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EDUCATION PROGRAM

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6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Sustaining the Momentum of International
Justice in Cambodia
*Michelle Staggs***

In 2003, Cambodia and the United Nations agreed to establish the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), to prosecute senior leaders and those most responsible for the atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge period. Four years later, the Cambodian public is still awaiting the trials, despite their being closer than ever before. As the ECCC continues to test the patience of the people it seeks to serve, a growing internationally-led presence within Phnom Penh (and the provinces) champions the cause of the court and its promotion of 'rule of law' norms. Are these initiatives likely to lead to lasting change? This talk will provide an overview of some of the current challenges faced in implementing outreach and legacy projects in Cambodia. It will also look at the challenges faced in sustaining the momentum of international justice at the local level, when the legal systems operating internationally and domestically seem worlds apart.

Ms. Michelle Staggs is a qualified Australian lawyer, B(Media) LLB (Hons), with a Master's Degree in Public International Law (Distinction) from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is currently the Coordinator of the Asian International Justice Initiative for the East-West Center Research Program. Between September 2004 and August 2006 she worked firstly, as a trial monitor and senior researcher and subsequently, as the Coordinator of UC Berkeley's trial monitoring program at the Special Court for Sierra Leone. She has sat on an advisory panel for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, on the legacy of internationalized tribunals. She is the author of three analyses reports on the Special Court's trial proceedings and has a forthcoming article on the treatment of victims of sexual violence in international trials.

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