

# **The 6th “Engaging with Vietnam - An Interdisciplinary Dialogue” Conference**

**November 5-7, 2014**

**Eugene, Oregon, USA**

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**Conference Theme -**

**Frontiers and Peripheries: Vietnam Deconstructed and Reconnected**

**Wednesday, 5 November 2014**

**6:30 Evening Reception**

**Registration Begins at 6:00**

Location: Gerlinger Lounge

Welcoming Remarks: Dennis Galvan, Vice Provost for International Affairs, University of Oregon

W. Andrew Marcus, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oregon

Bryna Goodman, Director, Asian Studies Program, University of Oregon

**Thursday, 6 November 2014**

**8:00 Registration**

**8:30-9:00 OPENING REMARKS**

Peter Arnade, Dean, College of the Arts and Humanity, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Welcome from the Conference Co-Chairs and Co-Conveners: Tuong Vu, Phan Le Ha, and Liam Kelley

Dang Van Minh, Vice President of Thai Nguyen University, a co-organizer of the 5th Engaging with Vietnam Conference

**9:00-10:15 KEYNOTE SESSION: DECONSTRUCTING AND RECONNECTING VIETNAM**

Location: Ballroom

Moderator: Peter Zinoman

Christopher GOSCHA (University of Quebec at Montreal)

“Beyond Vietnamese Exceptionalism: *On Vietnam, Another History*”

Tuong VU (University of Oregon)

“State Formation on China’s Southern Frontier: Vietnam as a Shadow Empire and Hegemon”

Discussant: Liam C. Kelley (University of Hawai’i at Manoa)

### **10:30-12:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

#### **SESSION 1: The Internationalization of Higher Education, National Cultural Identity, and Neoliberalism: A Look at Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and Vietnam**

Location: Ballroom

Moderator: David Ericson

Osman BARNAWI (Royal Commission Colleges and Institutes, Yanbu, Saudi Arabia)

“English and Internationalization of Higher Education in Saudi Arabia: Challenges, Risks, and Opportunities”

Joyce KHO (Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak)

“Internationalization of Higher Education and Questions of Identity in Malaysia: A Policy Analysis”

PHAN Le Ha (University of Hawai’i at Manoa)

“Western Universities in Vietnam: A Comparative Analysis of Missions, Values, and Commitments to Local Capacity Building”

#### **SESSION 2: The Powers of the Written Word**

Location: Gumwood

Moderator: Nguyen Tuan Cuong

LE Nguyen Long (University of Missouri)

“Travel, Travel Writings, and the Formation of Vietnamese National Identity in the Early 20th Century”

NGUYEN Quoc Vinh (Harvard University)

“Postwar Historiography on Nguyen Hue and the Tay Son period (1771-1802) and the Rise of Counter-Memories from the Margins in the Vietnamese Diaspora”

Thomas A. BASS (SUNY Albany)

“Censorship in Vietnam: Forcing Writers to the Periphery”

### **SESSION 3: Education and Training in the Age of Globalization**

Location: Maple

Moderator: Dang Van Minh

PHUNG Ha Thanh and NGUYEN Thanh Ha (Michigan State University)

“Contemporary Comparative Criticisms around Vietnamese Education: The Perpetuation of Inequality”

Cuong Huy NGUYEN (Michigan State University and Ho Chi Minh City University of Pedagogy)

“The Inclusion of Mindfulness into Education: A New Direction of Educational Studies”

Michael SALZMAN (University of Hawai'i) at Manoa

“Globalization, Education, Culture and Anxiety”

### **SESSION 4: Economic Reform in Vietnam: Theory vs. Realities**

Location: Oak

Moderator: Bui Tran Phuong

VU Thanh Tu Anh (Fulbright Economics Teaching Program and Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University)

“WTO Accession and the Political Economy of State-Owned Enterprise Reform in Vietnam”

DINH The Phong (Business-Innovation Centre)

“Network-Based Integration as an Economic Model & Industrialization Concept for Vietnam in the 21st Century”

Thi Thu Huong NGUYEN (Curtin University)

“Decentralization in Vietnam and its Impact on Public Service Delivery”

**12:00-1:00 LUNCH**

**1:00-2:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**SESSION 1: Challenges in the Incorporation of Ethnic Communities**

Location: Ballroom

Moderator: William Chapman

TRAN Dinh Lam (University of Social Sciences and Humanities, VNU, HCMC)

“The Economic, Cultural and Social Life of Bahnar People Sustainable Development”

Vy DAO (Michigan State University)

“The Inclusions and Exclusions of Ethnic Minority Cultures in Centric-Mainstream Curriculum of English Teaching and the Implications for the Vietnam Reconnected”

**SESSION 2: New Spatial and Cultural Dimensions of Vietnamese History**

Location: Gumwood

Moderator: Liam C. Kelley

John K. WHITMORE (University of Michigan) and James A. ANDERSON (University of North Carolina at Greensboro)

“The Dong World and Vietnam, Highlands and Lowlands Re-conceived”

Kathlene BALDANZA (Pennsylvania State University) and Nhung Tuyet TRAN (University of Toronto)

“A Cultural Fluorescence in the Nguyen Cochinchina? Neo-Confucian Morality and Medical Teachings in 18th Century Wood Block Prints”

**SESSION 3: Understanding Development and Its Future in Vietnam**

Location: Maple

Moderator: Benedict Kerkvliet

John Luke GALLUP (Portland State University)

“The End of Development?”

