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SUMMARY

Tuong Vu is Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon, where he has taught since 2008. He has held visiting appointments at Seoul National University, Princeton University and the National University of Singapore, and taught at the Naval Postgraduate School. Vu is the founding director of the US-Vietnam Research Center based at the Global Studies Institute, University of Oregon. His research has focused broadly on the comparative politics of state formation, development, and revolutions in East and Southeast Asia, together with studies of Vietnamese nationalism, republicanism, and communism, and Vietnamese American history. He is the author and co-editor of nine books and numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. Vu serves on the editorial boards of several journals and is frequently consulted by national and international media.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Oregon - Department of Political Science

Department Head (2020-2023)

Professor (since 2016)

Associate Professor (2011-2016)

Assistant Professor (2008-2011)

Princeton University – Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies

Democracy and Development Visiting Research Fellow (2011-2012)

National University of Singapore - Asia Research Institute

Visiting Fellow (2007-2008)

Naval Postgraduate School - Department of National Security Affairs

Assistant Professor (Fall 2004-Summer 2007)

Smith College - Department of Government

Mendenhall Fellow (July 2003-June 2004)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley: Ph.D., Political Science

Princeton University: M.P.A., Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities: B.A. *Summa Cum Laude*, Political Science
University of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam: B.A., English

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Department of Political Science, U of Oregon: Department Head (2020-23)

US-Vietnam Research Center, U of Oregon: Founding Director (since 2019)

College of Arts and Sciences: Dean's Advisory Committee (2017-18, 2018-19, chair)

Oregon Consortium for International and Area Studies, U of Oregon – Director (2016-2018)

Asian Studies Program, U of Oregon –Interim Director (2012-2013), Director (2015-2020)
Center for Asian Pacific Studies, U of Oregon – Advisory Board member (since 2009)
Pacific Affairs -- Editorial Board member (since 2022)
Journal of East Asian Studies -- Editorial Board member (since 2020)
International Journal of Asian Studies -- Editorial Board member (since 2020)
Philippine Political Science Journal – Editorial Board member (since 2012)
Korean Journal of International Studies - Editorial Board member (since 2014)
Asia Division, Human Rights Watch – Advisory Board member (since 2011)
Journal of Vietnamese Studies - Co-editor-in-chief (2009-2011)
Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies – elected member (2010-2013)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Republican Vietnam, 1963-1975: War, Society, Diaspora (University of Hawaii Press, 2023):
coedited with Trinh Luu.
Toward a Framework for Vietnamese American Studies (Temple University Press, 2023):
coedited with Linda Ho Peche and Alex-Thai Vo.
The Dragon's Underbelly: Dynamics and Dilemmas in Vietnamese Politics and Economy
(Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, 2023): coedited with Nhu Truong.
Building a Republican Nation in Vietnam, 1920-1963 (University of Hawaii Press, 2022):
coedited with Nu-Anh Tran.
The Republic of Vietnam, 1955-1975: Vietnamese Perspectives on Nation-Building (Cornell SE
Asia Program, Cornell University Press, 2020): co-edited with Sean Fear.
Vietnam's Communist Revolution: The Power and Limits of Ideology (Cambridge University Press,
2017).
Paths to Development in Asia: South Korea, Vietnam, China, and Indonesia (Cambridge
University Press, 2010). Honorable Mention, Bernard Schwartz Award for Best Book on
Asia in 2010, Asia Society, New York.
Dynamics of the Cold War in Asia: Ideology, Identity, and Culture (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009):
coedited with Wasana Wongsurawat.
Southeast Asia in Political Science: Theory, Region, and Qualitative Methods (Stanford
University Press, 2008): coedited with Erik Kuhonta and Dan Slater.

Refereed Journal Articles:

“Strengths and Vulnerabilities of Transitioning Communist Regimes in Asia from an Historical,
Regional, and Holistic Approach,” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 55:4 (2022).
“The Legacies of Marx and Lenin in Vietnam: A Historical and Regional Perspective,” *Third
World Quarterly* (2021), DOI: [10.1080/01436597.2020.1860744](https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2020.1860744)
“In the Service of World Revolution: Vietnamese Communist Vision and Ambition through the
Three Indochina Wars.” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 21:4 (Fall 2019), 4-30.
“Revolution and World Order: The Case of the Islamic State (ISIS),” *International Politics*
(published online in May 2019) (with Patrick Van Orden).
“The Revolutionary Path to State Formation in Vietnam: Opportunities, Conundrums, and
Legacies.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 11:3-4 (Fall 2016), 1-31.

