

SYLLABUS for Hanoi III June-July **2009**; revised May 30, 2009 **Destroy all previous editions**
Note: Seminar: reading list could change slightly

Princeton Summer Seminar
“America and Vietnam at War: Origins, Implications, and Consequences”
Social Science Faculty, Vietnam National University of Hanoi
Room 25 (4th Floor), Building G, 336 Nguyen Trai Street
Hanoi, Vietnam
June 5-July 17, 2008

Seminars/lectures in English, or, as needed, with *simultaneous interpretation;
One research paper decision on subject by end of week two; due end of week six;
Brief mid-seminar exam week three
Final exam –final day of week six

**Visits will be arranged to cultural and historical sites in Hanoi, such as museums, art galleries, Ho Chi Minh’s home and mausoleum, the one Pillar Pagoda, the Hoa Lo Prison, the Opera House, etc.

***Reading: (Prior to arrival in Vietnam)
Ho Chi Minh, pages 1-577, William Duiker

**** Readings for session # 9 on June 18 and Seminar IX June 22 include two novels (James Webb’s *Field of Fire*) and Bao Ninh’s *Sorrow of Wa*; suggest that you plan to read the novels during previous week-ends.

***** To be scheduled:

Call on US Embassy
Briefing by JPAC, on joint POW/MIA accounting for missing
Briefing by Ford Foundation
Meeting with Vietnam Vets

Wednesday, June 3

Depart United States

Friday, June 5

Arrive Hanoi Noi Bai Airport- take taxi or van to Bao Khanh Hotel, 22 Bao Khanh Street, Hoan Kiem Lake District, Hanoi (tel. 84-4-3928 7702~7705 (4 lines)
Desaix Anderson at Trang An Hotel, 58 Hang Gai Street, tel: 38261135 & 38268982; cell 091-610-4768. Professor David Leheny and Christophe Robert at Huyen Trang Hotel
36 Hang Trong Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: 84-4-3826 8480 ; 84-4-3824 7512
Fax: 84-4-3824 7449 Email: huyentrang@fpt.vn

Saturday, June 6

9 AM Site seeing – optional: Visit Army Museum, Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, Ho Chi Minh’s Home; One Legged Pagoda;

2:00 pm Hoa Lo Prison Museum

PM Visit Gyms (optional)

7:00 pm Welcome Dinner – ***Sen Ha Thanh***, 177 Bui Thi Xuan, Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi
Tel: 9744 192/93

Sunday, June 7

8:30 depart for Van Mieu Confucian Temple, Phong khach, khu Thai Hoc

9:00-10:00: Lecture “Three Thousand Years of Vietnamese History and Culture in One Hour” by Historian Huu Ngoc at Van Mieu Confucian Temple tel. 84-4 3934 5752/53 (confirmed)

Week One, June 8-12

Monday, June 8

8:20 depart Bao Khanh Hotel by van daily, Monday-Thursday at 8:20 am

9:00-9:50 Introduction/survey of seminar- Desaix Anderson, Princeton University lecturer, seminar leader

10:00-10:50 Seminar #1 Overview of Vietnam’s history - Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam I: Ancient history of Vietnam prior to French Colonialism: - Professor Vu Minh Giang, Vice Rector, Hanoi confirmed)

Reading: *Vietnam: Revolution in Transition* pp 1-43, William Duiker (in seminar packet)
Vietnam’s Tradition on Trial 1920-1945, pp 1-88, David Marr (on blackboard)

Tuesday, June 9

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con (confirmed)

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 2 Vietnam under French Colonialism, 1858-1945; Dr. Christophe Robert (confirmed)

- 11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam II: The Role of Chairman Ho Chi Minh
Mr. Duong Trung Quoc, Secretary General, Vietnam Historical Studies
Association; cell: 0903.416.928 (*interpretation) (confirmed)
- 2:00-2:45 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations
- 3:00-4:00 Briefing by SOS International on Health Care in Vietnam, 31 Hai Ba Trung Street
(confirmed)

Reading:

