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LunchTime Series

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Community Mobilization Strategies in Cambodia

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Over a period of two years beginning in 2013, Stephan Sonnenberg supervised a research initiative in collaboration with (LICADHO) a prominent Cambodian human rights organization to document “successful” examples of community mobilization in Cambodia, and through that effort to capture the essence of what distinguishes such “successful” examples from other, less successful or less effective efforts. The research grew organically, focusing on communities struggling to defend their land rights as well as examples of labor mobilization, and unfolded during a time period of growing mobilization across the country, in a broad variety of contexts. The talk will focus both on the experiences of such community mobilization efforts, as well as on the pertinent lessons for the international development community — especially those efforts prioritizing community empowerment as one of its key desired outcomes.



Stephan began his legal career in the NGO sector, working for the International Rescue Committee in northern Uganda. He then joined the faculty of Harvard Law School (USA), where he helped found the Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Clinic and supervised Harvard students in clinical projects around the world. He joined the Stanford faculty in 2011, co-founding the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution clinic. He now works as the Associate Dean of Experiential Education and Director of the ADR Clinic at Bhutan’s first Law School, the Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law.

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