- “State Formation on China’s Southern Frontier: Vietnam as a Shadow Empire and Hegemon.” *HumaNetten* n. 37 (December 2016), 39-65. Available at <https://open.lnu.se/index.php/hn/article/view/388/335>
- “The Party v. the People: The Rise of Anti-China Nationalism in Contemporary Vietnam,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 9: 4 (Fall 2014), 33-66.
- “Triumphs or Tragedies: A New Perspective on the Vietnamese Revolution,” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 45:2 (June 2014), 236-257.
- “Southeast Asia’s New Nationalism: Causes and Significance,” *TRaNS: Transnational and Regional Studies of Southeast Asia* 1:2 (July 2013), 259-279.
- “Epidemics as Political Processes with Case Studies from Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam,” *Global Health Governance Journal*, 4: 2 (Spring 2011), 1-22.
- “Studying the State through State Formation,” *World Politics* 62: 1 (January 2010), 148-175. Translated into Chinese by Duancheng Yang as “Tuong Vu: Tongguo guojia xingchenglai yanjiu guojia|Poliview Translation,” *Poliview*, May 27, 2020. https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/wNWgTt0MoM---l0weM_Pew.
- “The Vietnam War as a Vietnamese War: Agency and Society in the Study of the Second Indochina War,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 4: 3 (October 2009), 1-16 (with Edward Miller).
- “It’s Time for the Indochinese Revolution to Show Its True Colors: The Radical Turn in Vietnamese Politics in 1948,” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 40: 3 (October 2009), 519-542. Translated into Vietnamese and published in *Talawas*, Fall 2009.
- “Dreams of Paradise: The Making of a Soviet Outpost in Vietnam,” *Ab Imperio: Studies of New Imperial History and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space* no. 2 (August 2008), 255-285. Translated into French by Agathe Goscha as “Rêves de paradis: un poste avancé soviétique au Vietnam,” in *Communisme 2013* (Paris, Vendémiaire, 2013), 77-108.
- “Vietnamese Political Studies and Debates on Vietnamese Nationalism,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 2: 2 (August 2007), 175-230.
- “State Formation and the Origins of Developmental States in South Korea and Indonesia.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 41:4 (Winter 2007), pp. 27-56.
- “Contentious Mass Politics in Southeast Asia: Knowledge Accumulation and Cycles of Growth and Exhaustion.” *Theory and Society* 35:4 (August 2006), 393-419.
- “Workers and the Socialist State: North Vietnam’s State-Labor Relations, 1945-1970,” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 38 (September 2005), 329-356.
- “Of Rice and Revolution: The Politics of Provisioning and State-Society Relations on Java, 1945-1949,” *South East Asia Research*, 11:3 (November 2003), 237-267.

Book Chapters

- “Vietnam in the Reform Era,” in Pierre Asselin, ed., *Cambridge History of the Vietnam War*, v. 3 (New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).
- “North Vietnam and the Road to War, in Edward Miller, ed. *Cambridge History of the Vietnam War*, v. 1 (New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).
- “Bringing Empire Back in: The Imperial Origins of Indochinese Nationalisms,” in Cathie Carmichael, Matthew D’Aura and Aviel Roshwald, eds. *Cambridge History of Nationhood and Nationalism*, v. II (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2023).
- “Doi Moi but Not ‘Doi Mau’: Vietnam’s Red Capitalism in Historical Perspective,” with Thuy Nguyen, in Nhu Truong and Tuong Vu, eds. *The Dragon’s Underbelly: Dynamics and*

