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Mining and Contested Resources in Laos: The example of the tin mines in Khammouane Province (colonial time to present)

Artisanal tin mining formed part of the livelihoods of the population of the Nam Phathaen valley (Khammouan Province, central Laos) since pre-colonial times. In the late 19th century, French explorers described the local economic practices of Lao miner-peasants and discussed the possibilities of large-scale tin exploitation. By the 1920s, French mining companies had established one of the first colonial industries of Laos in the small valley. Suffering from labour shortage, the French encouraged Vietnamese migration to Laos. Both local Lao miner-peasants and Vietnamese work migrants experienced considerable economic and sociocultural changes.

Still today, the region is marked by the co-presence of small-scale and artisanal (ASM) and industrial mining. Local Lao villagers practice traditional mining next to – or even within – large-scale Vietnamese and Chinese mining concessions. While opportunity-seeking work migrants from Vietnam endure various precarities specific to transnational labour migration in Southeast Asia, the local Lao miner-peasants are caught between insecure livelihoods and environmental degradation. This presentation explores the hopes, opportunities and precarities of the mining communities in the Nam Phathaen valley from the colonial era to the present.



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