Jonathan WARREN (University of Washington)

“The Problem with Reconnecting”

#### **SESSION 4: Diasporic Communities in Europe: Subjectivity and Positionality**

Location: Oak

Moderator: Peter Arnade

Grażyna SZYMAŃSKA-MATUSIEWICZ (University of Warsaw)

“Vietnamese Migrant Communities in Eastern Europe: Remnant of a Post-War Era or Potential of Future Cooperation? Case of the Vietnamese from Poland”

Josef An-Zhi Jian (National Chi Nan University)

“Invisible, Indistinct and then Represented: The Process of Forming the ‘Subjectivity’ of the German Vietnamese after the Year 1990”

#### **2:10-3:10 BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

##### **SESSION 1: Urban Governance: Visions and Contradictions**

Location: Ballroom

Moderator: Erik Harms

Jacob O. WEGER (University of Georgia)

“Towards an Urban Political Ecology of Thu Thiem Development Project, Ho Chi Minh City”

Khanh PHAM (Portland State University)

“Between a Rock and a Hot Place: Navigating the Contradictions Between Economic Growth and Climate Change Adaptation in Vietnam”

##### **SESSION 2: Demystifying Ho Chi Minh**

Location: Gumwood

Moderator: Tuong Vu

Alex-Thai Dinh VO (Cornell University)

“Nguyen Thi Nam: The Herald of Incalculable Consequences”

Kimloan HILL (University of California, San Diego)

“A Reassessment of Ho Chi Minh’s Whereabouts in 1911-1919”

### **SESSION 3: Diasporic Communities: Identity and Connections**

Location: Maple

Moderator: Janet Hoskins

Anh Phung NGO (York University, Canada)

“Case Study of the Vietnamese in Toronto: Representations of Identity”

HOANG Anh Ngoc (Université Catholique de l’Ouest)

“Digital Connections Between Vietnamese Catholics in Vietnam and Vietnamese Catholics in Diaspora”

### **SESSION 4: Higher Education: Policy and Politics**

Location: Oak

Moderator: David Ericson

Diep TRAN (Victoria University of Wellington)

“Policy Alternatives for Private Higher Education in Vietnam: Surpassing with New Approach”

Mary Beth MARKLEIN (George Mason University)

“The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: U.S. Policy and Politics in Vietnam Higher Education Reform”

**3:10-3:30      BREAK**

**3:30-5:00      KEYNOTE SESSION: COLD WAR FRONTIERS IN VIETNAM**

Location: Ballroom

Moderator: Angie Ngoc Tran

Peter ZINOMAN (University of California-Berkeley)

“De-Stalinization and Revisionism in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam: New Research on Nhan Van Giai Pham”

Nu-Anh TRAN (University of Connecticut)

“Contested Identities: Nationalism, Anticommunism, and Internationalism in the Republic of Vietnam, 1954-1959”

NGUYEN Tuan Cuong (Vietnam National University-Hanoi)

“Nationalism, Decolonization, and Tradition: The Promotion of Confucianism in South Vietnam 1955-1975 and the Role of Nguyen Dang Thuc”

Discussant: Glenn May (University of Oregon)

**6:30 DINNER BANQUET**

Location: Willamette Atrium

Welcoming Remarks: Jeffrey Hanes, Director, Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, University of Oregon

**Friday, 7 November 2014**

**8:30-10:00 KEYNOTE SESSION: VIETNAMESE ON THE GLOBAL FRONTIER – VISION, STATUS, AND SOLIDARITY**

Location: Ballroom

Moderator: Nu-Anh Tran

Erik HARMS (Yale University)

“Modern Views, Unblocked: Looking into the Distance in Phu My Hung, a Vietnamese New Urban Zone”

Kimberly HOANG (Boston College)

“Dealing in Desire: Asian Ascendancy, Western Decline and the Hidden Currencies of Global Sex Work”

Angie Ngoc TRAN (CSU Monterey Bay)

“Hope Across Borders: Three Ethnic Groups in Labor Migrations Between Vietnam and Malaysia”

Discussant: Benedict KERKVLIIET (Australian National University)

**10:00-10:15 BREAK**

## **10:15-12:15 BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **SESSION 1: Socialization in/through Education**

Location: Ballroom

Moderator: Dang Van Huan

DUONG Bich Hang (Lehigh University)

“Socialization Policy: Evidence from Vietnam”

Violette Hoang-Phuong HO (University of California Los Angeles)

“Female Students at An Giang University, Vietnam: College As A Way to Fulfill Familial Obligations”

