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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Sex : Male
Date of Birth : September 6, 1985
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EDUCATION:

2010 – 2014 : **PhD in Southeast Asian Studies,**
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (Germany)
Dissertation title: “Factional Politics and Foreign
Policy Choices in Cambodia-Thailand Diplomatic
Relations, 1950-2014.”

2006 – 2009 : **M.A. in Southeast Asian Studies,**
Ohio University (USA)
Thesis title: “The People’s Republic of
Kampuchea 1979 - 1989: A Draconian Savior?”

2002 – 2006 : **B.A. in Sociology,**
Boğazici University (Turkey)
Distinction: High Honors Diploma

1997 – 2002 : **Zaman International School (Cambodia)**
Distinction: Valedictorian

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Rector, Paragon International University (formerly Zaman University); December 2016 – present); Senior Research Fellow at the **Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)** (since May 2016); and a member of Academic Advisory Board of **Future Forum** (since August 2019)
- Provost and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Zaman University (September 2014 – November 2016)
- Dean of Academic Affairs, Zaman University (September 2014 – March 2016)
- Head of Department of Political Science and International Relations, Zaman University (September 2013-September 2014)
- Lecturer at Zaman University (February 2010 – September 2013).
Courses taught: *Khmer History and Civilizations; World History and Civilizations; History of Political Thoughts; Introduction to Political Science; Human Geography; and Foreign Policy Analysis.*
- Lecturer of *Introduction to East and Southeast Asia* in the Department of International Studies (DIS), Royal University of Phnom Penh (September 2009 – January 2010).
- Research Associate for Colleen McGuin (PhD Candidate; Columbia University), on “Aftermaths of Land Evictions in Cambodia” (February 2010 – May 2010).
- Research Associate for Monika Nowaczyk (MA candidate; the Open University, UK), on “NGO’s Accountability and Good Practice in Cambodia” (October 2009).
- Khmer language instructor at Ohio University (2007 – 2009).
- Student Manager at West 82, Central Food Court of Ohio University (2007 – 2008)
- Interpreter and research assistant in a report on health support activities of Church World Service based in Kompong Thom Province, Cambodia (July 2005).
- English language instructor at Kirklar Men’s Dormitory, Turkey (2004 – 2006).

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

- Deth, Sok Udom. *A History of Cambodia-Thailand Diplomatic Relations 1950-2020*. Berlin & Phnom Penh: Galda Verlag, 2020.
- Deth, Sok Udom; Bradley J. Murg; Ou Virak; and Michael Renfrew. *Cambodia 2040*. Phnom Penh: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Future Forum, 2020.
- Deth, Sok Udom. "Labor Migration in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region: The Case of Cambodian Migrant Workers in Thailand." *Journal of Greater Mekong Studies (JGMS)*, No. 1 (2019): 65-73. Accessible at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bxwr-naliDwKcxxKMiDU751fWM9tij_L/view
- Deth, Sok Udom, and Annaliza D. S. Tuazon. "Erdoğan's Turkey: Peace Built on Sand?," *Journal of Human Rights and Peace Studies* Vol. 4, No. 9 (2018): 99-134.
- Deth, Sok Udom; Sun, Soun; and Bulut, Serkan (eds.). *Cambodia's Foreign Relations in Regional and Global Contexts*. Phnom Penh: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2017. (PDF: http://www.kas.de/wf/doc/kas_51313-1522-2-30.pdf?180119031120)
- Deth, Sok Udom, and Daniel Bultmann. "The Afterglow of Hun Sen's Cambodia? Socio-Economic Development, Political Change and the Persistence of Inequalities" in B. Rehbein, S. Wunkaew, & C. B. Wungao (eds.), *Twenty-first Century Globalization, Democracy and Alternative Futures: Challenges and Responses from Southeast Asia*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.
- Deth, Sok Udom, Serkan Bulut and Kairat Moldashev. "The Contemporary Geopolitics of Cambodia in Regional and Global Contexts" in Simon Springer & Katherine Brickell (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Cambodia*. London: Routledge, 2016.
- Deth, Sok Udom. "Voices from Cambodia: Discourses on the Preah Vihear Conflict," *SEATIDE: Integration in Southeast Asia: Trajectories of Inclusion, Dynamics of Exclusion Online Paper 3*.
- Deth, Sok Udom. "Review of *Inside Pol Pot's Secret Prison*," *Education About Asia* Vol. 20, No. 1 (Spring 2015): pp. 70-71.
- Deth, Sok Udom, and Serkan Bulut. "Civil-Military Relations and Coup Risk in the 21st Century: A Comparative Analysis of Turkey and Thailand's Bumpy Roads to Democracy," *Journal of Business Economics and Political Science*, Vol. 2 (June 2013), pp. 11-26.

- Deth, Sok Udom. “The Geopolitics of Cambodia during the Cold War Period,” *Explorations*, Vol. 9 (Spring 2009): pp. 47-53.
- Deth, Sok Udom. “The Rise and Fall of Democratic Kampuchea,” *Education About Asia*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (Winter 2009): pp. 27-30.

