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Houaphan Ethnohistory of an Upland Frontier in Southeast Asia

According to official Lao historiography, the northeastern province of Houaphan is considered as ‘Birthplace of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic’. Indeed, the impenetrable mountains of Houaphan next to the Northern Vietnamese border were the very base of the Lao communist forces during the decades of the Lao civil war – a sideshow of the ‘Vietnam War’ – until the communist takeover of 1975. The specific geographic, political and cultural conditions of this upland frontier region, such as jagged terrain, shifting political alliances, and ethnic heterogeneity, contribute to the historical significance of Houaphan. Therefore, an analysis of the history of Houaphan and its multi-ethnic population calls for a long-term regional perspective which considers the pre-colonial and colonial era as well as recent sociocultural and economic developments – including a critical discussion of the ‘frontier’ concept.

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