Research on rituals and practices on the margins of official or orthodox Buddhism in Southeast Asia has expanded considerably in recent years. The growing prominence and rising visibility of spirit mediumship, divination and other forms of ritual in all of the predominantly Buddhist societies of mainland Southeast Asia raise many analytical and theoretical issues that we believe require a comparative, regional perspective. In the past, inquiry on these topics has at times also been limited by a focus on institutional Buddhist practice and doctrine and a tendency to overlook the invocation of spirits and other ostensibly “unorthodox” forms of ritual.

As a first step in possibly forming a cross-disciplinary network of Southeast Asia studies scholars interested in these topics, we would like to invite you to join us at CASE in Paris on 14 October 2016 for a workshop that explores the question of whether the forms of ritual we are observing are genuinely novel and emergent or rather, by contrast, represent a resurgence of older forms of practice.

**Workshop**

**Comparative Approaches to Ritual in Mainland SE Asia: Emergence or Resurgence?**

10h- 10h30  Opening :
B. Brac de la Perrière (CNRS-CASE)
P. A. Jackson (ANU/Associé CASE)

10h30-11h30  Niklas Foxeus
Prosperity Buddhism in Burma/Myanmar: Transformed Possession Rituals and a Refashioned Buddhist Imaginary

11h300-12h30  Jovan Maud Georg-August
Georg-August University, Göttingen
(Re)mediating Ritual in Southeast Asia

12h30-13h45  Buffet sur place *

113h45-14h45  Guido Sprenger
Heidelberg University
Buddhism and its Others: Local comparisons of Ritual and Religion in Upland Laos

14h45-15h45  Pierre Petit
Université libre de Bruxelles
Continuity, Resilience, and Invention - Domestic and village rituals among the Tai Vat of Laos

16h00-17h00  Paul Sorrentino
Max Planck Institute, Göttingen
Transforming possession. Or what subjects and rituals do to each other

17h00-18h00  Nicolas Sihlé
Centre Himalaya, CNRS (discussant)

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