Steinberg et al., excerpts from “Channels of Change” (pp. 247-258); “Vietnam” (pp. 301-312); from *In Search of Southeast Asia*. (on blackboard)
David Marr, *Vietnamese Tradition on Trial*, Conclusion (pp. 413-416). (in seminar packet)
Ho Chi Minh, “French Colonization on Trial,” in *On Revolution*, pp. 68-123 (excerpts; read “The Civilizers” pp. 80-90; “The Martyrdom of Native Women,” pp. 106-111; from “The Russian Revolution and the Colonial People” to the end, pp. 116-123).
(in seminar packet)

Recommended (Optional): Regional Histories of Colonial Southeast Asia

Steinberg et al., excerpts from “Social Change and the Emergence of Nationalism: Preludes” (pp. 237-246); “Thailand” (pp. 313-320); “Laos and Cambodia” (pp. 328-333), from *In Search of Southeast Asia*. (All on blackboard)

- 2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Wednesday, June 10

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study- Professor Nguyen Hong Con
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 3. The Emergence of Vietnamese Radicalism – Dr. Christophe Robert (confirmed)
- 11: 00-12:00 Seminar III – Revolutionary Vietnam: Emergence of Political Radicalism and the Communist Movement Dr. Pham Hong Tung Department of Modern History of Vietnam, NUH 091-300-4068 (confirmed)

Reading:

Anti-Colonial Nationalism and Revolution
William Duiker, “The Rise of the Revolutionary Movement,” in *The Communist Road to Power in Vietnam*, pp. 2-43. (on blackboard)
Lenin, “Communism and the East: Theses on the National and Colonial Questions,” in *The Lenin Anthology*, pp. 619-625.(on backboard)

Hue-Tam Ho Tai, Chapter 8, “Communists, Trotskyists, and Progressives” (pp. 224-257); (on blackboard) Conclusion (pp. 258-263), in *Radicalism and the Origins of the Vietnamese Revolution*.(in seminar packet)

Recommended: Theoretical Origins of the Revolution
Marx, *The Communist Manifesto*; Prologue and Section I, “Bourgeois and Proletarians.” (Verso, 1998; pp. 33-50)(in seminar packet)

Reading: *Vietnam and America*, pp 18-52, Gettleman et al
The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990, 1-59, Marilyn Young

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Thursday, June 11

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 4 The First Indochina War – Dr. Christophe Robert (confirmed)

11:00-12:00 Seminar IV.French Colonial period; Vietnam’s struggle against French for independence 1858-1945 – Dr. Pham Hong Tung, PHD,

Reading: Marilyn Young, *The Vietnam Wars*, Chapters 1-3, pp. 1-59.
Gary Hess, “Acceptance of the ‘Bao Dai Solution’,” pp. 84-98, in *Major Problems in the History of the Vietnam War*. (on blackboard)

Recommended:
Gary Hess, Chapter 3, “To Dien Bien Phu: The United States and the French Vietminh War, 1946-1954,” pp 38-50 in *Vietnam and the United States, Origins and Legacy of War*. (on blackboard)

1:45 Depart for Cultural Palace for tutoring
2:00-4:00 Community Service: Children’s Palace (English language tutoring)

2:00 pm Depart Bao Khanh for VFV
2:45-4:45 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village
4:45 depart for Bao Khanh
5:30 arrive Bao Khanh

Friday, June 12

08:00 am Departure Bao Khanh Hotel by van to Ha Long Bay; arrive about 11:30;
board junk (double occupancy BR on Junk)

Saturday, June 13

2: 00 pm return to Hanoi

Week Two, June 15-19

Monday, June 15

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese Language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con
- 10:50-10:50 Seminar # 5 America’s early engagement with Vietnam; the Deer Team, OSS Support for Ho Chi Minh; the Geneva Accords and aftermath–
Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam V: Vietnam’s Strategy and
Implementation: - Mr. Pham Van Chuong, Vice President, Vietnam Peace
and Development Foundation; former Vice Chair, CPV External Relations
Committee; 0904.108.895 (cell) (confirmed)
- Reading: *Vietnam and America*, pp 3-18, Marvin Gettleman, Jane Franklin, Marilyn
Young, and Bruce Franklin
Communist Road to Power, pp 44-85, William Duiker (on blackboard)
Vietnam: a History, pp 161-205 Stanley Karnow
“A Farewell Dinner” from *Why Vietnam? The American Albatross*, pp
366-374, Archimedes Patti (on blackboard)
- 2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Tuesday, June 16

