

## EUROSEAS – 2017

### Proposition for a panel (3 presenters)

**Title: Zones of Frictions, Marginalities and Peripheries in Southeast Asia**

**Convenor: Dominique Caouette**

Asia is changing rapidly. Today, the region is marked by new dynamics of socio-economic and political confrontations in specific areas described here, as zones of friction between the marginal sectors of Asian societies (peasants, ethnic minorities, urban poor, etc.) and representatives of political and economic elites of these societies, but also the new middle classes. This friction phenomenon is not new, but is becoming increasingly important today.

The panel “Zones of Frictions, Marginalities and Peripheries” aims to examine these zones of frictions to understand their theoretical, methodological, but also practical implications. To do this, we will analyze these zones as spaces for meeting and confrontation through a conceptual lens that place margins of the nation-state at the center, dissecting them through three main dimensions: i) social groups and / or specific actors; ii) areas and territories; iii) strategies and modalities of power and control. By adopting a multidisciplinary approach, we will try to move away from an analytical model based on state-centered perspective to develop to capture some of contemporary phenomena (eg migration, peasant dispossession accelerated suburbanization, illicit activities and indigenous resistance) that are rooted in zone of frictions and often analyzed separately. These phenomena traditionally associated with margins (marginal or marginalized social groups, peripheral areas, traditional knowledge and organizations, subsistence economy, precarious employment, etc.) and are at the heart of many of the region's states.

#### **Individual papers and authors:**

- 1) Stéphanie Martel, Political Science, Université de Montréal, “Policing the Margins: Transnational Insecurity and the State in Southeast Asia”
- 2) Jean Michaud, Anthropology, Université Laval, « 'Look East' and 'Go West'. Encoding Coherence In A Fragmented Ethnoscape On Asia's High Borderlands”
- 3) Dominique Caouette, Political Science, Université de Montréal, « Tense encounters on the margins : The political economy of natural resources and violence in Palawan and Negros, Philippines

**Panel Chair:** Sarah Turner, Geography, McGill University