

Human Sciences Encounters in Phnom-Penh Past Presentations

Ethnography of the fetus in Cambodia

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This conference gave an introduction to the field of research of Clemence Schantz in Cambodia between January and April 2013. It gave an insight on the methodology used and the main research questions were addressed.

Through the term "ethnography", this research aimed to define whether the fetus had a place in Cambodia. The word "place" implies several questions: Is the fetus important in Cambodia? Is it thought about? Is it hidden? Is it verbalized? Is it ignored?

If it is thought about, did the society organize a set of practices around it? Was it included by the State in the legislation?

The presented research questions were structured around the relationship between the fetus and the state, the relationship between the fetus and the Buddhist religion and the place of the fetus in Cambodian society.