

Human Sciences Encounters in Phnom-Penh: Past Presentations: Making a religious history of Cambodia : why and how

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Making a religious history of Cambodia : why and how ?

In a first part of this presentation, AlainForest will emphasize the various methodological aspects related to: 1. the lack of existing sources; 2. the available studies already targeting those questions.

The second part will give the opportunity to introduce some of the author developments and hypothesis in connection with the various historical periods. Some of the following themes will be approached: the 'origin' representations and myths and their transformations under the Indian representations influence; the non-existence of the 'king-god' and the real impact of the Devarâja cult; the progressive rise of longings to a personal 'délivrance'; the Theravada triumph etc...

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