



**The Charles B. Wang Center
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Present**

After Empire and After Tyranny: Reinventing Cambodia's Khmer Culture

Featuring

Philippe Peycam

Director of the Center for Khmer Studies
In Siem Reap and Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Monday, November 19

4:00 pm

Wang Lecture Hall 1

From the time of French rule, to decolonization, to the murderous attempt of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge to make it once again a peasant land, Cambodia has especially suffered from imposed Orientalist regimes of knowledge. Today, the Center for Khmer Studies is collaborating with local universities and research centers, as well as with many in the United States and Europe, to aid Cambodia in the tricky task of recovering its historical heritage while at the same time making it a modern and forward-looking nation. Philippe Peycam speaks on how Westerners and political zealots imposed their definition of a Cambodian identity, and what might be the new cultural moves which will help Cambodia build a successful postcolonial society.

Reception to Follow

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