Phuoc DUONG (University of California, Riverside)

“Numeracy and Examination as Discipline and Reason: An Analysis of General Education in Da Nang City, Vietnam”

### **SESSION 2: New Interpretations of War and Leadership**

Location: Gumwood

Moderator: Peter Zinoman

Zachary SHORE (Naval Postgraduate School)

“A Sense of the Enemy: Le Duan’s Strategic Empathy for America”

Peter HUNT (King’s College London)

“Dien Bien Phu at Sixty: Changing Perspectives on the Battle at the Boundary of Vietnamese Space, History and Identity”

Sean FEAR (Cornell University)

“The Ambiguous Legacy of Ngo Dinh Diem in South Vietnam’s Second Republic (1967-1975)”

### **SESSION 3: Vietnamese in the Diaspora: Culture, History, and Identity**

Location: Maple

Moderator: Lan Chu

Thien-Huong NINH (Williams College)



“Ethno-Religious Transnationalism: Re-Connection Between Vietnamese Catholics in the U.S. and Cambodia”

Tuan HOANG (Pepperdine University)

“From Reeducation Camps to Little Saigons: Historicizing Vietnamese American Anticommunism”

An Tuan NGUYEN (Northern Arizona University)

“Post-Refugee Vietnamese Professionals in the U.S.: Rethinking Vietnamese American Immigration”

Discussant: Lan CHU (Occidental College)

#### **SESSION 4: On the Frontiers of Cross-Cultural Education**

Location: Oak

Moderator: Michael Salzman

Khanh Nguyen BUI and Chau NGUYEN Thi Ngoc (University of Georgia)

“The Application of Project-Based Learning in Teaching Secondary Students – An Investigation and Case Study in Lawrence S. Ting School”

VO Huong Quynh (Ho Chi Minh City University of Education) and Ilene CRAWFORD (Southern Connecticut State University)

“Crossing Cultural Borders in Literature: Pain or Gain? Experiences Teaching American Literature to English Majors in Vietnam”

Nhung Thi Hong NGUYEN (Monash University, Springvale Indo Chinese Ethnic School, and Mang-Non Vietnamese Language School)

“Using Games to Enhance Learning and Teaching Vietnamese Language in Australia”

**12:15-1:15 LUNCH**

**1:15-2:15 BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

#### **SESSION 1: Leadership Development in the U.S. and Vietnam**

Location: Gumwood

Moderator: David Ericson

VAN Thi Minh Huyen (Texas A&M University)

“Emerging Leadership Development in the US Business Sector and Implications for Vietnam”

PHUONG To Tam (Texas A&M University and Foreign Trade University, Ha Noi)

“Non-profit Leadership Development in the U.S. and Implications for Vietnam”

## **SESSION 2: War, Landscape, and Technology**

Location: Maple

Moderator: Christopher Goscha

Scott FREY (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

“Agent Orange and America at War in Vietnam and Southeast Asia”

Edward MILLER (Dartmouth College) and David BIGGS (University of California-Riverside)

“Landscape, Ecology, and Counterinsurgency in South Vietnam: The Strange Saga of Binh Hung Village”

## **SESSION 3: Vietnam between China and Champa**

Location: Oak

Moderator: Liam C. Kelley

Kwok-leong TANG (Pennsylvania State University)

“Honoring the Cultural Heritage of Our Nation: the Revisions of Enshrinement in the Temple of Literature in the Minh Mang period (1820-1841)”

William B. NOSEWORTHY (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

“Peripheries of Vietnamese History and the Cham Ong Tai Manuscript, 1651-1975”

**2:15-2:30      BREAK**

## **2:30-3:45      KEYNOTE SESSION: DILEMMAS OF HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM IN VIETNAM**

Location: Ballroom

Moderator: Liam C. Kelley

BUI Tran Phuong (Hoa Sen University)

“To Submit to Globalization or to Tempt a Proactive and Responsible Internationalization?”

DANG Van Huan (Portland State University and Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam)

“The Legacies of a Socialist State and the Lack of Radical Change in Higher Education Policy on Institutional Autonomy in Vietnam”

Discussant: Phan Le Ha

**3:45-4:00      BREAK**

**4:00-5:15      KEYNOTE SESSION: CENTERS AND THEIR CULTURAL PERIPHERIES**

Location: Ballroom

Moderator: Kimberly Hoang

Janet HOSKINS (University of Southern California, Los Angeles)

“Victor Hugo’s Spiritual Sons in Vietnam: The Colonial Cult of the Occult and Postcolonial Connections”

William CHAPMAN (University of Hawai’i at Manoa)

“Adjuncts to Empire: The EFEO and the Conservation of Cham Antiquities”

Discussant: Tuan Hoang

**5:15-5:45      CLOSING CEREMONY**

Location: Ballroom

Moderators: Phan Le Ha and Tuong Vu

Closing Remarks: Donald Young, Dean, College of Education, University of Hawai’i at Manoa