

Beloved Technologies

Entangled relations in a Cambodian minefield



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Outline



Research Problems



Ethnography



Research Themes

- ◊ Violence & Trauma
- ◊ Environmental crises
- ◊ Transitional justice

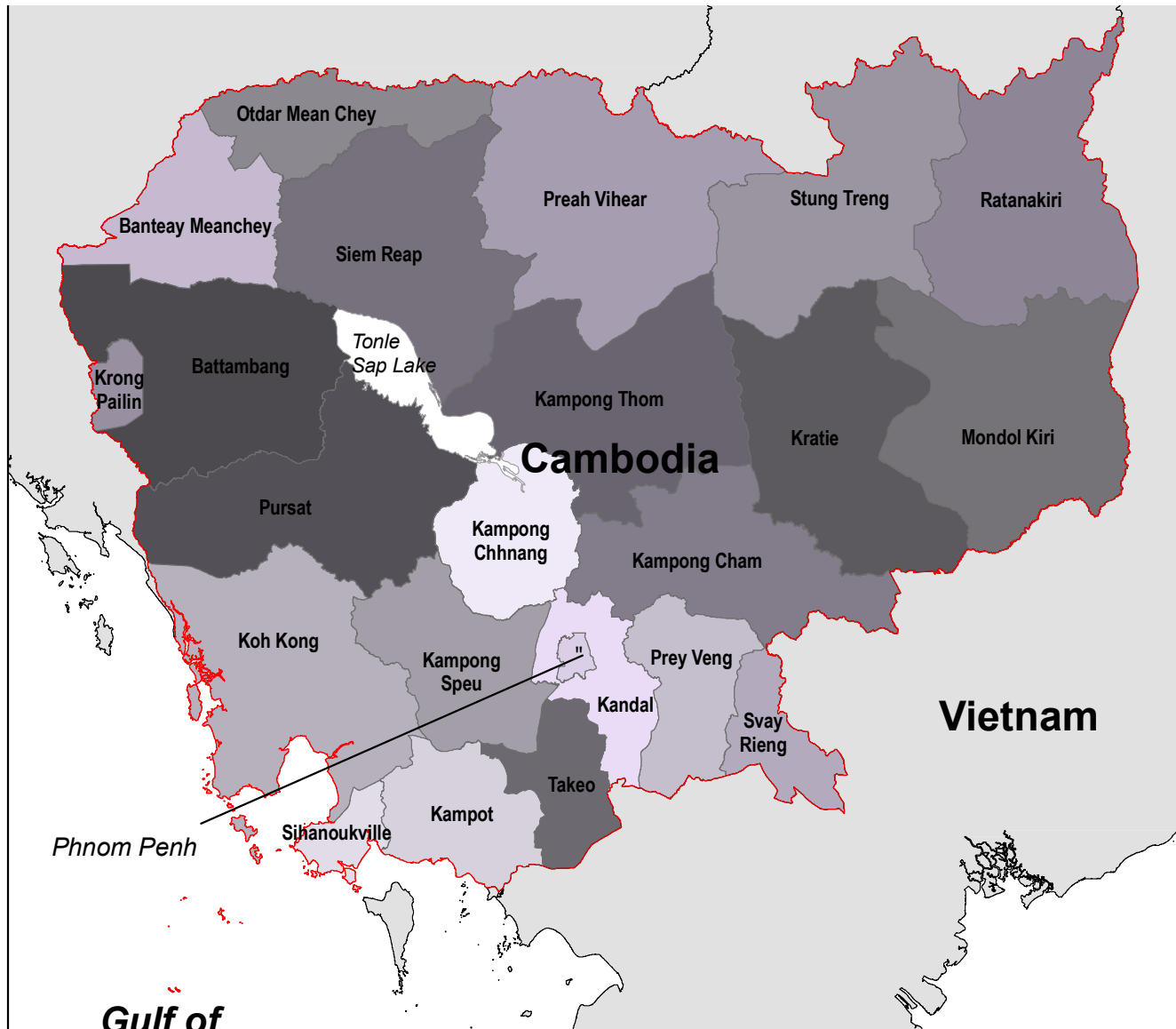




Problems

- Ecologies: generative & deadly
 - How to ecologies reflect larger relations between humans and nonhumans?
- Violence: (post)trauma & materialities of war
 - How can we contend with memories of violence and traumatic stress as a disorder when stress is reinforced by lived realities from the ecology itself?
- Justice: victims & perpetrators
 - What happens to understandings of justice when enmities resurface and when everyone is, at once, perpetrator and victim?