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 6: 10:00-10:50; President Eisenhower’s and Kennedy’s
Policies; Ngo Dinh Diem’s regime downfall; Buddhist struggle; National
Liberation Front – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar # 7: Tonkin Gulf Incidents; the Military Struggle: American
Perspective; - Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- Vietnam and America*, pp 193-226, 255-291, Gettleman et al
Vietnam: a History, pp 387-426, Stanley Karnow
Letters to the South, pp 1-16, Secretary General Le Duan (in seminar
packet)
- 2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Wednesday, June 17

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study, Professor Nguyen Hong Con
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 8 President Johnson's Escalation: Militarization and Americanization of the War- Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar on History VI: The Struggle against the Americans: Vietnamese Perspective : Lt. General Nguyen Dinh Uoc, former Director Institute of Military Historical Studies tel. 04.3843.0266 (home) 069.55.41.80 (cell) (*interpretation)(confirmed)
- 2:00-4:00 Princeton Seminar Leader available for consultations
- Reading: *Vietnam: a History*, pp 426-514, Stanley Karnow
- 3:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Thursday, June 18

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con
- 10:00`10:50 Seminar # 9 Rising anti-Vietnam War movement in US conscientious and Globalization of the Anti-War Movement – Princeton Professor David Leheny,
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar #10 The American Fighting Man – Desaix Anderson – Princeton seminar leader
- Vietnam and America*, pp 295-335, Gettleman et al (skim)
The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990, pp. 192-231, Marilyn Young
*****Fields of Fire*, James Webb pp 50-167; 305-323; 366-374; 445-452
- 1:45 Depart for Cultural Palace for tutoring
- 2:00-4:00 Community Service: Children's Palace (English language tutoring)
- 2:00 pm Depart Bao Khanh for VFV
- 2:45-4:45 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village
- 4:45 depart for Bao Khanh
- 5:30 arrive Bao Khanh

Friday June 19

AM Depart Bao Khanh Hotel for _____ flight to Hue Vietnam's Imperial City, check into Ti Gon Hotel ??, visit Citadel; ride on Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda; overnight at Ti Gon Hotel (double occupancy per room)

Saturday , June 20

AM – Visit Minh Mang Tomb & Tu Duc Tomb;

PM van to Marble Mountain, swim at Nang Co Beach to Hoi An, Vietnam's ancient commercial port (overnight at Thai Binh Hotel), (double occupancy per room)

Sunday, June 21

Late morning van to Cua Dai Beach then Danang; return to Hanoi flight at 1420 pm

Week Three, June 22-26

Monday, June 22

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00:-10:50` Seminar # VII Seminar History of Vietnam V: Political –Economic Policies of the DRV; land reform – Dr. Pham Quang Minh, Dean Faculty of International Studies, National University of Hanoi cell: 0904.696.062 (Confirmed)

11:00-12:00 Seminar History of Vietnam VIII: Discussion with Bao Ninh, former PAVN “Bo Doi,” (foot soldier), author of “*The Sorrow of War*” (*interpretation)(confirmed)

Reading:

*****The Sorrows of War*, Bao Ninh, pp 1-230

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Tuesday, June 23

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study- Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 11: US Military Strategy – Desaix Anderson, Princeton Seminar Leader

1100-12:00 Seminar History of Vietnam IX: 1961-1967: Rising resistance in South Vietnam – Dr. Pham Hong Tung, NUH (confirmed)

Reading:

The Army in Vietnam, Major Andrew F. Krepinovich, Jr., pp 131-233 (on blackboard)

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Wednesday, June 24

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 12: “Tet” Uprising throughout South Vietnam; Victory or Defeat? Political upheaval in the US – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam X: Vietnamese Perspectives on “Tet” Lt. General Nguyen Dinh Uoc, former Director Institute of Military Historical Studies (*interpretation)(confirmed)

