

# Seminar ehvn

## Environmental History of Vietnam

First Session, September, Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, 14:00 to 16:30 from Hanoi; 09:00 to 11h30 from Paris



### Climate and environment in Vietnam during 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries: primary sources, methods and philological analysis

- **Primary sources, issues and challenges for an environmental history of early-modern Vietnam**  
by **Pr. Hoàng Anh Tuấn**, Vice Rector of University of Social Sciences and Humanities (Hanoi), Associate Professor at USSH, Chair of Urban History
- **The environment perceptions and understanding by scholars in classical Vietnam**  
by **Pr. Emmanuel Poisson**, Professor of Vietnamese History, University of Denis Diderot, Paris

#### Discussant

**Dr. Frédéric Thomas**, Historian, Environmental History and Social Studies of Science, UMR Local heritage, IRD-Mnh

In this first session, the seminar will focus on the sources of early-modern history of Vietnam with different expectations a) to gather an inventory of the useful sources for environmental history of Vietnam and South East Asia; b) to enlighten how imperial archives contain lot of untapped environmental information c) to demonstrate that environmental concerns do not appear only in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century of western countries but are clearly presents in the region during this period. We expect that this first session will show that environmental history of Vietnam can be rooted not only on colonial and post-colonial studies but also in modern and classical history of Vietnam.

In the first part of this session, Pr. Hoàng Anh Tuấn will introduce the primary sources and will present some objects and issues that researchers have to address to build and develop an environmental history of classical Vietnam. Pr. Hoàng Anh Tuấn's presentation will underline the importance to diversify primary sources and to mobilize methods from various disciplines, particularly by linking economic and trade history to the environmental changes since the 17<sup>th</sup> century in Vietnam.

From the monographies of Vietnamese provinces, encyclopaedia and various imperial archives, Pr. Emmanuel Poisson will explain in the second part of this session the perceptions and understanding of different environments by the Vietnamese scholars, especially by an analysis of the vocabulary used to describe different spaces like ác (unhealthy); thiện (healthy); độc (toxic), thập tử nhất sinh (deathly place). Stem from this qualification, Emmanuel Poisson will address the question of resource inventory and development (*mise en valeur*), notably through a philological approach of the Lê Quý Đôn's work.

**PLEASE NOTE** that Hanoi and Paris will be linked by Visio conference and that a Renater session will be open to allow people who are not in Hanoi nor Paris to follow the seminar from the place they will be. For technical reasons, we need to assess how many external isolated connections we will have. Be kind to inform us by email return if you expect to use this sort of connection and you will receive access information for the connection one week before the event.

#### Venue in Hanoi and Paris

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