

The State in Vietnam and the State of Vietnamese Studies

Harvard University

April 24-26, 2015

Friday, April 24th

Arrival in Cambridge, MA (Irving House Bed and Breakfast)

Dinner at Hue Tam Ho Tai's, 7 pm

Saturday, April 25th

Coffee and opening remarks, 8:30 AM – 9 AM

Hue Tam Ho Tai, Haydon Cherry and Claire Edington

Keynote Address, 9 AM – 10:00 AM

Christopher Goscha, *De-centering the Third Indochina War: Indochinese State-Making in a Shattered Eurasian Communist World (1969-1989)*

Break, 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Panel 1: The Colonial State, 10:15 AM – 12:30 PM

Gerard Sasges, *States of Space and Spaces of the State: Towards a Geography of Colonial Rule.*

Martina Nguyen, *The State in Microcosm: Đoàn Ảnh Sáng and Housing Reform in Hanoi, 1937-1941*

Claire Edington, *Families, Experts, and the Micropolitics of Psychiatric Care in French colonial Vietnam*

Haydon Cherry, *Murder on the Rue Huế: The State, the Sûreté, and the Việt Nam Quốc Dân Đảng*

Lunch, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Panel 2: The Democratic Republic of Vietnam, 1:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Peter Zinoman, *Communist Governmentality and the Repression of Nhan Van Giai Pham, 1956-1960*

Tuong Vu, *The Party and the State in Vietnam: Coevolution and Conflict*

Alec Holcombe, *Socialist Construction in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam: The First National Collective Farm Conference, March 1957*

Coffee Break, 3:45 - 4 PM

Panel 3: The Republic of Vietnam, 4 PM – 6:15 PM

Edward Miller, *The Burden of South Vietnamese History: Reassessing the Legitimacy of the Republic of Vietnam*

Jason Picard, *'Fertile Lands Await': The Promise and Pitfalls of Directed Resettlement*

Kevin Li, *Out of the Maquis and Back: The Binh Xuyên, the State, and the Insurgency*

Brett Reilly, *The State(s) of Vietnam*

Dinner, TBD

Sunday, April 26th

Coffee, 8:30 AM – 9 AM

Panel 4: The Socialist Republic of Vietnam, 9 AM – 11:15 AM

Ken MacLean, *The Techno-Politics of Anticipation: Constructing Vietnamese Statehood in the East / South China Sea with Yet to Be Built Infrastructure*

Trinh Luu, *State Socialism and the Legal Subject in Đổi Mới Literature*

Erik Harms, *How to Dislike and Believe in the State at the Same Time: Towards a Theory of Late Socialist State-Society Relations in Vietnam*

Roundtable (with brown bag lunch), 11:15 AM – 1 PM