salween River basins.

The WLE program is a “Research 4 Development” project

Who is involved?

- Centre for Social Development Studies, Chulalongkorn University (Nu-Thanlwin-Salween River Basin)
- Mekong Sub-region Social Research Centre, Ubon Ratchathani University (Mekong River Basin)
- Vietnam Academy of Water Resources (Red River Basin)
- Plus over eight “collaborating partners”, including: MEI, RUPP, GMS Center, SEI, CSIRO, Ryerson University, and RCSD.
- With support from Australian Aid and the CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems



Who is involved?

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How will these outcomes be achieved

- This project offers 36 university, civil society and government researchers a 16 month mentored fellowship program to research in the Mekong, Red and Salween River basins
- Each research fellow will produce *timely* and *needed* research, and share their findings through:
 - Writing a research report,
 - Producing a conference paper,
 - Writing a policy brief
 - Write a blog
 - Joining national and international conferences/ policy seminars

Research themes / outcomes

- **Water Governance:** The outcome sought under this focus is that negotiations and decisions about water-related policies, institutions and practices are more inclusive, informed and accountable
- **Healthy Rivers:** The outcome sought under this topic is that river management decisions within the Greater Mekong will be informed and strengthened by regionally-appropriate, equitable, river health frameworks, data collection and monitoring systems

Research themes / outcomes

- **River Food Systems:** Projects focusing on this topic will aim to deliver the following outcome: Decisions on locating, designing and operating water infrastructure are improved with evidence of the impacts and opportunities they create for river food systems, both now and in the future.
- **Healthy Landscapes and Ecosystems:** The outcome sought under this topic is that large-scale land use management decisions and investments will employ landscape planning and management methods that take into account riverine ecosystem services with a focus on river health, water supply, aquatic ecosystems and impacts on local livelihoods and development.

Research themes / outcomes

- **Gender and Social Justice:** Understand how gender, class and ethnic considerations/ prejudices are embedded into water governance arenas

Gender is an important cross-cutting theme

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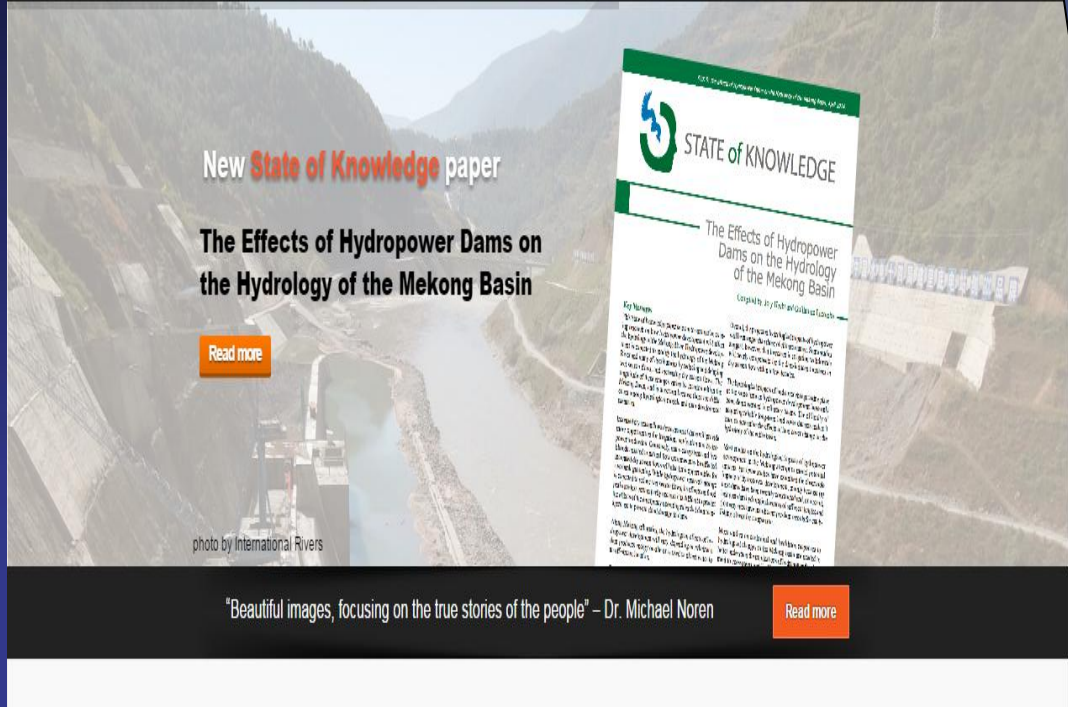


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Professional Development of Water Governance and Regional Development Practitioners in the Nu-Thanlwin-Salween Basin

Introduction

- This project offers 12 university, civil society and government researchers in China, Myanmar and Thailand a 18 month mentored fellowship program to research the Nu-Thanlwin-Salween River Basin
- Each research fellow will produce timely and needed research, and share their findings through: producing a conference paper, a policy brief and blog; writing a research report; and joining national and international conferences/ policy seminars
- The project will build a learning community in the Nu-Thanlwin-Salween River Basin, and link them with related initiatives in the Mekong and Red River basins.

Fellowship themes

- Water Governance
- Healthy Rivers
- River Food Systems
- Healthy Landscape and Ecosystems
- Gender and Social Justice

Opportunities for research fellows

- Capacity building and networking
 - Individual mentoring by an experienced practitioner
 - 3 regional workshops on research design, fieldwork methodologies, and writing (2015-2016), joining research fellows from the Red and Mekong basins
- Organizational capacity building
 - Water governance curriculum workshop (2017) for university researchers, government officials, and civil society
- Policy engagement
 - Participate in three annual "WLE Mekong Forums on Water, Food and Energy"
 - Competitive funds available to join additional relevant conferences and policy forums

Eight research fellows will be invited to extend their fellowships to produce a book chapter or academic paper (late 2016-2017)

Fellowship application process

- Potential fellows from universities, government agencies and civil society are invited to submit a short proposal
- The call for proposals will be announced on 30 March 2015 and to be submitted by 1 May 2015

Lead consortium members

- Centre for Social Development Studies, Chulalongkorn University (Nu-Thantwin-Salween River Basin)
- Mekong Sub-region Social Research Centre, Uson Rajachathani University (Mekong River Basin)
- Vietnam Academy of Water Resources (Red River Basin)

Collaborating partners

- Myanmar Environment Institute (MEI)
- Faculty of Development Studies, Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP)
- GMS Centre, Yunnan University (SE)
- Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- Mekong Research Group (AMRC), University of Sydney
- The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) (Australia)
- Department of Geography, Ryerson University, Canada)
- Regional Centre for Sustainable Development (RCSO), Chiang Mai University

We warmly welcome further collaborating partners

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF WATER GOVERNANCE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS IN THE NU-THANLWIN-SALWEEN BASIN

Led by: Centre for Social Development Studies (CSDS), Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
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Position available: Project coordinator
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The deadline for submission is 22nd May 2015, 17:00 (ICT)

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 - Individual mentoring by an experienced practitioner
 - Partnership with a “buddy mentor” for practical advice and to build relationships across fellowship cohorts
 - 3 regional workshops on research design, fieldwork methodologies, and writing (2015-2016)
- Organizational capacity building
 - Water governance curriculum workshop (2017) for university researchers, government officials, and civil society

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- Policy engagement
 - Participate in two annual “WLE Mekong Forums on Water, Food and Energy”
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- 24 research fellows will be invited to extend their fellowships to produce a book chapter or academic paper (late 2016-2017)

Any Questions?