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Summary information

Repository:	Trinity University Special Collections and Archives
Title:	Karl J. Pelzer Collection of Southeast Asia Materials
ID:	SC.018
Date:	1925-1974, n.d. (date of creation)
Physical description:	1 box (1.5 linear feet)
Language:	English
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Karl Pelzer was born in Oberpleis, Germany in 1909, and graduated from the University of Bonn, receiving his doctorate there in 1935. After coming to the United States, he taught at the University of California at Berkeley and at Johns Hopkins University. During World War II he was with the Office of War Information. From 1945-1947 he worked for the Department of Agriculture, in its office of foreign agricultural relations, and he was part of a unit that toured Japan, the Philippines and the East Indies to study the effects of war on agriculture. He was a member of the Yale University faculty from 1947 until his retirement in 1977, and was for many years the director of Southeast Asia Studies. Pelzer was an authority on land use and the demographics of tropical regions, particularly Southeast Asia. He was the author of *Population and Land Utilization* and *Pioneer Settlement in the Asiatic Tropics*. He died at his home in North Haven, Connecticut at the age of 71.

Scope and content

This collection consists of pamphlets, reprints, articles, newsletters, periodicals, and other similar publications about Southeast Asia. The materials primarily focus on political issues during the 1960s and 1970s.

Notes

Title notes

Physical condition

This collection has been minimally processed. Additional information about the contents of each folder can be provided upon request.

Immediate source of acquisition

Believed to have been purchased by Coates Library in the 1980s, as part of the acquisition of a larger collection of books belonging to Pelzer.

Arrangement

Items in Series 1 through Series 6 retain the organizational system given to them by Dr. Pelzer. Items in Series 7 were no longer in Pelzer's organizational scheme, and were arranged by the librarian by country, mirroring the structure used by Pelzer.

Restrictions on access

This collection is open and available to the public for research in the Special Collections & Archives reading room. The materials are non-circulating.

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Related material

Council on Southeast Asia Studies, Yale University, records: <https://archives.yale.edu/repositories/12/resources/2821>.

Along with these materials, Trinity University purchased a collection of books about Southeast Asia from Dr. Pelzer. These volumes are available in the library's general collection, and can be searched in the catalog.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Pelzer, Karl J. (Karl Josef), 1909-1980 (subject)
- Pamphlets (documentary form)
- Periodicals (documentary form)
- Articles (documentary form)
- Clippings (documentary form)
- Vietnam War, 1961-1975 (subject)
- International relations (subject)
- Communism (subject)
- Cambodia (place)
- Laos (place)
- Vietnam (place)
- Burma (place)
- China (place)
- Indonesia (place)
- Philippines (place)

Series descriptions

Series SC.018-01: Cambodia - Political

Date: 1967-1971 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Series SC.018-02: Laos - Political

Date: 1959-1973, n.d. (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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Series SC.018-03: Vietnam - Cultural

Date: 1959-1974, n.d. (date of creation)

<u>Publication status:</u> Published				
File / item list				
Series SC.018-04: Vietnam - Economic <u>Date:</u> 1945-1969, n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status:</u> Published				
File / item list				
Series SC.018-05: Vietnam - Political <u>Date:</u> 1956-1975, n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status:</u> Published				
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File / item list				
Folder SC.018-05-02: Folder 2 <u>Date:</u> 1962-1973, n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status:</u> Published				
File / item list				
Folder SC.018-05-03: Folder 3				

<u>Date</u> : 1956-1971, n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
File / item list
Folder SC.018-05-04: Folder 4 <u>Date</u> : 1957-1971 (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
File / item list
Folder SC.018-05-05: Folder 5 <u>Date</u> : 1959-1971 (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
File / item list
Folder SC.018-05-06: Folder 6 <u>Date</u> : 1956-1975, n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
File / item list
Series SC.018-06: Vietnam - Social <u>Date</u> : 1959-1975, n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
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Series SC.018-07: Unfiled

<u>Date</u> : 1925-1974, n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published				
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File / item list				
Folder SC.018-07-02: China <u>Date</u> : 1925-1928 (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published				
File / item list				
Folder SC.018-07-03: China <u>Date</u> : 1942-1944, n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published				
File / item list				
Folder SC.018-07-04: Indonesia <u>Date</u> : n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published				

File / item list
Folder SC.018-07-05: Myanmar <u>Date</u> : n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
File / item list
Folder SC.018-07-06: Philippines <u>Date</u> : n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
File / item list
Folder SC.018-07-07: Vietnam <u>Date</u> : 1964-1970 (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
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Folder SC.018-07-08: Vietnam <u>Date</u> : 1972-1974 (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
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Folder SC.018-07-09: Vietnam <u>Date</u> : n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published

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Folder SC.018-07-10: Miscellaneous <u>Date</u> : 1952-1973, n.d. (date of creation) <u>Publication status</u> : Published
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