



Capacity Building and Professional Development of Water Governance and Regional Development Practitioners in the Mekong, Salween and Red river basins (MK31, 32 and 33)

Workshop for Research Finding Analysis and Conference Paper Writing

1st-3rd April 2016

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Background

For millions of people across Southeast Asia, water resources are inextricably linked to local livelihoods and wellbeing, agricultural production and food security, and local economies. Water resources are also linked to large-scale development plans, including for irrigation and hydropower development. The “Capacity Building and Professional Development of Water Governance and Regional Development Practitioners in the Mekong, Salween and Red river basins (MK31, 32 and 33)” project is working to strengthen the capacity for undertaking research and policy engagement of scholars and practitioners of water, land and energy use, management and governance in the Red, Mekong and Salween river basins. A particular cross-cutting focus of the project is research on gender and other forms of social marginalization. It also intends to build a learning community amongst these scholars and practitioners.

Through the 16-month mentored fellowships, 12-13 research fellows from each river basin are working to produce timely and needed research. Their work is intended to be shared with government officials, researchers, civil society, community representatives and the private sector relevant to their particular research project. To this end, it is intended that the research help inform policy and practice.

The fellowships are now 10 months complete, and the fellows have almost completed their data collection and now moving towards data analysis and preparation for producing various written materials including: a conference paper; a research report; and a policy brief. Our first workshop in Hanoi in June 2015 addressed the theme of preparing a detailed research design. The second workshop in Ubon Ratchathani focused on field study and data analysis. The focus of the third and final workshop, to be held in Bangkok, is on research finding analysis and conference paper writing.

Please prepare your abstract and PowerPoint and submit to your project coordinator (Orapan for MK31, Ploy for MK32, or Hoang for MK33) by March 25th to be printed and photocopied to be shared at the WriteShop

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Please bring your laptop if you have one, as the focus of the workshop is to write!

Workshop objectives

- Support fellows’ analysis of data collected in their fieldwork
- Support fellows’ preparation of a conference paper that will highlight the main research findings (to be presented at the WLE Forum in November 2016)
- Advise fellows on the remaining period of the fellowship, including the production of the research report, policy brief, and second blog

Workshop agenda

Time	Topic	Lead
<i>Friday April 1st</i>		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome remarks by Dr. Ake Tangsupvattana, Dean, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University (t.b.c.)	
9:10 – 9:20	Welcome remarks from team leaders of MK31, MK32 and MK33	MK31-33 team leaders
9:20 – 9:30	Orientation to the three day program	Dr. Carl Middleton
9:30 – 10:30	Fellows introduce themselves and share their: main findings to date; their most important success; and their most significant challenge	Dr. Ha Hai Duong and Dr. Kanokwan Manorom
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	

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11:00 – 12:15	Breakout groups, where each fellow will make a 10 minute (max) presentation of their research to their peers in the group and to the mentor. (See appendix A for format) <i>Followed by 5 min Q&A from group mentor and fellows per presentation</i>	Mentors will lead group discussion amongst 4-5 fellows
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 – 13:30	Managing and initial analysis of in-depth expert interview data, including linking data to concepts	Dr. Louis Lebel
13:30 – 13:45	Managing and initial analysis of structured and semi-structured interview data, including linking data to concepts	Dr. Carl Middleton
13:45 – 15:00	Breakout group discussions on managing data. <i>Fellows to bring their data and data analysis to date for this discussion</i>	Mentors will lead group discussion amongst 4-5 fellows
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 15:50	Principles of writing a concise and compelling abstract in the physical and social sciences	Dr. Louis Lebel
15:50 – 16:00	<i>Fellows to review individually their own prepared abstracts (See appendix B for format)</i>	
16:00 – 17:00	Breakout group discussions on abstracts.	Mentors will lead group discussion amongst 4-5 fellows
Evening	Welcome dinner at Chula Narumit building	
<i>Saturday April 2nd</i>		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome back	MK31-33 team leaders
9:05 – 9:20	Basic structure of a conference paper	Dr. Carl Middleton
9:20 – 10:00	Writing the introduction to your paper	Dr. Carl Middleton

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10:00 – 10:15	Writing your methodology for the social sciences (including on gender)	Dr. Kanokwan Manorom
10:15 – 10:30	Writing your methodology for the physical sciences	Dr. Ha Hai Duong
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:15	Breakout group discussions on paper introduction and methodology <i>Fellows to bring their data and data analysis to date for this discussion</i>	Mentors will lead group discussion amongst 4-5 fellows
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 – 13:45	Incorporating your concept in to your paper	Dr. Louis Lebel
13:45 – 14:30	Sourcing and incorporating policy and law in to your conference paper analysis	Dr. Carl Middleton
14:30 – 14:45	How to manage in-text citations and bibliography list	Dr. Ha Hai Duong
15:00 – evening	Depart by bus for late afternoon walking tour of Bangkok (in the area of Wat Pho and then Wat Arun), followed by dinner beside the Chaophraya River Group photograph in front of the Faculty of Political Science en-route.	
<i>Sunday April 3rd</i>		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome back	MK31-33 team leaders
9:05 – 9:30	Linking data to analysis in the physical sciences	Dr. Ha Hai Duong
9:30 – 10:00	Linking data to analysis in the social sciences	Dr. Carl Middleton
10:00 – 10:30	Incorporating gender in to your conference paper analysis	Dr. Kanokwan Manorom

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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:15	Breakout group discussions on linking data to analysis	Mentors will lead group discussion amongst 4-5 fellows
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 – 13:30	Writing a conclusion in the social sciences and physical science	Dr. Louis Lebel
13:30 – 13:40		
13:40 – 14:00	Final Q&A on the conference paper	MK31-33 team leaders
14:00 – 14:30	Comments on producing the final research report and policy brief, followed by Q&A	MK31-33 team leaders
14:30 – 14:45	Feedback from team leaders of MK31, MK32 and MK33 on first blogs; suggestions for second blogs	MK31-33 team leaders
14:45 – 15:00	Final questions and closing	MK31-33 team leaders

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Appendix A: Presentation structure

You will be invited to present a short presentation of 10 minutes (maximum) to your small group on Day 1. Please can you prepare a PPT which covers the following details.

- Title slide, which includes your research title and name
- Introduction slide, with 3-5 bullet points of the main background information to your project
- Study area slide, with 3-5 bullet points on the area where you are doing your study
- Method slide, with 3-5 bullet points on your methodology
- Up to three slides of results and analysis. Each slide should have 3-4 bullet points
- Conclusion slide, with 3-5 bullet points of your main conclusions
- Next steps slide, with 3-5 bullet points explaining your next steps for your research

Please also feel free to include maps, photographs, and tables that help explain your work.

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Appendix B: Notes on writing an abstract

An abstract is a very brief summary of your research. By reading your abstract, the reader should get a very brief idea of the most important aspects of your research. Please can you draft an abstract of 250-300 words in preparation for the WriteShop. To help you prepare this draft, you can follow the formula below:

- Write 1-2 sentences about the background to and the significance of your study
- Write one sentence that explains the purpose of your conference paper. Start the sentence “The purpose of this paper is to *****”
- Write 1-2 sentences that explains the key concept that you use in the paper
- Write 1-2 sentences that detail the most important points of your research method (when, where, how)
- Write 2-3 sentences that highlight your main research findings.
- Write 1-2 sentences that point out your paper’s main conclusions. You could start this sentence as “This paper argues that *****” or “This paper concludes that *****”

You can find many further suggestions on how to write an abstract, for example here: <http://dissertation.laerd.com/how-to-structure-your-dissertation-abstract.php>

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