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“Innovations in Health System Development in 12th Century Cambodia under King Jayavarman VII”

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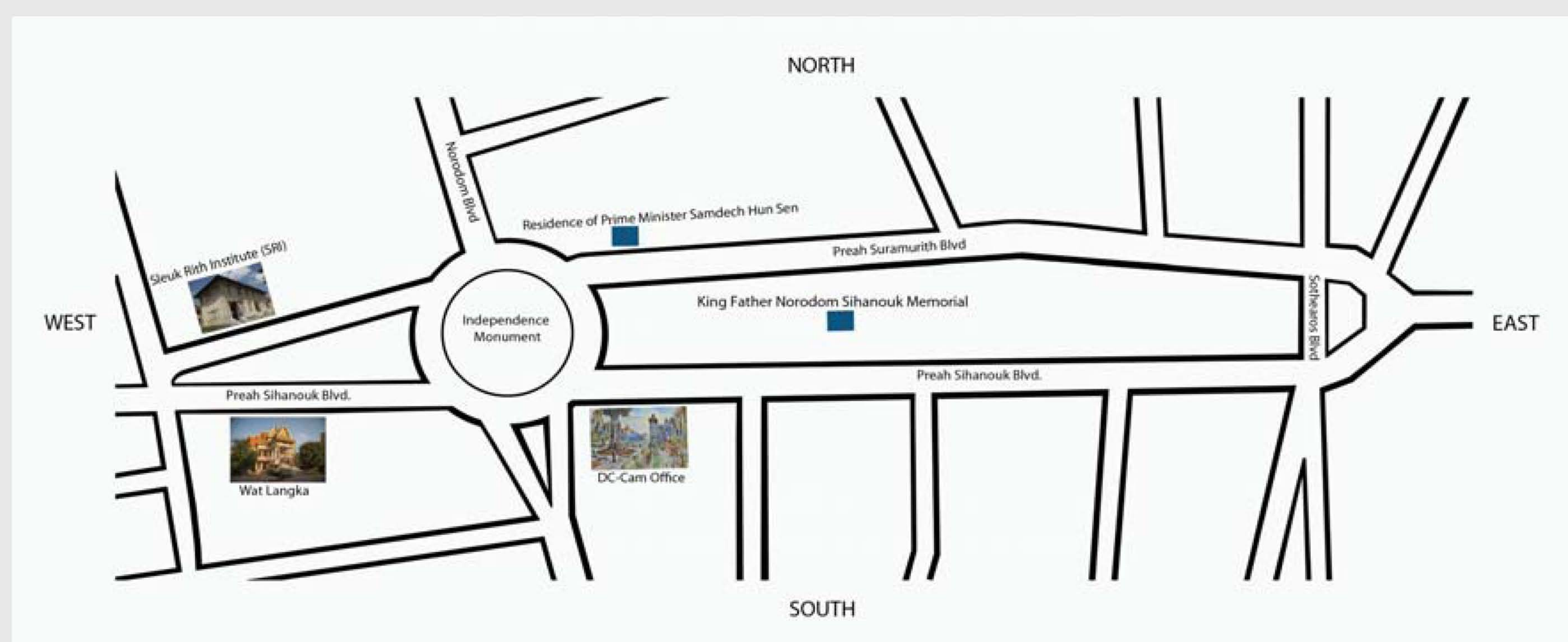
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The Sleuk Rith Institute’s School of Genocide, Conflict and Human Rights Studies is pleased to announce the ninth event in its speaker series. **“Innovations in Health System Development in 12th Century Cambodia under King Jayavarman VII”** will be presented by Oliver Schell. Students as well as the general public are welcome to attend this event.

The Khmer kingdom of Angkor had its greatest expansion during the 12th century AD when it dominated large parts of mainland South East Asia, from the coast of the South China Sea to the Malayan Peninsula and from central Laos to the Mekong Delta. Stone inscriptions indicate that king Jayavarman VII (ruled since 1181/82 AD) developed a public health care system that was financed and run by the royal government to provide universal health care to the population. It seems there was personal commitment and leadership by the king to formulate a central health policy that included appropriate resource allocation, establishment of infrastructure and specific planning for nation-wide roll-out and implementation. The presentation aims to describe the design of the system from a public health perspective including health service mapping, the staffing, logistics and supply as well as the vision and motivation underlying the health policy of Jayavarman VII.

Oliver Schell first came to Cambodia in 1996. He worked in Ratanakiri Province in the field of Tuberculosis control for many years and is a member of the local Cambodian NGO Human and Health, who cooperates with the National Tuberculosis Program. He has worked as independent development consultant for international and national organizations. From 2010 to date, he has studied medicine at the University of Cologne, Germany and is now doing his internship at the Preak Kossmach hospital.



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