



The Institute of International Education's  
Center for International Partnerships in Higher Education

Invites You to Join Us for a Roundtable Discussion on

## **Higher Education in Laos: Developing Partnerships and Engaging U.S. Organizations**

Monday, April 29, 2011 3:30-5:00 pm

Institute of International Education  
809 United Nations Plaza  
New York, NY 10017

With a Presentation by  
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Questions & Discussion to follow

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### **About the event:**

The purpose of this roundtable discussion will be to explore new ways of expanding educational exchanges and academic linkages between the United States and Laos.

The Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES) in Laos is in the process of reforming the entire education system in order to improve equitable access to education and quality in line with education for sustainable development. In this regard, the reform process must respond to the challenges posed by regionalization and globalization: this is particularly true for the development of the higher education sector in Laos. International collaboration will be critical to achieving different aspects of educational reform, such as governance, teaching, research and knowledge production, quality assurance, and academic freedom.