



Going for Gold : Newsletter 3

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In this issue, we introduce the readers to our National Research Partners and personnel of our Industry Partner, Minelab, and share their achievements.

Dr Amalendu Jyotishi: Partner in India

Amalendu is the Professor and Chairperson of PhD Program at Amrita School of Business (ASB). He has a PhD in Economics from Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore. Prior to joining the ASB, he worked for some time in OHIO University's-Christ College Academy and the Gujarat Institute of Development Research. In recent years, his research has focused on studying the environment and the co-constituted history of iron smelting and deforestation, and informal gold mining. He has also been the coordinator of 'Asian Initiative on Legal Pluralism' since 2012, and his edited book on the topic is forthcoming from Routledge. Amalendu has been a collaborator in research projects supported by organizations like Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), World Bank, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Oxfam (GB) Trust, and the Aga Khan Rural Support Program (India). Amalendu is currently working, jointly with Dr Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, on a project funded by the South Asian Network for Environment and Development Economics (SANDEE) on property rights and informal gold mining in Pandalur area in South India.



Dr Rini Susetyawati Soemarwoto: Partner in Indonesia

Rini completed her masters and doctoral degrees in Environmental Anthropology at Kent University, U.K, and is currently working as a lecturer at the Department of Anthropology, Padjadjaran University. Her doctoral research focused on environmental change and risk management. On completion of her PhD, she continued to stay in the U.K to work at the Ethnobiology Laboratorium in Kent University. After her return to Indonesia in 2006, Rini began working as a lecturer for the Department of Anthropology at the Padjadjaran University in Bandung, where she teaches anthropology, environment and psychology, and social planning. She has authored (2010), with Roy Ellen, an article 'Risk perception: Gold mining and changing perceptions of risk in West Java', *Human Organization*, 69(3) 233-241.



Through extensive travels, she has first-hand experience of diverse cultures in remote and rural places of Indonesia, particularly in certain areas of West Java, Enggano, Mentawai, Aceh, Southeast Maluku and Papua. Rini is currently working with Drs Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt and Keith Barney on informal gold mining in Bayah, South Java, and was part of the fieldwork team in Central Kalimantan, demonstrating the use of metal detectors to informal gold miners to assess their response to the introduction of this new technology.

Professor Erwiza Erman: Partner in Indonesia

Erwiza is based in the prestigious Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) in Jakarta, Indonesia. She also convenes the History post-graduate programs of the University of Indonesia, Jakarta and at University of Hasanuddin, Makassar, and has strong links with the University of Malaya's Department of History. Since 2004, she has been coordinator of the Indonesian delegation in conferences about small-scale mining held in Sri Lanka and the Philippines. She received her PhD in Sociology from the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR), University of Amsterdam in 1988. She has widely published on the social, economic and political aspects of mining in Indonesia. Her two books are about labour processes, labour relations and labour politics in tin and coal mining companies in Sumatra, Indonesia. Her publications about mining examine, among other things, the role of women in a mining community, coping with crisis in pepper and tin mining communities, conflicting actors in coal exploitation and marketing, land conflicts between a mining company and local community, and the



deregulation of tin trade and creation of a local shadow state. Erwiza is undertaking her survey of informal gold mining in the Sulawesi island of Indonesia.

Ms Chansouk Insouvanh: Partner in Laos

Chansouk is currently working as a Senior Social Safeguards Consultant with World Bank Southeast Asia Unit, Lao Country Office. She has completed her Masters from Ohio University, USA along with a Fulbright Scholarship (2005-2007) with MSc in Environmental Studies with a major in Environmental Policy and Planning, and MA in International Relations with a major in International Development Studies.



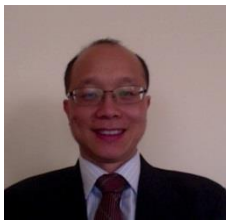
Chansouk has a number of publications, including on artisanal gold mining. To name a few: Lahiri-Dutt. K., K. Alexander, C. Insouvanh (2014). 'Informal mining in livelihood diversification: Mineral dependence and rural communities in Lao PDR', *South East Asia Research*, 22(1): 103-122. She has also contributed to the *Gender Dimensions of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining: A Rapid Assessment Toolkit*, published in 2012 by the World Bank.

Minelab: the Industry Partner

Minelab is an Australian company renowned as a world leader in the manufacturing of metal detectors. It is a World Leader in Metal Detection Technologies, with diverse products for hobbyists, land mine clearance and gold prospecting. The flagship GPX series, dedicated to alluvial gold detection, has revolutionised the way artisanal mining is carried out in developing countries, where the adoption of safe, non-hazardous, accurate detection technology by the miners has changed lives and transformed their fortunes. In the labour-intensive world of small scale gold mining, the ability to find more gold with accuracy is important. Prospecting with Minelab offers an alternative that provides clear-cut benefits to the miner communities. See more at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHGA1oa5UT8>

Mr Jim Kwo: Partner Investigator in Going for Gold Project

Jim Kwo is Business Development Manager for the Asia Pacific region. Born in Hong Kong, Jim holds a BA from Leeds University and MBA from Warwick Business School. Prior to Minelab gained extensive experience in the oil and gas industry. Minelab is tapping into Jim's skills to expand its business in the Asia-Pacific region that offers livelihood opportunities for artisanal miners with some of the biggest deposits of gold located in China, Mongolia, Myanmar and Papua New Guinea. As the Asia Pacific region prospers in this century, Minelab, Jim and his team will be working hand in hand with research leaders such as Kuntala and Keith, and the ASM communities to utilise this cutting edge technology to generate safer livelihoods and better incomes for artisanal miners in a more stable and cleaner environment.



Mr Martin Foran: Technical Expert

Martin is the technical expert for Minelab, with whom he has worked for over seven years, initially in its European office in Ireland. During this time he has visited innumerable artisanal and small scale mining communities throughout the world, but more particularly in West Africa. He has seen how the Minelab products have revolutionised the livelihoods of artisanal and small scale miner communities, and how their ability to recover gold has improved in the regions where they have adopted this technology. In Martin's view, metal detectors can undoubtedly change the fortunes of artisanal mining communities. Since moving to Australia Martin has visited similar communities within Asia, demonstrating and training artisanal and small scale miners on the use of metal detectors. In his words "Visiting these communities has been a heart-warming experience, and witnessing the successful adoption of new technologies, and how it improves people's lives, has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

