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 anywherebuthere Betonsalon in Paris presents the exhibition, *Anywhere But Here* (*N'importe où sauf ici*, 哪儿哪儿哪儿哪儿哪儿哪儿哪儿哪儿哪儿哪儿). It brings together artworks that seek out some circulations of objects, figures or gestures in relation to Cambodia, and more broadly within the geopolitical context of Southeast Asia. The exhibition runs at **Betonsalon Centre for Art and Research** in Paris till 5 November 2016. With a focus on deterritorialization – whether they would be forced or driven by free will, consequences of uncontrollable slippages or transfers carefully orchestrated – these collected stories of movements draw vanishing points within prevailing processes of history-making and patrimonial heritage. Numerous shifts of power in Cambodia have repeatedly recast the conception of culture and historicalisation of facts and patrimony, including the seemingly timeless and ongoing tensions with its neighbours Vietnam and Thailand, the colonial French Protectorate (1863-1953), the 1970 coup leading to the assumption of power of Lon Nol, the following four years of civil war (1970-1974), meanwhile the rise South-East Asian Communist parties and the genocidal rule of the Khmer Rouge Regime (1975-1979), to the Vietnamese ruled People's Republic of Kampuchea (1979-1991), the rule of United Nations Transitional Authority over the country (1992-1993), which led to the autocratic rule of Prime Minister Hun Sen (since 1998). The works presented in *Anywhere But Here* address marginal movements developing within historical moments, such as the forced exile or voluntary displacements of intellectuals to France and its colonies (**Hàm Nghi**, **Tran Minh Duc**). The works of **Thao-Nguyen Phanevo** evoke the after-effects of French and Japanese intrusions on the evolution of agrarian landscape and deference gestures, while others invent new scenarios in patrimonial spaces (**Shooshie Sulaiman**, **Pratchaya Phinthong**). Some works trace the intimate trajectories of objects and anonymous persons (**Felix González-Torres**, **Khvay Samnang**, **Vuth Lyno**), while others take as their starting point former artists' journeys that lie ambiguously between a quest for disorientation or a quest of tangible origins (**Albert Samreth**, **Singapore Art Archive Project**, **Vandy Rattana**). **Exhibition partners:** Sa Sa Bassac, Sa Sa Art Projects, Cité Internationale des arts, Fondation Nationales des Arts Graphiques et Plastiques, Fondation Daniel et Nina Carasso, Pernod Ricard

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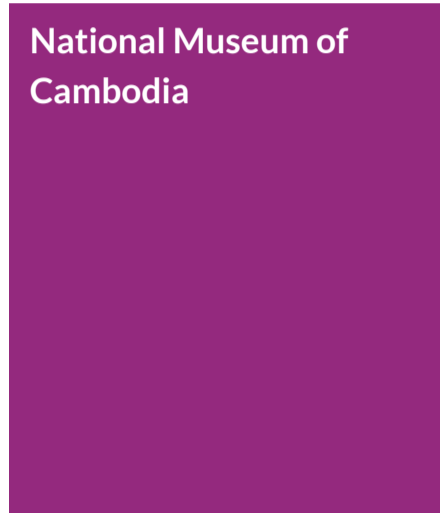
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