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Invites you to a public lecture on

Buddhist Influence on Indigenous Thai Mapping

Guest Speaker: Professor Barend Jan Terwiel

Thursday, 17 May 2012
12:00 – 1:30pm

Harbour Centre Campus, Room 1600 Simon Fraser University
515 West Hastings Street

All are welcome to attend!

In this lecture Professor Terwiel will introduce an unusual Siamese world map, drawn in 1776. Its format is partly explained by the use of traditional concertina folding books, and partly by taking note of its larger context: the world map follows a much larger cosmological scheme. Finally it is determined to whether European knowledge influenced the world map.

Professor Terwiel is well-known for his studies of the Thai people and Buddhism in Southeast Asia. He taught at the Australian National University and at universities of Munich, Leiden, and Hamburg prior to retiring in 2007. His writings include Monks and Magic, The Tai of Assam and Ancient Tai Ritual, Through Travellers' Eyes, Engelbert Kaempfer in Siam, The Ram Khamhaeng Inscription, Thailand’s Political History: From the 13th Century to Recent Times and “Siam”: Ten Ways to Look at Thailand’s Past.