

CHARLIE PAHLMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE



Development and poverty in the Mekong: aiding, abetting or alleviating?

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*To be followed by a panel discussion including
Oxfam Australia, AusAID and AMRC plus
open forum, refreshments and a memorial toast to Charlie*

1:30-6.00pm
Saturday November 11

The Refectory - University of Sydney
(Inside the Main Quadrangle - follow signs)

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Witoon Permpongsacharoen is the founding Director of the Foundation for Ecological Recovery, a Bangkok-based non-governmental organisation that since 1986 has pursued environmental and social justice in Thailand and in the wider Mekong Region.

Charlie Pahlman was an ardent supporter and defender of the communities who live along the Mekong River. When people talked of development, Charlie would ask, development of what and for whom, advocating for the rights of people to determine their own futures. This lecture is the inaugural annual event celebrating Charlie's life by pursuing the issues about which he was so passionate in Australia and the Mekong.