- Dilemmas in Vietnam's Economy and Politics* (Singapore: ISEAS, 2023), 23-50.
- “War, Nation Building, and the Role of the Press in the Second Republic,” with Thanh Hoang, in Trinh Luu and Tuong Vu, eds. *Republican Vietnam: 1963-1975: War, Society, Diaspora* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2022), 61-82.
- “Revolutions as Transnational Events: The Russian Revolution and Vietnam,” in Sabine Dullin, Naoko Shimazu, Eitenne Peyrat, and Rachel Lin, eds. *The Russian Revolution in Asia* (New York: Routledge, 2021).
- “State-Building and Democratization in Asia: The Sequencing Debate and Evidence from East Asia,” in Aurel Croissant and Olli Hellman, eds. *Stateness and Democracy in East Asia* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2020), 25-46.
- “The Making and Unmaking of the Communist Party and Single-Party System in Vietnam,” in Allen Hicken and Erik Kuhonta, eds., *Party System Institutionalization in Asia: Democracies, Autocracies, and the Shadows of the Past* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 136-161.
- “Workers under Communism: Romance and Reality,” in S. A. Smith, ed., *Oxford Handbook on the History of Communism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), 471-487.
- “Socialism and Underdevelopment in Southeast Asia,” in Norman Owen, ed., *Handbook of Southeast Asian History* (New York: Routledge, 2013), 188-198.
- “Unhappy Nations: The Evolution of Modern Korea and Vietnam,” in *Asia's Middle Powers? The Identity and Regional Policy of South Korea and Vietnam*, eds. Joon-Woo Park, Gi-Wook Shin and Donald Keyser (Stanford/Washington, DC: The Walter Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Center and the Brookings Institution, 2013), 153-173.
- “Politics, Power and Accountability: Vietnam's Response to Avian Influenza,” in Ian Scoones, ed., *Avian Influenza: Science, Policy and Politics* (London: Earthscan, 2010).
- “Indonesia's Agrarian Movement: Anti-Capitalism at a Crossroads,” in Dominique Caouette and Sarah Turner, eds. *Agrarian Angst and Resistance in Southeast Asia*, 180-205 (New York: Routledge, 2009).
- “From Cheering to Volunteering: Vietnamese Communists and the Arrival of the Cold War 1940-1951,” in Christopher Goscha and Christian Ostermann, eds. *Connecting Histories: The Cold War and Decolonization in Asia (1945-1962)*, 172-204 (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2009).

Others

- “Vietnam and China: Balancing Geography and History,” *YaleGlobal*, August 24, 2017. <http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/vietnam-and-china-balancing-geography-and-history>
- “Vietnam's Misunderstood Revolution,” June 19, 2017. *Sources and Methods*, Wilson Center <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/vietnams-misunderstood-revolution>
- “The U.S. Isn't the Only Country Still Trying to Figure out the Vietnam War,” April 20, 2015. *History News Network*, <http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/159046>
- “Vietnam: Country at the Crossroads,” Freedom House Organization, 2012.
- “Van Kien Dang Toan Tap: The Regime's Gamble and Researchers' Gains,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 5: 2 (June 2010), 183-194.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Revolutions Engage the Global Order: Ruptures, Resistance, Reintegration. Book project.

The Imperial Origins of States: Europe and Pacific Asia, 200 B.C.E.-1990 A.D. Book project.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Faculty Excellence Award (\$26,000), University of Oregon, 2018
Co-Principal Investigator, Oregon-Japan-Vietnam Collaboration and Exchange Project, funded by the Japan Foundation (\$300,000), 2017-2020
Conference Grant (\$18,000), University of Oregon, 2014
Democracy and Development Research Fellowship, Princeton University, 2011
Honorable Mention, Bernard Schwartz Award for Best Book on Asia in 2010, Asia Society, NY

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

2024

University of Southern California, April.
University of California, Berkeley, April.
Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, March.
Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, January.

2023

Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden, December.
Lund University, Lund, Sweden, December.
New York University, New York, October (online).
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, September (cancelled).
University of Hong Kong in Shenzhen, China, July (online).
Moynihan Institute, Syracuse University, May (webinar).
Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore (webinar), March.
Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, March.
University of California, Los Angeles, March.
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, February.

2022

US Institute of Peace, Washington D.C., October.
Free University, Berlin, Germany, October.
University of Washington, Seattle, July.
McGill University, Montreal, May (virtual).
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May.
Moynihan Institute, Syracuse University, February (webinar).
Center for Asia Pacific Strategy, Washington, DC, February (webinar).