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS, COMMENTARIES & INTERVIEWS:

- “Is Cambodia Ready to Go Nuclear?”: <https://iapsdialogue.org/2017/08/08/is-cambodia-ready-to-go-nuclear/>
- “ASEAN academics want India to play leadership role in improving connectivity, commerce and security”: <http://www.hindustantimes.com/education/asean-academics-want-india-to-play-leadership-role-in-improving-connectivity-commerce-and-security/story-K5amJtUd44sUlr3Ym7OD8N.html>
- “Analyst: Cambodia, Thailand to Further Enjoy Cemented Ties”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uM1huNBemA>
- <http://khmer.voanews.com/content/cambodia-urged-to-cautiously-boost-friendly-ties-with-russia/3072075.html>
- <http://www.rfa.org/khmer/news/social-economy/Interview-with-Dr-Deth-Sok-Oudom-on-Indian-Vice-President-Visit-to-Cambodia-09172015010612.html>
- <http://www.rfa.org/khmer/news/politics/Asean-MPs-call-for-Cambodia-end-persecution-of-opposition-11302015033642.html>
- “Cambodia’s Steep Learning Curve” (ASEANForum, 16 October 2015): <http://aseanforum.asia/cambodias-steep-learning-curve/>
- "Nationalism in AEC" (29 July 2015): <http://youtu.be/3M-jpMKqjLU>
- “Thailand's coup and implications for ASEAN” (7 March 2015) <http://www.voacambodia.com/content/thailands-junta-a-bad-role-model-for-asean-scholar-says/2670315.html>
- “The role of ASEAN in Cambodia-Vietnam border conflict” (4 August 2015) http://www.rfa.org/khmer/program/asean_forum/ASEAN-Role-in-Settling-Khmer-VN-Border-Dispute-08042015030703.html

SELECTED PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES:

- “The “ASEAN Way” after 50 Years: Cherish More of the Same?” at *ASEAN at 50: Introspection and Future Outlook*, Raffles Hotel, Phnom Penh Cambodia (27 September 2017)
- “Cambodia-India Relations in the Context of ‘Act East’ Policy” at *The 9th Delhi Dialogue*, New Delhi, India (4-5 July 2017)
- “Cambodia from Civil Wars to Fragile Peace: A Secular Perspective” at the *World Buddhist Peace Conference*, Sagaing Hills, Myanmar (22-24 January 2016)
- “Cambodian-Vietnam Relations: Plus Ça Change ” at THE 3RD ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ON THAI-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS ON MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIAN RELATIONS: Transnational Agendas, Intraregional Affairs, Mahidol University (May 2015)
- “Historical Narratives and Nationalism”; Guest Lecture at the University of Hamburg, Germany (July 2014).
- “Cambodia Twenty Years On: A Political Dynasty in the Making?” at *The 5th International Conference on Southeast Asia (ICONSEA 2013)* organized by the Department of Southeast Asia Studies, University of Malaya (Kuala Lumpur-Malaysia, December 2013).
- “Civil-Military Relations and Coup Risk in the 21st century: A Comparative Analysis on Turkey and Thailand’s Bumpy Road to Democracy” at *International Turgut Ozal Congress on Business, Economics and Political Science* organized by Turgut Ozal University (Ankara-Turkey, November 2013).
- “Remembering January 7, 1979: A 33-Year Debate in Cambodian Political History” at *The 5th Thai-Malay International Conference on Southeast Asia*, organized by Mahidol University (Nakhon Pathom-Thailand, February 2012).
- “Cambodian-Thai Diplomatic Relations 1950 – 2010” at *The 11th International Conference on Thai Studies: Visions of the Future* organized by Mahidol University (Bangkok, July 2011); and at 7th Annual Asia Research Institute Graduate Forum, National University of Singapore (Singapore, July 2012).
- “Facebooking Khmer History: Social Networking Academia?” at *Transforming Cambodia Studies: Social Change and Cultural Transitions since 1979* organized by the Center for Khmer Studies in collaboration with Northern Illinois University, UC-LA, University of Wisconsin – Madison and UC –

Berkeley (Siem Reap, July 2011).

- “A Survey of Resistance Movements in Cambodian Modern History” at *First Annual Cambodian Studies Forum* (Athens: Ohio University, May 2009).
- “The Prices and Gamble for Siam’s Independence: The Bowring Treating and Beyond.” At *Third Annual History Graduate Students Conference* organized by Ohio University (Ohio, May 2009).

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND RECOGNITION:

- Cambodia Education Leadership Award 2018 (by World CSR Day)
- Recognition as a “Cambodia’s Rising Star” for the 3rd Global Alumni Convention, IDP Education (Cambodia) November 2017
- Teaching Assistantship (teaching Khmer language) awarded by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Ohio University (2007 – 2009), United States.
- Graduate Assistantship awarded by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Ohio University (2006 – 2007), United States.
- Zaman International School’s Residence Financial Aid (2002 - 2006), Turkey
- Boğazici University International Students Merit-Based Award (2003 - 2006), Turkey
- Turkish Premiership Scholarship (2002 - 2006), Turkey
- Istanbul Municipality Scholarship (2002 - 2006), Turkey
- Eurasian Foundation Scholarship (2004 - 2006), Turkey
- Zaman International School’s Valedictorian Award (2002), Cambodia
- Award from a painting competition on Human Rights (1994), Cambodia

LANGUAGES:

	Speaking:	Writing:	Comprehension
Khmer :	<i>Native</i>	<i>Advanced</i>	<i>Advanced</i>
English :	<i>Fluent</i>	<i>Advanced</i>	<i>Advanced</i>
Turkish :	<i>Fluent</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>Advanced</i>
Thai :	<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>

REFERENCES (available upon request)