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## DOCUMENTATION CENTER OF CAMBODIA (DC-CAM)

### PUBLIC SPEAKER SERIES

#### “Shared Sovereignty in Peacebuilding Processes”

By John Ciorciari

**November 25, 2016, 5pm**

Location: SRI CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY

Building H, National Institute of Education

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The Documentation Center of Cambodia’s Contemporary Art Gallery is pleased to announce the sixteenth event in its speaker series, “Shared Sovereignty in Peacebuilding Processes,” by John Ciorciari. Students as well as the general public are welcome to attend this event.

International actors engaged in peacebuilding efforts often share responsibility for key sovereign functions when national governments are unable to do so effectively. As a middle ground between international administration and mere technical or financial assistance, sovereignty-sharing arrangements aim to buttress local capacity, preserve local ownership and legitimacy, and strengthen state institutions. However, they also carry risks of redundancy, confusion, ownership gaps, and politicized feuds between national and international authorities. Their success depends on maintaining a political equilibrium that is often fragile and fleeting. State leaders are typically reluctant to share sovereign authority, and international partners are not always able and willing to assume sovereign functions effectively. This can lead to misaligned preferences that militate against the design and implementation of effective sovereignty-sharing arrangements. Maintaining the necessary buy-in on both sides requires domestic authorities committed to reform, strong leadership on the international side, and a reasonable match between international supply of services and local demand. Case studies from Liberia, Cambodia, and Timor-Leste illustrate the positive potential of such ventures and the challenges they present in practice.

**John Ciorciari** (JD, Harvard; DPhil, Oxford) is an Associate Professor and Director of the International Policy Center at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. He is also a senior legal advisor to DC-Cam. He is the author of *The Limits of Alignment: Southeast Asia and the Great Powers since 1975* (2010) and co-author with Anne Heindel of *Hybrid Justice: The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia* (2014). He is part of the inaugural class of Andrew Carnegie Fellows, and his research on shared sovereignty is sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

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Men Pechet, Curator

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