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# Vietnam & East Asian Intellectual Currents Workshop

🕒 8:30—16:30 | 20 September 2025

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👤 In-person and via Zoom



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## Workshop: *Vietnam and East Asian Intellectual Currents*

**Date & time:** Saturday, September 20, 2025, 08:30-16:30

**Venue:** Fulbright University Vietnam

**Format:** Hybrid (In-person & Online via Zoom)

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### Opening Session

**Time:** 08:30 – 09:00

- Welcome Remarks: Professor Nguyễn Nam – Fulbright University Vietnam
- Keynote Speeches: Representatives from Sun Yat-sen University and Kyoto University

### Morning Session (Parallel Panels)

**Time:** 09:00 – 12:00

#### **Panel A – *East Asian Thought Across Traditions: Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, and Philosophical Reinterpretations***

**Focus:** Philosophical and religious crosscurrents, reexaminations of canonical texts, and regional contributions to intellectual history.

*Panel Co-chairs: To be announced*

- Zheng Kai – *Transcending the Way of King and Hegemon: The Unique Contribution of Daoist Political Philosophy* (Dept. of Philosophy, Peking University)
- Yao Zhi Hua – *Body, Mind and Consciousness: Comparative Reflections* (Department of Religion, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Chen Chang – *Mind-Substance (Xinti) and the Six Classics: The Internal Logic of the Yangming School's View of Classical Studies* (Dept. of Philosophy, Sun Yat-sen University)
- Huang Sheng-sung – *A Tentative Discussion on the Idea of “Using the Spring and Autumn Annals as a New King” in the Zuo Zhuan* (Dept. of Chinese Literature, National Cheng Kung University)
- Daisuke Kamei – *Phenomenology and Marxism in Derrida: Trần Đức Thảo and Walter Benjamin* (Ritsumeikan University, Faculty of Letters)

#### **Panel B – *Reformist Movements, Translation, and Intellectual Shifts in Modern Vietnam***

**Focus:** Political thought, education reform, and reinterpretation of knowledge in colonial and modern Vietnamese contexts.

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*Panel Co-chairs: To be announced*

- Nguyen Nam – *The Tonkin Free School and East Asian Reformist Thought: Modernization, Texts, and Intertextuality* (Fulbright University Vietnam)
- Van Thanh Le – *Phan Châu Trinh, Japan and the Discourse of Political Eclecticism* (The Australian National University)
- Alan Dai – *Lĩnh Nam dật sử in Nam Phong: Nguyễn Bá Trắc & Alternative Geographic Imaginaries* (Ph.D. Student, UCLA)
- Iwatsuki Junichi – *Terminology for Vietnamese Language and Chinese Characters on the Journal Tạp chí Nam Phong* (The University of Tokyo, Japan)
- Takahiro Fuke – *Modern Japanese Asianism and Vietnam* (Institute for Research in Humanities, Kyoto University)

*Each presentation: 30 minutes (including Q&A), followed by panel discussion.*

## Lunch Break

**Time:** 12:00 – 13:30\*\*

## Afternoon Session (Parallel Panels)

**Time:** 13:30 – 16:00

### Panel C – *Literary and Philosophical Currents in Modern Vietnamese Thought*

**Focus:** Literary expressions of gender, ecology, cultural hybridity, phenomenology, Marxism, identity in Vietnamese modernity.

*Panel Co-chairs: To be announced*

- Nguyen Phuong Thao – *Vietnamese Intellectuals and the National Issue in Travelogues about East Asia* (Institute of Literature, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences)
- Đào Thị Hải Thanh & Nguyễn Minh Thu – *The Co-occurrence of Confucianism – Buddhism – Taoism in Nguyễn Công Trứ's Poems* (Hanoi Open University; Institute of Literature)
- Albert Errickson – *Vietnamese Xungú: Nôm Prose Translation as a Local Form of Literary Sinitic Exegesis* (Ph.D. Candidate, Columbia University)
- Cheung Ching-yuen – *Vietnamese Fūdo* (Dept. of Area Studies, The University of Tokyo)



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## Panel D – *Transnational Currents and Regional Exchanges*

**Focus:** Cultural diplomacy, regional ideational flows, and philosophical-religious-political networks across East Asia.

*Panel Co-chairs: To be announced*

- Chin-ping Liao – *Modernization of Buddhism in Japan, Taiwan, and Vietnam* (Dept. of Philosophy, Sun Yat-sen University)
- Hoàng Đoàn Trang – *The Conference of Four Teachings: Towards A Confucian-Christian Alliance* (University of Social Sciences and Humanities, VNU)
- Trần Thị Thuỷ – *Certain Trends in Research of China's Soft Power in Vietnam Since Early 21st Century – A Paradigmatic Perspective* (Institute of China Studies, Vietnam)
- Fujimoto Norimasa – *The Early Thought of Thích Nhất Hạnh: His International and Interreligious Relations in View of Christianity* (Vietnam Japan University, VNU)

*Each presentation: 30 minutes (including Q&A), followed by panel discussion.*

## Closing Discussion & Reflections

**Time:** 16:00 – 16:30

- Summary of workshop outcomes
- Remarks from co-organizers (Fulbright University Vietnam, Kyoto University, Sun Yat-sen University)
- Opportunities for future collaboration

