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TODAY'S SPEAKER SOPHAL EAR



Sophal Ear caught our attention with his article [One Way Out](#) in the *New York Times Magazine* in April 2005, which tells the story of Sophal's mother taking her children out of Cambodia in 1975 under the pretext of repatriation to Vietnam. [Sophal Ear](#), Ph.D., completed his dissertation entitled [The Political Economy of Aid, Governance, and Policy-Making: Cambodia in Global, National, and Sectoral Perspectives](#) at the University of California, Berkeley, in April 2006. He is a recognized authority on Cambodia, having published or been cited in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *International Herald Tribune*, the *Asian Wall Street Journal*, and the *San Francisco Examiner*. He has been a consultant to the World Bank (1997–2000) and the Asian Development Bank (2001) on issues of social protection and transparency, respectively, and served as an assistant resident representative to the United Nations Development Program in Timor-Leste (East Timor) in 2002–03. He also holds a master's degree in public affairs from Princeton University. His talk will touch on a variety of topics, including the findings of his dissertation and the three years he recently spent in Cambodia doing field research.

THE RUMMAGE SALE'S NOW

THE SET UP COMMITTEE WILL MEET FRIDAY EVENING TO PRESET TABLES, SIGNAGE, AND OTHER EVENT VENUE PARAPHERNALIA. THEN WE WILL ALL SHOW UP EXTRA EARLY ON SATURDAY MORNING TO ARRANGE ALL OUR STUFF AND FINISH ANY UNDONE PRICING ETC. A GOOD PLAN WOULD BE TO HAVE STUFF DROPPED OFF ON FRIDAY EVENING TO HAVE IT AVAILABLE FOR SET-UP FIRST THING ON SATURDAY. LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER AND PUT ON A FUN FUNDRAISER. BIG THANKS TO SARAH FOR ALL HER HARD WORK.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The next big event follows on the heels of the Rummage Sale! We know it is too difficult for some of us to walk Irving St. in search of a suitable nominee. However we must have at least four! Please! Next week we will have a Club Assembly, followed by a Board Meeting And mostly Joel will have a Birthday on that day!