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Microfinance in Cambodia

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Abstract: This interdisciplinary panel examines the microfinance landscape in Cambodia, aiming to shed light on the wider impacts of the expansion of microcredit across the country.

Biodata:

Maryann Bylander is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Lewis & Clark College (USA), and holds a PhD from the University of Texas at Austin. She has been studying Cambodia for the past decade, and her work focuses broadly on questions of migration, credit/debt, rural livelihoods, gender, and the environment. Recent studies have been published in *International Migration Review*, *Migration Studies*, *Development and Change*, and *Oxford Development Studies*, and *Gender, Place and Culture*. She is on the editorial board of *World Development Perspectives*, and is a former board member of both PEPY and the NGO Education Partnership Cambodia. She will be returning to Cambodia in 2017-2018 as a Fulbright Scholar through the ASEAN Research Program.

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Andrea Blobel Perez, Peter Bradley and Lacey Jacoby are Lewis & Clark undergraduate students. They are each pursuing BA degrees in Sociology & Anthropology. With Dr. Bylander, they were recently awarded a ASIA Network Grant to research the meanings of microcredit in Cambodia.

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