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## **Workshop RULE-Rennes University, 18 May 2022, 8:30 am - 2 pm**

***Institut français du Cambodge***

*International trade, social and environmental policies  
in Southeast Asia*

Southeast Asia has become one of the most dynamic regions in international trade. Its participation in global value chains has increased and manufacturing industry plays a key role in its economic growth. However, as the emerging Asian economies are heavily dependent upon tourism and exports, they have been particularly affected by the pandemic-induced global recession, putting key growth drivers under strain and narrowing fiscal space. The crisis has also increased the need to strengthen the capacity of the health system and to implement social policy measures against the rise of poverty and social inequalities.

Southeast Asia has been also increasingly exposed to climate change. The region experiences a disproportionate amount of climate disasters and extreme weather events, which have significant impact on the region's economies. COVID-19 has accelerated climate and social awareness in Southeast Asia, reinforcing the need to develop more resilient, localized supply chains, to reduce inequalities and to develop social protection, especially health cover. Therefore, transition to an environmentally sustainable growth model is a critical issue for its future.

In such a context, the workshop will aim at analyzing the links between international competitiveness and labor standards, the role of social and environmental policies and their contribution to sustainable development in the region. It will discuss how social and environmental protection systems could be combined and it will ask to what extent taking environmental protection into account may or may not represent an asset in terms of social development.



## Tentative program

8:30 **Welcome coffee**

8:45-9:00 **Opening**

Thomas Vallée, Cooperation Attaché, French Embassy to Cambodia  
Laurent Mesmann, Special Advisor to the Rector, RULE

9:00-9:15 **Introduction**

Pascale Turquet, Associate Professor, Rennes 2 University  
***Social protection and environmental policies in Southeast Asia***

9:15-9:30 Chea Bullika, Director of Department, General Secretariat for the  
National Social Protection Council, Cambodia  
***Social Protection in Cambodia***

9:30-9:45 Hiromi Takahashi-Romanelli, Associate Professor, Rennes 2 University  
***Work-family conflict among female employees and social protection:  
The example of Japan***

9:45-10:15 **Q&A**

10:30-10:45 Marc Lautier, Professor, Rennes 2 University  
***International competitiveness and labor standards in the Textile industry***

10:45-11:00 Ngo Natharoun, Director, EnergyLab  
***Cambodia energy and climate change***

11:00-11:15 Chhinh Nyda, Lecturer, Royal University of Phnom Penh  
***Drought Risk in Cambodia***

12:15 **Lunch – Le Bistrot de l’Institut français**