

UC Berkeley Center for Southeast Asia Studies

Conference

## Nation-Building in War: The Experience of Republican Vietnam, 1955-1975

October 17 - 18, 2016

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### DAY 1

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	<b>Introductory Panel</b>  Peter Zinoman, Professor of History, UC Berkeley Tuong Vu, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon Nu-Anh Tran, Assistant Professor of History and Asian American Studies, University of Connecticut
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Panel 1: Pluralist Politics</b>  Lâm Lễ Trinh, <i>President Ngô Đình Diệm &amp; the First Republic of Việt Nam (1954-1963)</i>  Hoàng Đức Nhã, TBA  Võ Long Triều, <i>Thoughts on the Republican Experience</i>  Nguyễn Trọng Nho, <i>The Challenges to the Survival of a Democratic Government in Time of a War without Frontier</i>  Chair and moderator: Peter Zinoman, UC Berkeley
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Panel 2: Economy and Development</b>  Vũ Quốc Thúc, <i>The Birth of Central Banking</i>  Phạm Kim Ngọc, <i>Reform or Collapse</i>  Cao Văn Thân, <i>Land Reform, Rural and Agricultural Development</i>  Nguyễn Đức Cường, <i>Foundation for Self-Sufficiency and Growth</i>  Chair and moderator: Tuong Vu, University of Oregon
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:15 – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Panel 3: Politics and Economy</b>  <i>Stumbling Towards the Fall: The RVN's Economic Crisis, 1969-1975</i> Simon Toner, Postdoctoral Fellow in Southeast Asian Studies, Columbia University  <i>Losing Hearts and Minds: A Look at Four South Vietnamese Non-Combat Related Urban Social Problems, 1965 to 1966</i> Ryan Nelson, Ph.D. candidate in History, UC Berkeley

	<p><i>Reflections on the State and Civil Society in the Second Republic</i> Sean Fear, Postdoctoral Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security, Dartmouth College</p> <p><i>Patriots or Collaborators: Reappraising the Bình Xuyên during Decolonization</i> Kevin Li, Ph.D. candidate in History, UC Berkeley</p> <p>Chair and moderator: Nu-Anh Tran, University of Connecticut</p>
4:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Break
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<p><b>Panel 4: Education, Media, and Society</b></p> <p>Võ Kim Sơn, <i>The Administration of the Public Education System in South Vietnam</i></p> <p>Nguyễn Hữu Phước, <i>The Adopted Philosophy of Education and the Development of New School Types under the RVN</i></p> <p>Phạm Trần, TBA</p> <p>Vũ Thanh Thủy, TBA</p> <p>Chair and moderator: Alex-Thai Dinh Vo</p>

**DAY 2**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	<p><b>Panel 5: Security and Military</b></p> <p>Trần Minh Công, <i>Policing in a Country at War: The Case of South Vietnam</i></p> <p>Bùi Quyền, <i>The View from a Frontline Soldier</i></p> <p>Chair and moderator: Tuong Vu</p>
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 – 11:15 a.m.	<p><b>Panel 6: Culture and the Arts</b></p> <p>Nhã Ca, <i>Writers in the Republic of Vietnam</i></p> <p>Kiều Chinh, <i>Cinematic Arts in the Republic of Vietnam, 1954-1975</i></p> <p>Huỳnh Văn Lang, <i>Society of the Perennial Self-Exiles</i></p> <p>Chair and moderator: Van Nguyen-Marshall, Trent University</p>
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 – 12:45 p.m.	<p><b>Panel 7</b></p> <p><i>Appeasing the Spirits along the 'Highway of Horror': Civic Life in Wartime South Vietnam</i> Van Nguyen-Marshall, Associate Professor of History, Trent University</p>

	<p>John Schafer, <i>Trịnh Công Sơn's Talented Friends in Huế</i>  Emeritus Professor of English, Humboldt State University</p> <p><i>Hidden Currents, Roiled Lives: Social Life in the City of Hue in 1963</i>  Huong Nguyen, Ph.D. candidate in History, University of Washington</p> <p>Chair and moderator: TBA</p>
12:45 – 2:00 p.m.	<p><b>Special Luncheon Event</b></p> <p>Book Launch: <i>South Vietnamese Soldiers: Memories of the Vietnam War and After</i> (Praeger, 2016) by  Nathalie Huynh Chau Nguyen</p>
2:00 p.m.	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p>