Workshops ပညာရပ္ျပ်ဆိုင္ရာပြဲမ်ား

"A simple idea: Hold thematic workshops, which would be open, and then publish the best of the proceedings as a physical and digital journal in Burmese as well as in English"

Introduction ဟိန္စိမ္း

Workshops around three themes have been scheduled, two of them in July and August of 2014. Since the terrain of possibilities is constantly changing and because there is as yet no new media law guaranteeing freedom of expression we remain alert to need to adapt to the openings afforded us.

Scheduled Workshops △ အစီအစဥာအပြည့်အစုးချင်

Workshop #1
Public Memory — vlxk trSwf onm (Luu Htu Ahmart Thin Nya) July and December 2014 Organizer: Tun Myint, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Carleton College

Workshop #2
Purpose and mission ▲  The thematic workshops in Burma and the journal that emerges from each of them represent our central activity. We hope to assemble groups of scholars from all over Burma, including its ethnic peripheries, whom the conveners of the theme will bring together for a few days of intensive exchange of papers and views. We regard the community-forming process of identifying the wide range of invitees, the exchanges at the workshop, and the editorial meetings as at least as important as the mere fact of holding a workshop and publishing a journal.
(The primary language of the workshops and the journal will be Burmese thought we shall endeavor to invite submissions in minority languages as well as in English that will be translated into Burmese.)

Editorial meetings will follow as the journal is assembled. The implicit agenda of each of these workshops and thematic journals is to coalesce the nucleus of young scholar-activists who will continue to meet, debate, and write and perhaps form an independent group of their own (with their own journal!). We aim, then, for the workshops and journal to be catalysts for scholarly community-making more than an end in itself.

**Workshop structure**

We estimate that each of the workshops will have about 35 participants from all over Burma and that they will meet for a full three days. Those invited will bring draft papers on an aspect of the theme which they will share with their colleagues with the explicit purpose of collectively improving their exposition, argument, evidence, and the assumptions underpinning them.
The success of these workshops depends less on the quality of the work brought to them than on the degree of improvement resulting from the exchanges and subsequent editorial work. The quality of the workshop