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ADMISSION: Admitted as Barrister, Supreme Court of New South Wales

EDUCATION: Master of Arts, Research Program in Indian Studies, University of Melbourne Bachelor of Laws, Graduate Law Program, University of New South Wales; Bachelor of Arts (Majors in Asian History and Political Science), University of Queensland

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Larry Strange is Senior Counsel at Sok Xing & Hwang. He oversees the Public Policy and Development Impact Practice, where he leads four key areas of the practice, including Economic Growth, Regional Integration, Corporate Partnerships, and Governance. In particular, on the domain of Regional Integration, he centers on existing and emerging regional architecture in the Greater Mekong Subregion, ASEAN and the broader region (including the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) and its implications for Cambodia. This aligns with his educational background and major policy research interests. His educational background is in Asian studies, political science, law, and international relations, including post-graduate research in India, Indonesia and Japan. His major policy research interests are in the emerging architecture of East Asian regional integration and cooperation; the political discourse of national identity in response to regionalism and sub-regionalism; and in the impact of international development assistance policy and practice on Cambodia and other developing countries in the Asian region.

Prior to joining Sok Xing & Hwang, Mr. Strange was Executive Director of Cambodia Development Resource Institute (“CDRI”), the prominent think tank institution in Cambodia, from late 2003 to 2014. As Executive Director he initiated and led CDRI’s public policy research and influencing on Economy, Trade and Regional Integration; Poverty, Agriculture and Rural Development; Democratic Governance and Public Sector Reform; Natural Resources and the Environment; Education and Health. In that role he was also the initiator and co-convenor of the annual Cambodia Outlook Conference, a partnership of CDRI and ANZ Royal Bank; and the Development Research Forum of Cambodia, a partnership of six leading Cambodian research institutions designed to promote the value of quality development policy research, research collaboration and networking for a younger generation of emerging Cambodian researchers. To support a smooth leadership transition he continued in the role of Senior Advisor to CDRI until March 2016.

Over the past decade he has been a regular analyst, commentator, presenter and participant in national and regional forums on socio-economic development and regional integration issues in Cambodia, the Greater Mekong Sub-region, ASEAN and the broader East Asian region. He was co-author of CDRI’s Cambodia country paper for the ADBI-ADB study *ASEAN*

2030: Growing Together for Shared Prosperity, and author of a chapter on *The ASEAN Small Less Developed Economies: Need for a New Approach in the Moving Toward a New Development Model for East Asia – The Role of Domestic Policy and Regional Cooperation*, an ERIA study led by Professor Zhang Yunling, Director of International Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). He has an extensive network relationships with senior policy makers, researchers and institutions in the countries of East Asia.

From 2008 to 2011 he was a member of the Certification Committee of the Cooperation Committee of Cambodia's National NGO Good Practice Programme which supported building good governance and institutional strengthening of Cambodian non-government organizations. Since 2014 he sits as an independent member of the selection committee for the annual Australian Awards scholarships for post-graduate study in Australia.

From 1993 to 2003, he was Director of The Asia Australia Institute (AAI) at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, a leading policy think tank working on issues of Asian regionalism, major political, economic and social trends in East Asia, and their implications of Australia and its foreign policy and society, in partnership with other institutions across the East Asian region. He played a key role in initiating and facilitating a range of 'second track' regional dialogue processes involving leaders from government, the private sector, research and policy institutions, the media, youth and civil society organisations.

In addition to being an enthusiastic and significant collector of Khmer contemporary art, Mr. Strange is now a contributor to the quarterly Mekong Review literary journal.

EXPERIENCE

Selected Recent Work and Publications

- Cambodia 2016 and Beyond: A Political Economy Analysis, 2016, with Sok Lor
- Mekong 2016 and Beyond: Key Challenges and Opportunities in LCM Countries (Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar), 2016
- Cambodia Domain Paper: Local Governance and Citizen Participation, 2016
- Getting Things Moving - Regional & National Infrastructure & Logistics for Connectivity, Growth & Development, 2016 Cambodia Outlook Conference, with Hing Vutha
- ASEAN Economic Community 2015: What Does it Mean for Cambodia's Economy and for Business, Cambodia Development Review Volume 19, March 2015, with Hing Vutha
- Cambodia and Its Region: Challenges and Choices, Annual Development Review, CDRI, 2014, with Hing Vutha
- ASEAN 2030: Growing Together for Economic Prosperity – The Challenges: Cambodia Background Paper, for Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), with Hing Vutha et al, CDRI 2013
- ASEAN Small Less Developed Economies: Need for a New Approach in Moving Towards a New Development Model for East Asia - The Role of Domestic Policy and Regional Cooperation, ERIA study led by Professor Zhang Yunling, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), 2013