2021

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, September.
Fudan University, Shanghai, December (webinar).
University of Bonn, Germany, June (webinar).
Stanford University, May (webinar).

Portland Community College, May (webinar).
Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, April (virtual).
Oregon-Vietnam Partnership, April (webinar).

2020

ISEAS - Ishak Yusof Institute, Singapore, September (webinar).
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September (virtual).
Kent State University, Ohio, February.
Naval War College, Rhode Island, February.

2019

Beijing University, Beijing, November.
McGill University, Montreal, October.
Palacky University, Olomouc, Czechia, June.
US government, Washington, DC, January.

2018

Leiden University, Leiden, November.
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, October.
National Archives, Washington, DC, September.
National Endowments for Humanities, Washington, DC, July.
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Meeting, Philadelphia, June.
Harvard University, April.
Texas A&M University, College Station, April.
Willamette University, March.

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

Deutsch Welle, December 1, 2023.

<https://www.dw.com/en/vietnam-reels-from-historic-114-billion-corruption-scandal/a-67606137>

Radio Sweden, September 11, 2023.

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://sverigesradio.se/play/artikel/8442928_!!C5qS4YX3!Da7C_D6U8Yncyms2U5UDySC-aeuMvv623K9YxHoL4Mp1WjEZV2h_7jIj6horZVXJafrhRBld15_mw9Q\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://sverigesradio.se/play/artikel/8442928_!!C5qS4YX3!Da7C_D6U8Yncyms2U5UDySC-aeuMvv623K9YxHoL4Mp1WjEZV2h_7jIj6horZVXJafrhRBld15_mw9Q$)

La Press (Montreal), January 18, 2023.

<https://www.lapresse.ca/international/asia-et-oceanie/2023-01-18/corruption-durant-la-crise-de-covid-19/le-president-du-vietnam-demissionne.php#>

Asia Times, July 29, 2022.

<https://asiatimes.com/2022/07/why-vietnam-doesnt-squeeze-its-super-rich-tycoons/>

The Wall Street Journal, October 1, 2021.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/covid-19-factory-closures-prompt-some-u-s-businesses-to-rethinkvietnam-11633014618>

The New York Times, February 01, 2021

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/01/world/asia/vietnam-party-congress.html>

The Nikkei Review (Tokyo), February 01, 2021

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics/Vietnam-top-communist-Trong-s-3rd-term-heralds-next-leader-race>

Associated Press/*The Washington Post*, January 24, 2021

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/ruling-communist-party-to-set-vietnams-course-this-week/2021/01/24/42ab121e-5ebe-11eb-a177-7765f29a9524_story.html

De Volkskrant (Amsterdam), January 24, 2021

<https://www.volkskrant.nl/nieuws-achtergrond/vietnam-is-een-keurige-dictatuur-hoe-spelen-ze-dat-klaar~bad22eae/>

The Economist, January 21, 2021

<https://www.economist.com/asia/2021/01/21/vietnams-communist-party-is-in-a-weaker-position-than-it-seems>

The Economist, May 21, 2020.

<https://www.economist.com/asia/2020/05/21/vietnams-secretive-communist-party-embarks-on-a-leadership-transition>

The Economist, December 12, 2019.

<https://www.economist.com/asia/2019/12/14/the-vietnamese-football-club-that-defies-china>

The Slovak Spectator, August 22, 2018.

<https://spectator.sme.sk/c/20897969/political-scientist-vu-kidnapped-thanh-openly-challenged-the-regime.html>

The Washington Post, August 13, 2018.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/bui-tin-vietnamese-communist-soldier-turned-dissident-dies-at-90/2018/08/13/7a8cf460-9f06-11e8-83d2-70203b8d7b44_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.a82b3c0c6a5a

The New York Times, August 13, 2018.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/13/obituaries/bui-tin-vietnam-dead.html>

Deutsche Well International (DWI-Berlin), August 3, 2017.

<http://www.dw.com/en/vietnam-denies-germanys-kidnap-claim/av-39955618>

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