Reading: “Tet,” pp 41-76, 158-196, Don Oberdorfer

2:30-3:30 mid-term exam (in hotel)

Thursday, June 25

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 13 The American Political crisis of “Tet,” re-evaluation; debate in US; – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar History of Vietnam XI: The aftermath of “Tet.” – Dr. Pham Hong Tung, NUH (confirmed)

Reading: *Vietnam and America*, pp 339-424, Gettleman et al
Tet, pp 237-277, Don Oberdorfer

1:45 Depart for Cultural Palace for tutoring

2:00-4:00 Community Service: Children’s Palace (English language tutoring)

2:00 pm Depart Bao Khanh for VFV

2:45-4:45 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village

4:45 depart for Bao Khanh

5:30 arrive Bao Khanh

Friday-Sunday, June 26-28

Friday, June 26

AM Fly to Ho Chi Minh City

Saturday, June 27

Visit Cu Chi Tunnels

Sunday, June 28

PM return to Hanoi

Week Four, June 29-July 3

Monday, June 29

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 14 Nixon’s War; Nixon’s “secret plan” to end the war “Vietnamization;” secret wars against Laos and Cambodia, demonstrations in US - Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam: XII: 1969-73 – the military struggle – Dr. Pham Hong Tung, NUH (confirmed)

Reading: *Vietnam: a History*, pp 567-612, Stanley Karnow
Vietnam and America, pp 427-462, Gettleman, et al

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Tuesday, June 30

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 15: Nixon’s Policy Retreat 1971-73 Vietnamization; “China Opening” – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam XII : US-Vietnam Negotiations: Hanoi’s Strategy and Goals – Ambassador Nguyen Khac Huynh, Senior Expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (attended Paris Peace Talks) tel: 04.3824.43.83 (*Interpretation)(confirmed)

Reading: *The Vietnam Wars 1945-1990*, pp 232-272, Marilyn Young
Vietnam: a History, pp 613-670, Stanley Karnow

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Wednesday, July 1

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 16: Peace Negotiations: December crisis; the Paris Peace Accords – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar XIV: Negotiations of Paris Peace Accords: Actual Negotiations – Ambassador Nguyen Khac Huynh Senior Expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (confirmed)

Reading: *The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990*, pp 272-299, Marilyn Young
Vietnam and America, 471-515 (includes Paris Accords) and: *The Great Spring Victory: an Account of the Liberation of South Vietnam 1975*, (495-515), General Van Tien Dung/Gettleman, et al

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Thursday, July 2

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 17 The Aftermath of the Peace Accords, My Tho, Dinh Tuong Province; post “Liberation;” “Bao Cap” economics; Invasion of Cambodia – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam XV: the Paris Accords January 1973; implementation; Dr. Nguyen Vu Tung, Institute of Foreign Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs tungnguyenvu@gmail.com
Cell phone: 0084.912003321 (confirmed)

Reading *The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990*, pp 300-318, Marilyn,Young
Diplomacy, pp 620-702, Henry Kissinger (on blackboard)

1:45 Depart for Cultural Palace for tutoring
2:00-4:00 Community Service: Children’s Palace (English language tutoring)

2:00 pm Depart Bao Khanh for VFV
2:45-4:45 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village

4:45 depart for Bao Khanh
5:30 arrive Bao Khanh

Friday, July 3-4

Field trip: Rural Community service with Youth Union, overnight (arranged by VNU)

Saturday, July 4 Fourth of July

Sunday, July 5: 4-9:00 pm Attend American Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July celebration American Club, 19/21 Hai Ba Trung Street, Hanoi (optional)

Week Five, July 6-10

Monday, July 6

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 18: Geostrategic Background of War Strategy - Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar History of Vietnam XVI: Vietnam XVIII: Soviet Union Role during American War – Dr. Pham Quang Minh, National University of Hanoi (confirmed)

