



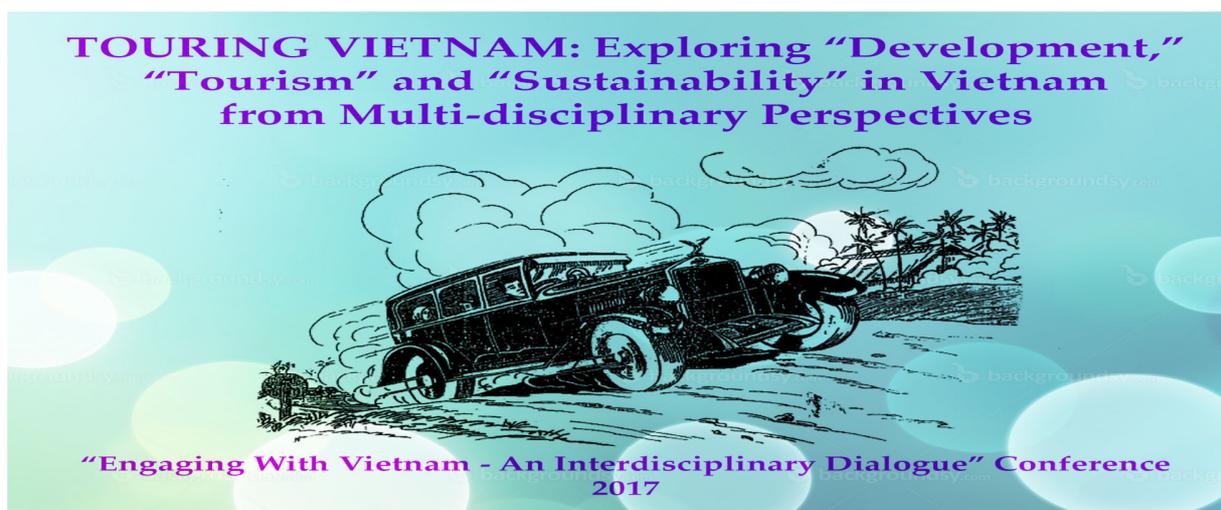
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Part I: December 28-31, 2017: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Part II: December 31, 2017: Express train from Ho Chi Minh City to Tuy Hoa, Phu Yen

Part III: January 1-4, 2018: Tuy Hoa, Phu Yen, Vietnam



Co-hosting organizations: University of Social Science and Humanities - Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City and University of Hawai'i at Manoa, USA

Conference Co-Chairs and Co-Convenors:

- Prof. Dr. Phan Lê Hà (University of Hawai'i at Manoa)
- Associate Prof. Dr. Liam C. Kelley (University of Hawai'i at Manoa),
- Associate Prof. Dr. Võ Văn Sen (President, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City),
- Assistant Prof. Dr. Jamie Gillen (National University of Singapore)



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The 9th Engaging with Vietnam conference with three joined parts will bring about a completely new experience to those who have so far participated and will participate in our conference series. With the theme of exploring “development,” “tourism,” and “sustainability” in/of Vietnam from multi-disciplinary and multi-directional perspectives, the 9th EWV conference will introduce various activities, ranging from keynote sessions and academic presentations to exhibitions, idea contests, author meets critics and book launch sessions, a policy forum, Q&A sessions, curriculum development, sightseeing, field observations, and music performances that are all integrated to offer participants opportunities to feel, think, engage, try out and live the conference theme.

Other distinctive features of EWV9 are its length and location. Its length is innovative, as the complete experience will take place over a period of almost 10 days, from December 27 2017 to January 4 2018. Its location is also innovative, as the conference will be held at two places and participants will “tour” from South (Ho Chi Minh City) to Central Vietnam (Tuy Hoa, Phu Yen), a connection that will entail an enjoyable evening tour on the Thống Nhất (Reunification) express train. Participants will celebrate together New Year’s Eve and welcome 2018 on “tàu Thống Nhất,” whereby their explorations of and engagement with Vietnam’s “development,” “tourism” and “sustainability” will continue.

As usual, our keynote sessions and featured panels with speakers from several disciplines will lay out larger (re)conceptualisations, interdisciplinary bodies of scholarship, contradicting arguments, methodologies, and questions that invite everyone to (re)think about “development,” “tourism,” and “sustainability.” Examples include:

- 1) *How has the past been packaged in terms of history, heritage, and memory?*
- 2) *In what ways have tourism and development always been tied up with the past?*
- 3) *What is the relationship between education, development, and sustainability?*
- 4) *How and to what extent do the globalisation, regionalisation, internationalisation and nationalisation of “development,” “tourism,” and “sustainability” pose challenges and create new knowledge(s) and discourses for academic disciplines, legal practices, and policy making?*



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5) *Why and in what ways have (foreign) language policies and educational reforms been used to justify development?*

6) *What are some major responses from schools, higher education institutions, think tanks, and relevant organisations to such challenges, discourses, policies and reforms raised in the above questions?*

Tentative Agenda

Part I: Ho Chi Minh City

- **Date:** 28- 31 December 2017
- **Venue:** University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City, 12 Dinh Tien Hoang, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- **Main activities:** Keynote sessions, academic presentations, exhibitions, book launch and book critics, and 1-day tour in Ho Chi Minh City

Part II: Thống Nhất train from HCMC to Tuy Hoa (31 December, arriving 1 January 2018)

Part III: Tuy Hoa- Phu Yen

- **Date:** 1 – 4 January 2018
- **Venue:** Utopia International Conference Centre, Tuy Hoa, Phu Yen
- **Main activities:** Keynote sessions, roundtable discussion with policy makers and law practitioners at various levels on policies and practice on development, tourism, and sustainability; exhibitions and poster presentations of organizations’, teachers’, and students’ “Creative Ideas” projects on topics related to the theme of the conference; and a field trip to various sites in Phu Yen



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Thanks to the generous support of the sponsoring parties, this conference will be unbelievably affordable given its length and locations. Our support team will be able to provide information and assistance regarding travels, accommodation, visa, and other related logistical matters. The information about registration and other logistical matters is available on our websites and is regularly updated.

You are invited to submit your abstracts and ideas for academic presentations and/or exhibitions and poster displays, following the instructions on our websites www.engagingwithvietnam.net and www.engagingwithvietnam.org. The submission deadline is **August 31, 2017**. However, if you need an early notification of acceptance to make necessary arrangements, we can accommodate that too.

(Notes: As always, this is a MULTI-DISCIPLINARY conference. The keynote sessions and several featured panels will set the tone and scene for the conference based on the main theme, while the breakout sessions will enable participants to "engage with Vietnam" in their own ways. You can view the programs of the previous conferences available on the websites for reference.)

Please direct all your questions to engagingwithvietnam@gmail.com. Thank you!

We greatly appreciate your help to circulate the conference call.

Thank you and we look forward to your participation in this very exciting conference.

Warmest Regards,

Phan Lê Hà, Liam C. Kelley, Võ Văn Sen, and Jamie Gillen

Together with the 9th EWV Conference Organizing Team and its Advisory Board