



STEPHEN R HEDER

## EDUCATION

MA, Cornell University, 1978  
Major: Comparative Politics; Minors: International Relations, Southeast Asian Studies

BA (summa cum laude), Cornell University, 1973  
Major: Asian Studies

## University Activities

President, Cornell Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars  
Founder and Director, Thailand Information Project  
Co-founder and Deputy Director, East Timor Information Project  
Member, Southeast Asia Programme  
Member, China-Japan Programme

## Academic Honours/Awards/Scholarships

Phi Beta Kappa  
Social Science Research Council Scholarships  
Foreign Language Area Scholarships

## WORK HISTORY

### 1984-present: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Researcher, Asia and Pacific Research Department

Responsible at various times for Research Teams covering Kampuchea, Thailand, Laos, Burma, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, and Viet Nam; Worked originally with Executive Assistants and Research Team Assistants from various teams; Since responsible for the current Kampuchea-Thailand-Laos Burma Team; Since 1987 have been appointed four times as Acting Head of the Department; Organized first major research on Kampuchea, Burma and Thailand, producing important documents and actions; Led six research trips; Organized high-level mission resulting in first high-level discussions with Thai Government; Organized Chinese-language training for the Department; undertook formal professional training in teamwork, making meetings effective, and interviewing and selection techniques

### 1984: LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (New York)

Research Consultant

Planned and participated in research trip to Thailand with Lawyers' Committee team to investigate human rights conditions in Kampuchea; participated in writing and editing of first major study on this subject

**1979-83: OFFICE OF EXTERNAL RESEARCH, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Research Consultant

Proposed a series of five limited-duration research projects on political, economic and social conditions and developments in Kampuchea following the Vietnamese intervention; After research along the Thailand-Kampuchea border and in Kampuchea, produced five reports describing conditions and developments

**1981: ASAHI SHIMBUN**

Research Consultant

Conceived a project to investigate the incidence of mortality in Democratic Kampuchea between 1975 and 1978 and worked with a group of Japanese journalists to produce a report on this subject

**1980-1981: INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES, CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND**

Visiting Fellow

Worked with the Faculty of the Institute developing materials for general seminars on the domestic politics and international relations of Asia; Gave seminars myself in Thai and English

**1980-81: KYODO NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

Research Consultant

Worked with a committee of Japanese journalists in Thailand and Kampuchea investigating the disappearance of a Japanese correspondent in Kampuchea in 1973 and produced a report about it specifying the time, place and cause of death

**1980: THAILAND NATIONAL COMMISSION OF UNESCO**

Researcher

Proposed a study on Thailand-Kampuchea relations, with special reference to refugees, and worked with a group of Thai researchers to produce a the study

**1979: NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE**

Special Correspondent

Covered China and Kampuchea

**1977: CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

Teaching Assistant

Taught on the comparative politics of revolution in China and Southeast Asia

**1973-75: TIME MAGAZINE AND NBC NEWS**

Special Correspondent

Covered Thailand, Kampuchea, Laos and Taiwan

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### Current

Member, Association for Asian Studies

### Past

1983-4: Advisor, Cambodia Documentation Commission (New York)  
1981: Testimony before the United States House of Representatives  
Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs

## LANGUAGES

Khmer  
Thai  
Chinese (Mandarin)  
Lao  
Shan (spoken only)  
French (reading only)  
Korean (smatterings)

## PERIODS AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE IN ASIA

1983: Thailand  
1979-81: China, Thailand, Kampuchea  
1973-75: Kampuchea, Thailand  
1975: Laos, Taiwan  
1969-70: Korea, Thailand

## SELECTED RESEARCH RESULTS

### Amnesty International External Documents

"Burma: Extrajudicial Execution, Torture and Political Imprisonment of  
Members of the Shan and Other Ethnic Minorities"

"Burma: Extrajudicial Execution and Torture of Members of Ethnic Minorities "

"Kampuchea: Officially Reported Political Arrests and Allegations of  
Torture and Arbitrary Detention"

"Kampuchea: Political Imprisonment and Torture"

"Thailand: Torture of Three Kampuchean Nationals"

"'Re-education' in Attapeu Province, the Democratic People's Republic of  
Laos"

"Background Paper on the Democratic People's Republic of Laos Describing  
Current Amnesty International Concerns"

## Publications

Kampuchea: After the Worst (with the Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights, 1985)

"KPNLF Guerilla Strategy Yields Mixed Results," in Indochina Issues (1983)

"Kampuchea", in The Encyclopedia of World Political Systems, George Delury, ed (1982)

"Democratic Kampuchea: A Regime's Post-Mortum", in Indochina Issues (1981)

"From Pol Pot to Pen Sovan to the Villages", in Indochinese Security Issues (1981)

Kampuchea: Occupation and Resistance, Chulalongkorn University (1980)

"The Kampuchean-Vietnamese Conflict", in Southeast Asian Affairs (1979)

"Origins of the Conflict", in Southeast Asian Chronicle (1978)

"Kampuchea's Armed Struggle: Origins of an Independent Revolution", in the Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars (1978)

"Provinces of Democratic Kampuchea", in the Encyclopedia Britannica (1978)

## REFERENCES

Excellent academic and professional references furnished on request