

Human Sciences Encounters in Phnom-Penh: Past Presentations: Phnom Penh: planned and un-planned City planning

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City planning and land use in Phnom Penh: looking back from “now” to “then”.

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Space is a social product and the production of city space in particular is a cooperative act, combining town planning from “above” and individual land use from “below”. Therefore, any dichotomy of “planned” versus “un-planned” is a false dichotomy. Looking back from Phnom Penh’s “now” (after the fall of the Khmer Rouge-regime) to “then” (colonial times), this lecture will highlight the on-going production of spatial relations between “planning from above” and “from below” as grass-rooted urban planning.