

**WORKSHOP PROGRAM AS OF 09/24/2019**

**STUDYING REPUBLICAN VIETNAM: ISSUES, CHALLENGES,  
AND PROSPECTS**

**October 14-15, 2019, Redwood Auditorium, Erb Memorial Union (EMU),  
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR**

**Sunday, October 13:** Participants arrive in Eugene

Workshop Hotel: **Phoenix Inn & Suites**, 850 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, OR 97403

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**DAY 1, October 14:**

8:00 am: Introductory remarks: **Tuong Vu**, University of Oregon

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**Keynote Speaker: Peter Zinoman**, University of California, Berkeley

8:30 am-9:30 am

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**Panel 1: Republican identity formation**

9:30 am-10:45 am

**Moderator: Olga Dror**, Texas A&M University

**Martina Nguyen**, Baruch College, “The Self-Reliance Literary Group, Colonial  
Republicanism and the Politics of the Center-Left”

**Nguyen Luong Hai Khoi**, University of Education, HCMC, “Tran Trong Kim and the  
Construction of Vietnamese “National Soul”

**Hoang Phong Tuan & Nguyen Thi Minh**, University of Education, HCMC, “Creative  
Freedom as the Identity of a National Literature: The Contributions of Arts and  
Literature Magazines to Literature of the First Republic”

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**Coffee break:** 10:45 am-11:00 pm

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**Panel 2: Democracy and the First Republic**

11:00 pm-12:15 pm

**Moderator: Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox**, Western Connecticut University

**Nu-Anh Tran**, University of Connecticut, “How Democratic Should Vietnam Be? The Debate on Democracy in Saigon (1955)”

**Yen Vu**, Cornell University, “Tran Van Tung’s Vision of a New Nationalism for a New Vietnam”

**Duy Lap Nguyen**, University of Houston, “The Other Vietnamese Revolution: Democracy, the State, and the Strategic Hamlet Campaign”

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**Lunch:** 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

**Linda Ho Peche**, independent scholar, “The Oral Histories Project of the Vietnamese-American Heritage Foundation”

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**Panel 3: Vision & political realities of nation and state-building**

1:15 pm-2:45 pm

**Moderator: Nguyen Thi Tu Huy**, Pacific Ocean University, Nha Trang

**Cindy Nguyen**, Brown University, “Creating the National Library in Saigon: Colonial Legacies, Fragmented Collections, and Reading Publics (1948-1958)”

**Y Thien Nguyen**, Northwestern University, “When State Propaganda Becomes Social Knowledge: Legacies of the First Republic”

**Jason Picard**, independent scholar, “They Eat the Flesh of Children: Migration, Resettlement and Sectionalism in South Vietnam, 1954-1957”

**Christoph Giebel**, University of Washington, “Terminology Matters: The Fiction of ‘South Vietnam’ and Representations of the RVN”

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**Coffee break:** 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm

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**Panel 4: Economy & foreign relations**

2:45 pm- 4:15 pm

**Moderator: Nathalie Huynh Chau Nguyen**, Monash University

**Nguyen Duc Cuong**, former RVN official, “Private Sector and Economic Development in the RVN”

**Pham Thi Hong Ha**, Institute of History, Hanoi, “Reconceptualizing Foreign Aid: The United States’ Commercial Import Program for the RVN (1955-1975)”

**Alvin Bui**, University of Washington, “Brotherly Fellowship via Sister Cities: Contours of the RVN-ROC Relationship”

**Mark Sidel**, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “The Ford Foundation and South Vietnam, 1959-1974”

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**Panel 5: Religious contributions to a republican culture**

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

**Moderator: Edward Miller**, Dartmouth College

**Tuan Hoang**, Pepperdine University, "Pray the Rosary and Do Apostolic Work': The Catholic Associational Culture in the RVN"

**Adrienne Le Minh Chau**, Columbia University, "Buddhist Rural Development in a Time of War: Thich Nhat Hanh and the School of Youth for Social Service"

**Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox**, Western Connecticut University, "Political Philology and Academic Freedom: A Defense of Thich Minh Chau"

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**Reception & dinner for speakers:** Gerlinger Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

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**DAY 2, October 15:**

8:30 am: coffee served

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**Panel 6: Struggle for power & peace -- politics in the Second Republic**

9:00 am-10:30 am

**Moderator: Nguyen Manh Hung**, George Mason University

**Edward Miller**, Dartmouth College, "A State Born of Civil War: How the RVN Waged Civil War in Ben Tre Province"

**Sean Fear**, University of Leeds, UK, "Nguyen Van Thieu's Democracy Party and the Twilight of Republican Vietnam"

**David Prentice**, Oklahoma State University, "Everything Depends on US Alone': President Nguyen Van Thieu's Vietnamization Strategy"

**George Veith**, Monash University, "All the Communists Must Leave': The Origin, Evolution, and Failure of Saigon's Peace Demands, 1963-1973"

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**Panel 7: Education, arts and media**

10:30 am-11:45 am

**Moderator: Mark Sidel**, University of Wisconsin

**Truong Thuy Dung**, Hamburg University/Institute of History, Hanoi, "Public Universities of the RVN in the 1960s & 1970s: An Analysis of Their Academic Elements"

**Olga Dror**, Texas A&M University, “Educational and Social Narratives through the Texts from the RVN”

**Jason Gibbs**, San Francisco Public Library, “Songs of Sympathy in Time of War: Commercial Music in the RVN”

**Hoang Duc Nha**, former RVN official, “Press Freedom in the RVN, 1955-1975: Limitations and Excesses”

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**Lunch:** 11:45 am-12:45 pm

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**Panel 8: Old & new identities in diasporic literature**

12:45 pm-2:00 pm

**Moderator: Martina Nguyen**, Baruch College

**Pham Vu Lan Anh**, University of Melbourne/Da Lat University, “Religious Aspects of Diasporic Experience in the Writings of Three Vietnamese-Australian Female Authors: Hoa Pham, Chi Vu and Nathalie Huynh Chau Nguyen”

**Hao (Howie) Jun Tam**, University of Pennsylvania, “Diasporic South Vietnam: Literary Nationalism in Novels by Ly Thu Ho and Lan Cao”

**Trinh Luu**, University of California, Berkeley, “Vietism: Carl Jung and the New Vietnamese”

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**Coffee break:** 2:00 pm-2:15 pm

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**Panel 9: Republican legacies**

2:15 pm-3:30 pm

**Moderator: Nu-Anh Tran**, University of Connecticut

**Vinh Pham**, Cornell University, “Nation Building from Abroad: Nhat Vang and the Legacy of Republicanism in Overseas Vietnamese Communities”

**Nguyen Thi Tu Huy**, Pacific Ocean University, Nha Trang, “Vietnamese Anti-Communism and the Question of Understanding”

**Nathalie Huynh Chau Nguyen**, Monash University, “Intergenerational Perceptions of Vietnamese Veterans and Vietnamese Service Personnel in Australia”

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**Coffee break:** 3:30 pm-4:00 pm

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**Concluding Remarks: Keith Taylor**, Cornell University and **Tuong Vu**, University of Oregon

4:00 pm-4:45 pm

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**Dinner for speakers (TBA)**

7:00 pm-10:00 pm

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**Wednesday, October 16:** Participants depart Eugene