

PUBLIC SPEAKER SERIES

“Why did Western ‘Progressives’ fail to recognise the nature of the Pol Pot regime?”

By Dr. Milton Osborne

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The Documentation Center of Cambodia’s Outreach and Collaboration Project is pleased to announce the fourteenth event in its speaker series, **“Why did Western ‘Progressives’ fail to recognise the nature of the Pol Pot regime?”** by Dr. Milton Osborne. Students as well as the general public are welcome to attend this event.

Dr. Milton Osborne is an author and consultant on Asian issues who has been associated with Southeast Asia for more than fifty years since being posted to the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh in 1959. He is a graduate of Sydney and Cornell Universities (University Medalist and Fulbright Scholar, respectively). While studying for his Cornell PhD in 1965-66 he carried out extended research in Paris, Phnom Penh and Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). Subsequently he held academic positions in Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States and Singapore. In 1980 and 1981 he was a consultant to the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees in relation to the Cambodian refugee problem, working along the Thai-Cambodian border. In 1982 he returned to government service as Head of the Asia Branch of the Office of National Assessments. Since 1993 he has been an independent writer and consultant on Asian issues, based in Sydney, and has been an Adjunct Professor and Visiting Fellow in the Faculty of Asian Studies at the Australian National University, Canberra. From 2005 until 2016 he was a Non-resident Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, Sydney. In 2013 he became a member of the Advisory Board of a major research project funded by the European Commission: 'Integration in Southeast Asia: Trajectories of Inclusion, Dynamics of Exclusion' (SEATIDE). The project is funded by the European Commission and operates under the direction of the Ecole française d’Extrême-Orient, Paris. He is the author of ten books and many articles on Asian subjects including: Southeast Asia: An Introductory History, now in its twelfth edition and which has been translated into Khmer; Politics and Power in Cambodia: The Sihanouk Years; River Road to China: The Search for the Source of the Mekong (a New York Times 'notable book'); Sihanouk: Prince of Darkness, Prince of Light; The Mekong: Turbulent Past, Uncertain Future; and Phnom Penh: A cultural and literary history. In 2013 Dr Osborne was honoured by the French government, when he was appointed a Commandeur in the Ordre National du Mérite, for his past work with French officials and his contribution to the study of France’s role in Asia.

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