- Achieving the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015: Challenges for Member Countries and Businesses – Cambodia Case Study, with Chan Sophal, ISEAS Singapore, 2011
- Cambodia, its Development, and Sub-regional Integration in the GMS - A Work in Progress, in Greater Mekong Sub-region: From Geographical Corridor to Socio-economic Corridor, ISEAS Singapore 2011

Recent Papers and Presentations

- *A Theoretical Framework for South-South Cooperation: Some Lessons from the Cambodian Development Experience*, Conference on South-South Cooperation, New Delhi, March 2016
- *ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2015: Implications for Cambodia's Enterprises*, Cambodia-ASEAN International Institute, Phnom Penh, July 2015
- *Where Economics, Politics and Security Collide: Post-AEC Regional Economic Integration and Cooperation Scenarios - RCEP or TPP or What?*, CICP National Conference on ASEAN Community 2015 and Beyond: Cambodia's Stage of Preparedness and Challenges, Phnom Penh, August 2104
- *Modern Cambodia: Its Development and its Regional Context – Challenges and Choices*, Plenary Lecture to ICSSR-IDRC International Conference on Status and Role of Social Science Research in Asia - Emerging Challenges and Policy Issues, New Delhi, March 2014
- *How the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Could Help the CLMVs: Options and Issues*, 2013 KIEP East Asian Institutes Forum on East Asian Integration and the RCEP, Jakarta, September 2013
- *ASEAN+3 Connectivity: Benefits for Cambodia and the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS)*, International Forum on ASEAN+3 Connectivity: Perspectives and Prospects, National Institute of International Strategy (NIIS) of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, September 2013
- *Regionalism and Emerging Regional 'Architecture'- Implications for Cambodia*, Development Research Forum of Cambodia Research Interest Group on Cambodia and its Region Workshop, Phnom Penh, August 2013
- *ASEAN Smaller Less Developed Economies: Need for a New Approach*, East Asia Economic Transition and Development Model Workshop, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, May 2013
- *Regionalism and Future Development Cooperation in East Asia: What do the ASEAN 'CLMVs' - Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam - most need from it?* 2012 Development Research Forum Symposium, Phnom Penh, October 2012
- *Future Development Cooperation in East Asia: What do the 'LDCs'- Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar – most need from it?*, 2012 KIEP East Asian Institutes Forum on East Asian Economic Integration and Development Cooperation: Assessment and Future Tasks, Vientiane, October 2012
- *Cambodia and the 'Development Paradigm': Benefits and Challenges, Lessons Learned*, 2011 KIEP East Asian Institutes Forum on East Asia Economic Integration: Role of Development Cooperation, Phnom Penh, October 2011

- *Cambodia, its Development, and Regional Integration in the GMS and ASEAN - A Work in Progress*, Public Lecture for Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taiwan ASEAN Studies Center, Taipei, May 2011
- *The Political Economy of Progress Towards ASEAN Economic Community 2015 and Broader ASEAN Integration*, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taiwan ASEAN Studies Center, International Conference on ASEAN Vision 2015: Moving Towards One Community, Taipei, May 2011
- *Cambodia, its Development, and Sub-regional Integration in the GMS - A Work in Progress*, ISEAS Regional Conference on Greater Mekong Sub-region: From Geographical Corridor to Socio-economic Corridor, Singapore, October 2010
- *Achieving the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 - Challenges for Member Countries and Businesses: The Case of Cambodia*, co-authored with Chan Sophal, ISEAS Brainstorming, Singapore, September 2010
- *Development Cooperation for Regional Economic Integration, Prosperity and Community - An East Asian Way Forward?*, KIEP East Asian Institutes Forum on East Asian Economic Integration: Progress and Impediments, Seoul, October 2006