



**Center for Southeast Asia Studies, UC Berkeley
Graduate Conference on Vietnamese Studies
February 9 – 10, 2007**

DAY 1

Friday, FEB 9

Location: **Geballe Room, Townsend Center for the Humanities, 220 Stephens Hall**

8:15 – 8:35 a.m. Registration

8:35 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks

by **Peter Zinoman**, Chair, Center for Southeast Asia Studies; Associate Professor, History & Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

8:45 – 10:30 a.m. PANEL I: Politics of Urban and Rural Change in Late Socialist Vietnam

“The Blurred Boundaries of Voluntary and Involuntary Resettlement: The Case of Cat Tien National Park in Vietnam”

Jason Morris-Jung, UC Berkeley (presenter) & **Robin Roth**, York University

“Disruptions of a Dialectic and a Stereotypical Response: The Case of the Ho Chi Minh City Tourism Industry”

Jamie Gillen, University of Colorado

“Ho Chi Minh City’s Emerging Middle Classes, Global Youth Culture and the Possibilities of Post-Socialism”

Catherine Earl, Victoria University

“Commodification of Governance: Music Production in Vietnam”

Nhu-Ngoc Ong, UC Irvine

Discussant: **Marguerite Nguyen**, UC Berkeley

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. BREAK

10:45 – 12:10 p.m. PANEL II: The Vietnam-China Interface: New Perspectives, Old Questions

“The Bach Viet and Vietnam’s ‘Place’ in Larger Regional Groupings”

Michael Churchman, Australian National University

“Marginalizing Practices: Bureaucracy, Ethnography, and Becoming Chinese in Colonial Vietnam”

Trung Nguyen, University of Wisconsin

“Sinicization and Syllable Structure in Vietnamese”

John Duong Phan, Cornell University

Discussant: **Charles Wheeler**, UC Irvine

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- 12:10 – 1:45 p.m.** **LUNCH** (on own)
- 1:45 – 3:10 p.m.** **PANEL III: Religious Pluralism: World Traditions and Local Practices**
- “Tradition, Renovation, New Religious Movements: A Triptych of Vietnamese Religious Pluralism in Cambodia during the First Half of the Twentieth Century”
Pascal Bourdeaux, Écoles Pratique des Hautes Études
- “The Occult Religion of the Lý Court”
Minh Huỳnh Trần, CSU Long Beach
- “‘And I Will Build For Thee A Great Nation’: The First Vietnamese Bishops, Popular Culture and Politics in Colonial Vietnamese Catholicism”
Charles Keith, Yale University
- Discussant: **Chi Ha**, UC Berkeley
- 3:10 – 3: 20 p.m.** **BREAK**
- 3:20 - 4:50 p.m.** **PANEL IV: Self, Place, and Space: Narrating Past and Present in and beyond Vietnam**
- “Reading Hanoi’s Sense of Place: Local Culture and *Hyper-space/tradition*”
Dinh Quoc Phuong, University of Melbourne
- “Kieu in Redux : The Poetics of Narrative, the Immigrant Imaginary and the Articulation of Vietnamese Transnational Womanhood”
Cam Vu, University of Southern California
- “The Past is a Distant Colony”
Hong-An Truong, University of California, Irvine
- Discussant: **Mariam Beevi Lam**, UC Riverside
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
- “Vietnam: The Adventures and Misadventures of Global Theory”
Alexander Woodside, Professor Emeritus of History, University of British Columbia
- 6:30 – 7:00 pm** Reception

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Day 2

Saturday, FEB 10

Location: IEAS Conference Room, 6th floor, 2223 Fulton St. (at Kittredge)

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 10:45 a.m. **PANEL V: Identity Constructions and Transformations in the Indochina Wars**

“Unearthing Vietnam: Archeology and Nation Building in Communist Việt Nam”

Haydon L. Cherry, Yale University

“From the Foreign Legion to the Viet Minh: Emil Selhofer, a Swiss Crossover in the First Indochina War”

An Lac Truong Dinh, University of Basel

“From Bangkok to Bear Cat: The Winding Road for Thai Expeditionary Forces to Vietnam”

Sutayut Osornprasop, University of Cambridge

“The *Kiểm Thảo* and the Uses of Disposable Time in the American War in Vietnam”

Duy Lap Nguyen, University of California, Irvine

Discussant: **Tuong Vu**, Naval Postgraduate School

10:45 – 11:00 p.m. BREAK

11:00 – 12:25 p.m. **PANEL VI: Nineteenth Century Vietnam in Retrospect: Textual Legitimacy and Repositioning the Past**

“How to Shoot a Gun: Hoàng Kế Viêm and the Plot to Save Đại Nam, 1869-1887”

Bradley Davis, University of Washington

“The Scholar-Recluse as Cultural Consanguinity or Invented Tradition?: Nguyen Dynasty Literati’s Reconstructions of Vietnam’s Literary Past”

J. Hoai Tran, Cornell University

“The *Nam tiến* as an Expression of Southern Regionalism in Vietnamese History”

Claudine Ang Tsu Lyn, Cornell University

Discussant: **Alexander Woodside**, University of British Columbia

12:25 – 1:30 p.m. **LUNCH** (on own)

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- 1:30 – 2:55 p.m.** **PANEL VII: Redefining the Feminine: Gender/Identity Explorations Past and Present**
- “Fleshing the Shadows: Contesting Gender Roles in the Vietnam War (1945-1975)”
Thu Anh Vu, University of Northern British Columbia
- “How the Gun Became her Husband: Understanding Revolutionary Mobilization through Women’s Memoirs”
Natalie Porter, University of Wisconsin
- “Friendship, Family, and Feminism: Transnational Feminist Analyses of the Lives of Vietnamese Les in Hanoi and Saigon”
Natalie Newton, University of California, Irvine
- Discussant: **Penny Edwards**, UC Berkeley
- 2:55 – 3:05 p.m.** BREAK
- 3:05 – 4:30 p.m.** **PANEL VIII: Biopolitics and the Thresholds of Modernity**
- “French-educated Midwives and the Medicalization of Childbirth in Colonial Việt Nam (1900-1940)”
Thuy-Linh Nguyen, University of Pennsylvania
- “Highland Stories: Poverty, Drugs, and Rehabilitation Options in Northern Vietnam”
Nathalie Miller, UNESCO Fellow-Vietnam
- Discussant: **Alfred Montoya**, UC Berkeley
- 4:30 – 4:40 p.m.** BREAK
- 4:40 – 6:05 p.m.** **PANEL IX: The Implications of Ethnicity: Collapsing State Policies and Social Practices**
- “Vietnamese Engagement with Tamil Migrants in Colonial Indochina”
Natasha Piraudeau, SOAS, University Of London
- “Protestant Conversion, Social Relations, and the Dilemma of the Hmong in Contemporary Vietnam”
Ngô Thị Thanh Tâm, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- “Homogenizing (and Inventing) the Vietnamese Nation: The Communist Party Ethnic Policy towards *Montagnard* Minorities from 1975 to 1986 “
Céline Marangé, Sciences Po (Paris); Fox Fellow, Yale University
- Discussant: **Peter Zinoman**, UC Berkeley
- 6:05 – 6:15 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**
by **Nu-Anh Tran**, Conference Organizing Committee