Reading: *The Soviet Union and the Vietnam*: pp 1-107; 164-193, Ilya Gaiduk

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Tuesday, July 7

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 19 How South Vietnam and the US lost the war – Col. Andre Sauvageot, US Army retired (confirmed)

11:00-12:00 Seminar XVII: Contemporary Vietnamese Literature – Dr. Do Thu Ha, Professor of Literature, NUH, PhD, University of Hanoi (confirmed)

Reading:

“The General Retires” and other short stories by Nguyen Huy Thiep pp 1-38 (on blackboard); 114-136 in seminar packet)
The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990, “Epilogue,” 319-329, Marilyn Young
Plus: TNT

Wednesday, July 8

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 20 Why Who Won and Why Who Lost the War? — Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar History of Vietnam XVIII: Victory over South, April 1975; end of 30 year struggle; Hanoi’s Conclusions and Look to Future – Dr. Pham Hong Tung, NUH (confirmed)
- Reading: *The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990*, pp 281-317, Marilyn Young
- 2:00-4:00 Princeton Seminar leader available for consultations
- How we Lost the War*, 135-163, Nguyen Cao Ky (on blackboard)
No More Vietnams, pp 206-277 or 97-164(chapter: How we Won the War)
Richard Nixon (on blackboard)
Vietnam and America, “The Vietnam War in American Memory,” by Marilyn Young, pp 515-522, Gettleman, et al

Thursday, July 9

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Professor Nguyen Hong Con
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 21: Vietnam’s Integration into political, economic, and security institutions in East Asia – Princeton Professor David Leheny
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar History of Vietnam XIX: “Doi Moi” Economic Transformation : Mr. Le Dang Doanh, Institute of Development Studies, cell 84 90343170; home 84 4 3753 8830 (confirmed)
- Reading: (may be adjusted for this session)
Vietnam in transition, pp 118-162; 197-224, William Duiker, (in seminar packet)
- 1:45 Depart for Cultural Palace for tutoring
- 2:00-4:00 Community Service: Children’s Palace (English language tutoring)
- 2:00 pm Depart Bao Khanh for VFV
- 2:45-4:45 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village

4:45 depart for Bao Khanh
5:30 arrive Bao Khanh

Friday-Saturday, July 10-11

Weekend for study, museums in Hanoi, or independent travel

Week Six July 13-17

Monday, July 13

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 22 Road to Reconciliation Holbrooke-Thach negotiations; POW's-MIAs; Cambodia; the Roadmap – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-1200 Seminar History of Vietnam XX: : China's Role during American War – Dr. Pham Quang Minh, National University of Hanoi (confirmed)

Reading China and Vietnam Wars 1950-1975, pp 10-91 Qiang Zhai

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Tuesday, July 14

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 23: Implications of US Defeat: Regional and Strategic Environment surrounding America in Vietnam: Normalization - Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar # XXI.: 1975-1995 Reunification; Socialist Transformation - Dr. Pham Quang Minh, National University of Hanoi (confirmed)

Reading: China and Vietnam Wars 1950-1975, pp 130-208, 214-222, Qiang Zhai

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

6:00-7:00 PM Seminar Session # XXII at I-Box, (tentatively) 32 Le Thai To Street, Hoan Kiem District - Informal Talk on Vietnamese Contemporary Society, Dr. Do Thu Ha (proposed)

Wednesday, July 15

10:00-10:50 Seminar History of Vietnam XXIII: Motivation of National Liberation Front (NLF) & Reconciliation: Vietnam and America Mme Ton nu thi Ninh cell: 0913.232.7321 (confirmed)

11:00-12:00 Seminar # 24 Reconciliation: Vietnam and America – US Ambassador to Vietnam Michael Michalak (confirmed)

12:00-12:15 Farewell to Faculty/Administration, Social Sciences and Humanities University

2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

6 PM Farewell dinner hosted by Princeton Seminar for NUH Faculty

Thursday, July 16

10:00-12:00 Review and Discussion, Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader (at Bao Khanh Hotel)

Friday, July 17

10:00-12:00 Final Exam in Hotel; seminar ends

Saturday, July 18 Depart, as scheduled

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