

Human Sciences Encounters in Phnom-Penh: Past Presentations:How to think about singularity and diversity of languages

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How to think about singularity and diversity of languages

In this talk we will bring up some issues linking to the descriptions of a language as Khmer. At first we will try to understand how khmer language has been described until now, by the Khmer linguists and by the European scholars; and in which fields of linguistics those descriptions have been done. Then we'll talk about the main stream of linguistic studies today and how they "deal" with the singularity of languages and the unity of "human language" (langue vs langage). What is common between languages? The grammar, which grammar?

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