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Vietnam Policy and Economy Update 2024

Conference program



- Date and time: 6 December 2024, 8.30am-5.05pm (AEDT)
- Location: [Crawford School of Public Policy](#), the Australian National University ([map](#))
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About the keynote speakers

Ngoc-Anh Tran

Ngoc-Anh Tran is a Professor of Public Affairs at Indiana University and Chair of Vietnam Initiative, a global network of experts on development policies for Vietnam. His research on Vietnam's institutions and development policy has been published in American Political Science Review, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Public Economics and other leading academic journals. Ngoc-Anh has been an economic advisor to Vietnam's government, including several Prime Ministers. He currently leads a \$15ml USAID flagship project to enhance higher education in Vietnam. Born in Hanoi, he has studied and worked in Russia, France, Australia and the United States. Ngoc-Anh is a co-founder of the International Society of Vietnam Economists, Vietnamese Dynamic Students in Australia, and Vietnam Graduates from Australia Club.

Duc-Anh Dang

Dr Duc-Anh Dang is the Vice President of the Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), a leading governmental think tank and advisory body in Vietnam that conducts economic research to support the government's efforts in economic reforms and development strategies. He is deeply committed to advancing public policy, with his research focusing on macroeconomics, trade, labour markets, and economic development within ASEAN countries, particularly Vietnam. In addition to his role at CIEM, he is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Southeast Asia Research Group, which fosters top-tier research by emerging social scientists specializing in Southeast Asian politics. Duc-Anh also works as a consultant for UNDP, USAID, the World Bank, Oxfam, GIZ, and ADB. He earned both his Master of International and Development Economics and Ph.D. in Economics from the Australian National University.

Time (AEDT)	
8:30-9:00 Crawford School foyer	Registration
9:00-9:30 Weston Theatre	<p>Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-9:02: Acknowledgement of Country • 9:02-9:09: Professor Helen SULLIVAN – Dean of College of Asia and the Pacific, the Australian National University • 9:09-9:16: Ms Robyn MUDIE – First Assistant Secretary, Office of Southeast Asia, Southeast Asia Regional and Mainland Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade • 9:16-9:23: H.E. Mr PHAM Hung Tam – Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Australia • 9:23-9:30: Professor PHAM Hong Chuong – President of Vietnam's National Economics University
9:30-10.45 Weston Theatre	<p>Plenary Political and Policy Update</p> <p>Vietnam's Coming Era of Rising - Seven Strategic Directions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Professor Ngoc-Anh TRAN (Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs – Indiana University) • Chair: Professor Janine O'FLYNN
10.45-11.15 Crawford School foyer	Group photo and morning tea
11.15-12.45 Acton Theatre & Barton Theatre	<p>Parallel Thematic Updates</p> <p>Macroeconomics and Finance: <i>Chaired by Associate Professor Chung TRAN (Acton Theatre)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 1: Thresholds of Asymmetric Impacts of Macroeconomic Volatility on Long-Term Stock Market Volatility: The Case of Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Dr Lien NGUYEN • Presentation 2: Can the Oil Stabilization Fund Reduce the Volatility of Domestic Prices? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Associate Professor The-Anh PHAM • Presentation 3: Evaluating the Impact of Financial Development, Globalization, and Natural Resource Rents on Environmental Quality in Vietnam Across Different Quantiles and Frequencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Professor Tho-Dat TRAN <p>Trade, Environment, and Resources: <i>Chaired by Dr Thang DO (Barton Theatre)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 1: Water Flows and Water Savings Through International Agricultural Trade: Evidence From Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Dr Lan-Anh NGUYEN • Presentation 2: What Motivates Rooftop Solar Power Adoption? Insights from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam: A Combination of Behavioural and Contextual Theories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Professor Duc-Truong DINH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 3: Urban Land Acquisition Policy and Residents' Satisfaction in Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Associate Professor Phuong-Thao NGO
12.45-1.45	Lunch and Vietnamese traditional music performance
1.45-3.15 Acton Theatre & Barton Theatre	<p>Parallel Thematic Updates</p> <p><i>Firms, Industries, and Middle-income Trap:</i> Chaired by Associate Professor Hoa NGUYEN (Acton Theatre)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 1: Macroeconomic Factors and Firm Sustainable Growth: A Nonlinear Analysis of Agriculture and Manufacturing Firms in Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Professor Huu-Anh NGUYEN • Presentation 2: Navigating Growth: How Institutions Shape Firms on the Path to Optimal Size? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Associate Professor Bich TRAN • Presentation 3: Policies for Vietnam to Overcome the Middle-Income Trap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Associate Professor Ngoc-Son NGUYEN <p><i>Social Issues and Human Capital:</i> Chaired by Associate Professor Nhung NGHIEM and Associate Professor Long CHU (Barton Theatre)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 1: Assessing the Incidence of Catastrophic Health Expenditure Among Vietnamese Households With Older Adults and Its Determinants: Evidence From the Vietnam Household Living Standards Survey 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Professor Thanh-Long GIANG • Presentation 2: Disentangling Contestations Between Agricultural Development and Environmental Conservation in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta: A Policy-Practice Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Dr Thong-Anh TRAN • Presentation 3: The Impacts of Human Capital on Economic Growth in the Red River Delta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Associate Professor Tuyet-Mai VU
3.15-3.45 Crawford School foyer	Afternoon tea
3.45-5.00 Weston Theatre	<p>Plenary Economic Reform Update</p> <p>Vietnam's Economic Restructuring: Current Situation and Prospects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Dr Duc-Anh DANG (Vice President of Vietnam's Central Institute for Economic Management) • Chair: Honorary Associate Professor Suiwah DEAN-LEUNG
5:00-5:05 Weston Theatre	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Professor Paul BURKE - Deputy Director, Crawford School of Public Policy</p>

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