Cambodian Civil
War
1970-1975

Vietnam
War –
1954-1975

US Bombing
1970-1973

1863-1954
French
Colonial
Period

1955-1970
King
Norodom
and King
Sihanouk
Rule

1970-1975
Lon Nol
overthrows
monarchy,
begins a
republic and
civil war
ensues

1975-1979
Pol Pot
Khmer
Rouge
Genocide

1979-1989
Vietnam
overthrow
Pol Pot and
take over
Cambodia

1991-1993
United
Nations
takes over
Cambodia
and hold an
election

1993-present day
Hun Sen threatens
a military coup
when ousted by
votes and then
does take over in a
military coup

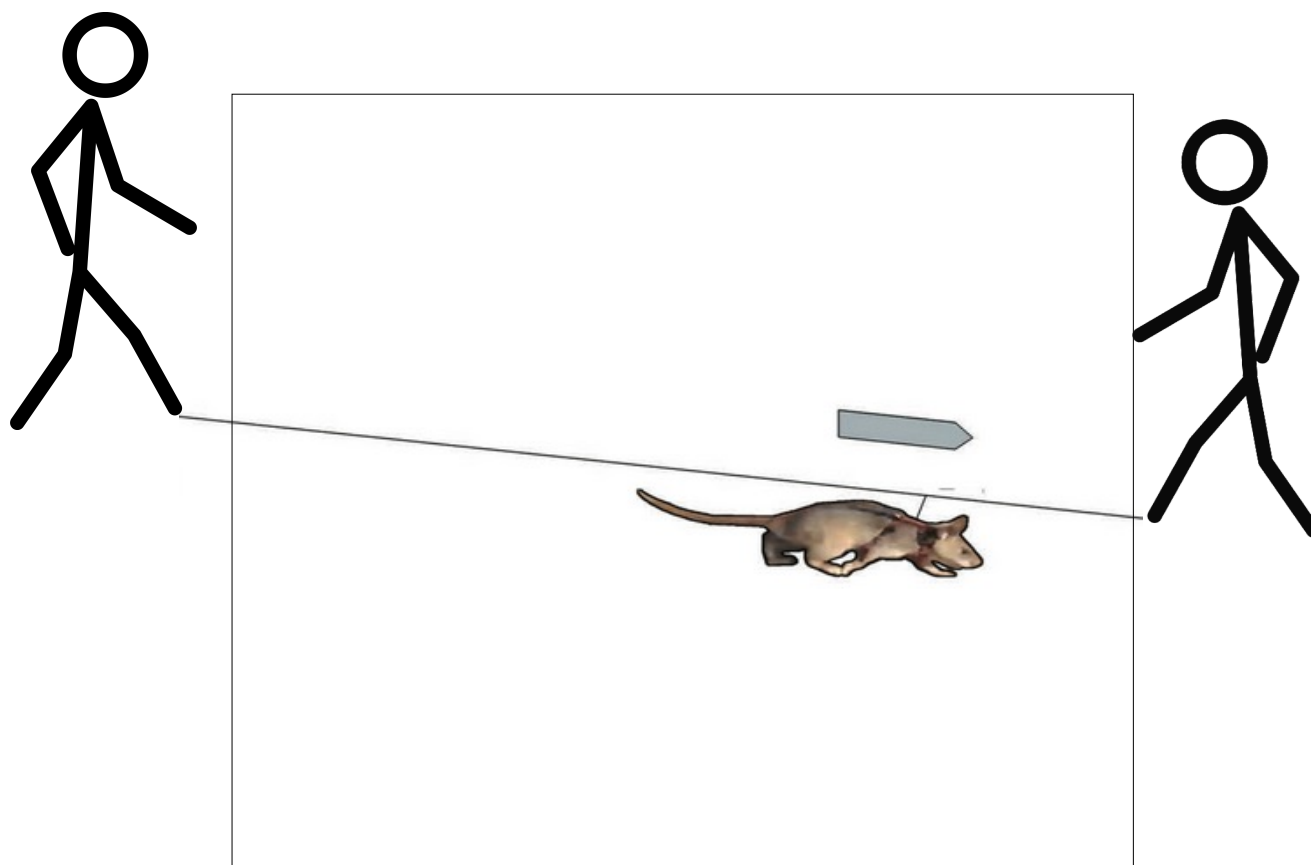




Methodology

- Sensory ethnography
- Montage
- Participant observation
- Qualitative interviews







Human Nature 2014. Sokuntevy Oeur

Love. I love Issac.
Yes, he is an animal.





Metta means I'm sorry you're sorry

Violence & Trauma

Related Publications & Projects

(2021) “Minefield Montage: Juxtapositions as ethnographic method” for *Antennae* Special Issue on Uncontainable Natures, edited by Kevin Chua, Lucy Davis, and Nora Taylor

(2019) “Negative Space: Imaginaries of violence in Cambodia” in *Southeast of Now*

(2017) “Owning the Body: Patents and Transformations in Battambang, Cambodia” in *Body, Personhood and Privacy: Perspectives on the Cultural Other and Human Experience*.



Postwar Ecologies

Related Publications & Projects

For the Love of Rats! (under contract)
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W. W. Norton & Company imprint

(2022) “Rats and humans,
(re)constituted relationalities after
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“Theorizing the Contemporary Series”
edited by Bridget Guarasci and Eleana
Kim

(2021) “Vector” in the Living Lexicon
of *Environmental Humanities* volume
12, issue 1

(2021) *Minefield Migrations*, China
Wilson Fellowship



Transitional Justice

Related Publications & Projects

(2021). “Resilient Relations: Rethinking truth, reconciliation, and justice in Cambodia” *Journal of Global Buddhism*

(2021) “Diversity of Genders for Gender Mainstreaming” policy brief for Mechanisms of Atrocity Prevention Project with I-GMAP

(2018) “Demilitarizing disarmament with mine detection rats” in *Culture and Organization* Special Issue on *The Animal*





Thank you

