

VIETNAM FORUM 2016
VIETNAM: THIRTY YEARS OF *DOI MOI* AND BEYOND

7-8 April 2016
ISEAS Seminar Rooms 1 & 2
Singapore

PROGRAMME
(as of 1 April 2016)

Thursday, 7 April 2016

8.30 am – 9.00 am Registration

9.00 am – 9.10 am **Welcome Remarks**
Mr TAN Chin Tiong
Director, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

9.10 am – 11.10 am **SESSION 1: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF *DOI MOI***

Moderator: *Dr Francis HUTCHINSON*
Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Regional Economic
Studies Programme, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Professor Adam FFORDE
Professorial Fellow, Victoria Institute of Strategic Economic Studies,
Victoria University, Australia

Vietnam: Economic Strategy and Economic Reality

Dr VU-THANH Tu Anh
Director of Research, Fulbright Economics Teaching Program, Ho Chi
Minh City

Private Sector Development in Vietnam since *Doi Moi*

Dr Konstantin M WACKER
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Gutenberg-University
Mainz, Germany

**Restructuring of the SOE Sector in Vietnam: Where Do We Stand
and What are the Challenges Ahead?**

Dr Tai Dang NGUYEN
Visiting Research Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian
National University

**Does Fiscal Decentralisation Help Improve Development
Outcomes? Evidence from Vietnam's Poverty Reduction and
Health Outcomes**

11.10 am – 11.30 am Coffee

11.30 am – 1.00 pm

SESSION 2: THE SECTORAL DYNAMICS OF *DOI MOI*

Moderator: *Dr Cassey LEE*
Senior Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Dr Tuan Quoc HO

Lecturer, School of Economics, Finance and Management, University of Bristol, United Kingdom

Ms Trang Thi Ngoc NGUYEN

School of Finance, University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City

Mr Tho Ngoc TRAN

School of Finance, University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City

Impacts of Foreign Investment on Vietnam's Economy under *Doi Moi*

Professor Javier Revilla DIEZ

Chair, Institute of Geography, University of Cologne, Germany

Ms Thi Xuan Thu NGUYEN

PhD Candidate, Institute of Geography, University of Cologne

MNEs and Industrial Spatial Concentration Patterns in the Red River Delta and Southeast Vietnam

Professor Eric D RAMSTETTER

Research Professor, Asian Growth Research Institute, Japan

Dr NGUYEN Trung Kien

Head, Faculty of Commerce, School of Economics, The University of Danang, Vietnam

Multinational Enterprise Growth and Vietnam's Employment and Wages in Manufacturing and Trade Industries: Did Takeovers Play a Role?

1.00 pm – 2.10 pm

Lunch

2.10 pm – 3.50 pm

SESSION 3: VIETNAM'S TRANSFORMING POLITICAL LANDSCAPE UNDER DOI MOI

Moderator: *Dr Joerg WISCHERMANN*
Associate, Institute of Asian Studies, German Institute of Global Studies, Hamburg

Dr Hai Hong NGUYEN

Visiting Research Fellow, Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, School of Political Science and International Studies, The University of Queensland

A Quadruple Assessment of the Communist Party of Vietnam's Resilient Authoritarianism since *Doi Moi*

Dr BUI Hai Thiem

Director, Research Management Board, Institute for Legislative Studies, National Assembly of Vietnam, Hanoi

The Influence of Social Media in Vietnam's Elite Politics

Ms VO Thi Hai Minh

PhD Candidate, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Dr Karl LÓFGREN

Associate Professor, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington

Autonomy of Public Service Delivery Agencies in Vietnam and OECD: A Comparative Institutional Perspective

3.50 pm – 4.10 pm

Tea

4.10 pm – 5.30 pm

SESSION 4: DOI MOI, POLITICAL LEGITIMACY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CPV

Moderator: *Dr LE Hong Hiep*

Visiting Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Dr Joerg WISCHERMANN

Associate, Institute of Asian Studies, German Institute of Global Studies, Hamburg

Professor BUI The Cuong

Senior Researcher, Southern Institute of Social Sciences, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences

Dr DANG Thi Viet Phuong

Deputy Head, Department of Social Security and Social Work, Institute of Sociology, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi

Vietnamese Civic Organizations: Supporters of or Obstacles to Further Democratization? Results from an Empirical Survey

Mr VU Duc Liem

PhD Candidate, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, Hamburg University

Ms VUONG Ngoc Thi

PhD Candidate, Max Planck Institute (Goettingen)

Making National Ancestry: The Worship of Hung Kings and Vietnamese Political Culture Since 1986

Friday, 8 April 2016

9.00 am – 10.45 am

SESSION 5: URBAN AND RURAL TRANSFORMATIONS UNDER DOI MOI

Moderator: *Dr Terence CHONG*
Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Regional Social and Cultural Studies Programme, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Professor Hy V LUONG
Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto
Rural Vietnam: Transformational Dynamics and Regional Variation

Dr HUYNH Thi Anh Phuong
Head, Department of Social Work, Hue University of Sciences, Vietnam
Vietnam's Land Reforms and the Implications on Insecure and Unequal Access to Land in Practice; A Case Study in a Rural Community in Central Vietnam

Dr Nicolas LAINEZ
Research Associate, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Social Issues, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, France
Informal Credit in Vietnam: A Necessity Rather than an Evil

Mr Arve HANSEN
Research Fellow, Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo
Driving *Doi Moi*: Cars, Class and Capitalism in Contemporary Ha Noi

10.45 am – 11.05 am

Coffee

11.05 am – 12.50 pm

SESSION 6: DOI MOI's IMPACTS REVISITED: EDUCATION, GENDER AND RELIGION

Moderator: *Dr Benjamin LOH*
Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Dr Carolyn-Dung Thi Thanh TRAN
Lecturer, UNE Business School, The University of New England, Australia
Reform Process and Productive Efficiency in Vietnamese Higher Education: A Case Study of Public Universities

Dr TRUONG Huyen Chi
Programme Coordinator, Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) Secretariat, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal
Growing up as a Millennium Child: Inequalities as Experienced through Childhood in post-*Doi Moi* Vietnam

Dr Chi Phuong PHAM

Researcher, Vietnam Institute of Literature, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi

State Management of Religion in Reform-Era Vietnam: The Case of Mariamman Temple

Professor Ann Marie LESHKOWICH

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of the Holy Cross, USA

Affective Expertise: Social Work and the Management of Femininity and Class in Ho Chi Minh City

12.50 pm – 1.50 pm

Lunch

1.50 pm – 3.15 pm

SESSION 7: VIETNAM'S RELATIONS WITH MAJOR POWERS UNDER *DOI MOI*

Moderator: *Mr Daljit SINGH*

Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator, Regional Strategic and Political Studies Programme, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Ms Phuong NGUYEN

Associate Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), USA

The Evolution of Strategic Trust in U.S.-Vietnam Relations

Mr NGUYEN Thanh Trung

Lecturer, Department of International Relations, Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities

Dr Truong-Minh VU

Director, Center for International Studies (SCIS), University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City

China-Vietnam Relations after the Oil Rig HYSY-981: The Politics of "Struggling Co-Evolution"

Mr Rajeev Ranjan CHATURVEDY

Research Associate, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore

India-Vietnam Partnership: The Maritime Imperatives

3.15 pm – 3.35 pm

Tea

3.35 pm – 4.55 pm

SESSION 8: BEYOND “DIVERSIFICATION AND MULTI-LATERALIZATION”: NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR VIETNAM’S DIPOMACY

Moderator: *Dr Malcolm COOK*
Senior Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Dr Vannarith CHHEANG
Senior Fellow, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace,
Cambodia

Vietnam’s Foreign Policy Towards its Smaller Neighbours

Dr TO Minh Thu
Researcher, Research Center for Policy and Economy, Mitsubishi
Research Institute, Tokyo

Vietnam’s International Economic Integration under *Doi Moi*

Dr Ha Hai HOANG
Lecturer, Faculty of History, Hanoi National University of Education
**The EU’s Norm Diffusion through Free Trade Agreement: Vietnam
as an Active Norm Recipient?**

4.55 pm

Closing Remarks

Mr Daljit SINGH
Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator, Regional Strategic and
Political Studies Programme, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

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