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Dr. Sophal Ear is Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Global Development and a tenured Associate Professor in the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University where he lectures on global political economy, global affairs, International Organizations, and management environment in Asia. He previously taught at Occidental College, the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, and the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

He consulted for the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, was Assistant Resident Representative for the United Nations Development Programme in East Timor, Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Advisor to Cambodia's first private equity fund Leopard Capital, Audit Chair of the Nathan Cummings Foundation, Treasurer of the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, and Secretary of the Southeast Asia Development Program (Phnom Penh, Cambodia), and Corresponding Secretary of the Crescenta Valley Town Council. A TED Fellow, Fulbright Specialist, and Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, he sits on the Boards of Refugees International (Washington, DC) as Governance Co-Chair, Audit Chair of Partners for Development (Silver Spring, MD), Treasurer of the International Public Management Network (Washington, DC), and on the Executive Committee of the Center for Khmer Studies (Siem Reap, Cambodia).

Dr. Ear is the author of *Viral Sovereignty and the Political Economy of Pandemics: What Explains How Countries Handle Outbreaks?* (Routledge, 2022), *Aid Dependence in Cambodia: How Foreign Assistance Undermines Democracy* (Columbia University Press, 2012), co-author of *The Hungry Dragon: How China's Resources Quest is Reshaping the World* (Routledge, 2013), and co-editor of the virtual issue of the journal *Politics and the Life Sciences* on *Coronavirus: Politics, Economics, and Pandemics* (Cambridge University Press, 2020). He wrote and narrated the award-winning documentary film "The End/Beginning: Cambodia" based on his 2009 TED Talk and has appeared in five other documentaries. A graduate of Princeton and Berkeley, he moved to the US from France as a Cambodian refugee at the age of 10. A proud father of four (Steven, 12, Caitlyn, 10, Nathan 8, and Jasmin 7), he and spouse Chamnan Lim, split their time between La Crescenta-Montrose and Phoenix.