CONFERENCE

"Co-research: Applying Anthropology in Ethnic Minority Development in Vietnam"

Time: 1/10/2014
Venue: Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, 1 Lieu Giai Str., Ba Dinh Dist., Hanoi
Organizer: Institute of Anthropology (Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences)
           Department of Anthropology (University of Social Sciences and Humanities)
           Institute for Studies of Society, Economy and Environment

CALL FOR PAPERS

Co-research is both a research method and approach, in which members of the community and outside researchers participate equally in all aspects of the research process, together contributing their capabilities, making decisions, and owning copyrights. Co-research not only brings about reliable findings from the local perspective, but also offers an opportunity for people to develop their research, advocacy, and problem-solving skills. This will help enhance people's voice and role in communication and policy advocacy activities.

Co-research reflects basic principles of the anthropological approach, including respect for cultural diversity, care about insiders' voice, and recognition of their agency. The anthropological approach has contributed to many development projects around the world that focus on promoting participation and empowering minority and disadvantaged communities. In recent years, the anthropological approach has gained more attention from Vietnamese government, research and development organizations, especially in ethnic minority and rural development programs. Each organization has its own way of applying the anthropological approach, leading to different theoretical and empirical findings.

The conference "Co-research: Applying Anthropology in Ethnic Minority Development in Vietnam" aims to create an open forum for social scientists, policy makers and development officers to share ideas, findings and methods related to the

anthropological approach and co-research in ethnic minority development and at the same time, discussing potential applications of anthropology in Vietnam.

We are inviting proposals for paper presentations and/or posters/exhibits through one of the following themes:

(1) Theories of development anthropology and their applicability in Vietnam's ethnic minority communities

(2) Co-research method

(3) Methods and models of applying anthropology in ethnic minority research and development

(4) Sharing research findings and real-life experiences of participatory development projects, and discussing the applicability of co-research method.

Papers will be assessed and selected for presenting at the conference and/or publishing in the conference's proceedings. The languages of the conference are Vietnamese and English with simultaneous interpretation. For presenters from other provinces, food, transportation, and accommodation costs will be covered by the organizers. The conference will also provide an exhibition space for poster/video presentations.

Important deadlines:

(1) Conference paper

- Submissions should be emailed to the conference coordinator, Ms. Pham Thanh Tra pttra@isee.org.vn by 12:00 August 5th 2014. All submissions should include a title and an abstract of no more than 400 words in font Times New Roman 12 together with a curriculum vitae of the author/presenter. Notification of acceptance will be sent shortly after the submission deadline.

- For accepted abstracts, full papers should be emailed to pttra@isee.org.vn by 12:00 September 5th 2014.

(2) Posters/exhibits

- Abstracts of posters/videos/exhibits should be emailed to pttra@isee.org.vn by 12:00 September 5th 2014. The abstract should have no more than 400 words, and include the content and purpose of the display.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Pham Thanh Tra, email: pttra@isee.org.vn, tel: (844) 62 73 79 35 (ext. 104).