

Notional VNU draft syllabus for Hanoi III June-July **2009**; revised January 1, 2009
Note: Seminar conductors, speakers, reading list not final

Princeton Summer Seminar
“America and Vietnam at War: Origins, Implications, and Consequences”
Social Science Faculty, Vietnam National University of Hanoi
Room 25, 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 23 include two novels (Bao Ninh’s *Sorrow of War* and James Webb’s *Field of Fire*), so suggest that you plan to read the novels during previous week-ends.

***** To be scheduled: Seminars led by Princeton Professor David Leheny to be determined
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. 84-4-928 7702~7705 (4 lines)
Desaix Anderson at Trang An Hotel, 58 Hang Gai Street, tel: 8261135 & 8268982

Saturday, June 6

9 AM Site seeing – optional: Visit 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 – Brothers Café, 26 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street

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 (proposed)

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 National University (proposed)**

2:00-3:00 Briefing by SOS International on Health Care in Vietnam, 31 Hai Ba Trung Street

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

Tuesday, June 9

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study –Instructor Nguyen The Duong (proposed)

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

11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam III: The Role of Chairman Ho Chi Minh
Mr. Duong Trung Quoc, Secretary General, Vietnam Historical Studies
Association (*interpretation) (proposed)

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

Reading:

Steinberg et al., excerpts from “Channels of Change” (pp. 247-258); “Vietnam” (pp. 301-312); from *In Search of Southeast Asia*.

David Marr, *Vietnamese Tradition on Trial*, Introduction (pp. 1-13), Chapter 1, “The Colonial Setting” (pp. 15-53); Conclusion (pp. 413-416).

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).

“A Farewell Dinner” from *Why Vietnam? The American Albatross*, pp 366-374, Archimedes Patti (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*.

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

Wednesday, June 10

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study- Instructor Nguyen The Duong

10:00-10:50 Seminar 3. The Emergence of Vietnamese Nationalism – Dr. Christophe Robert

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 (proposed)**

Reading:

Anti-Colonial Nationalism and Revolution

William Duiker, “The Rise of the Revolutionary Movement,” in *The Communist Road to Power in Vietnam*, pp. 6-43.

Lenin, “Communism and the East: Theses on the National and Colonial Questions,” in *The Lenin Anthology*, pp. 619-625.

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

Recommended: Theoretical Origins of the Revolution

Marx, *The Communist Manifesto*; Prologue and Section I, “Bourgeois and Proletarians.” (Verso, 1998; pp. 33-50)

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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong

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

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

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*.

Recommended:

Gary Hess, Chapter 3, “To Dien Bien Phu: The United States and the French Vietnam War, 1946-1954,” in *Vietnam and the United States, Origins and Legacy of War*.

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

2:00-5:30 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village

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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 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 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 (proposed)**
- Reading: *Vietnam and America*, pp 3-18, Marvin Gettleman, Jane Franklin, Marilyn Young, and Bruce Franklin
Communist Road to Power, pp 1-85, William Duiker
Vietnam: a History, pp 161-205 Stanley Karnow ??
- 2:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Tuesday, June 16

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 6: 10:00-10:50; Ngo Dinh Diem's regime downfall; Buddhist struggle; National Liberation Front – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar History of Vietnam VI: Vietnamese Perspectives on the Role and Strategy of the National Liberation Front – Speaker to be determined
- Vietnam and America*, pp 193-226, 255-291, Gettleman et al
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, Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 7: Tonkin Gulf Incidents; the Military Struggle: American Perspective; President Johnson's escalation; militarization, Americanization of War - Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar on History VIII: The Struggle against the Americans: Vietnamese Perspective : Lt. General Nguyen Dinh Uoc, former Director Institute of Military Historical Studies (*interpretation)(proposed)

2:00-3:00 Mid-term exam in Bao Khanh Hotel rooms

Reading: *Vietnam: a History*, pp 387-473, Stanley Karnow

3:00-4:00 Princeton seminar leader available for consultations

Thursday, June 18

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Instructor Nguyen The Duong

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 8 Rising anti-Vietnam War movement in US conscientious objectors; anti-draft; Martin Luther King leads Black opposition to war; diplomacy – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam VII: Vietnam's Strategy and Implementation: - Mr. Pham Van Chuong, Vice President, Vietnam Peace and Development Foundation; former Vice Chair, CPV External Relations Committee (proposed)

Reading: *Vietnam: a History*, pp. 474-514, Stanley Karnow
Vietnam and America, pp 295-335, Gettleman et al (skim)
The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990, pp. 192-231, Marilyn Young

2:00-4:00 Community Service: English Tutoring Cultural Palace

2:00-5:30 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village

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 14:20 pm

Week Three, June 22-26

Monday, June 22

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Instructor Nguyen The Duong

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 9 The American Fighting Man – Desaix Anderson – Princeton seminar leader

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

Reading:

The Sorrows of War, Bao Ninh, pp 1-230
Fields of Fire, James Webb pp 50-167; 305-323; 366-374; 445-452

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

Tuesday, June 23

9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study- Instructor Nguyen The Duong

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

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

Reading:

The Army in Vietnam, Major Andrew F. Krepinvich, Jr., pp 131-233 (in seminar packet)

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

Wednesday, June 24

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 11: “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 XI: Vietnamese Perspectives on “Tet” Lt. General Nguyen Dinh Uoc, former Director Institute of Military Historical Studies (*interpretation)(proposed)
- 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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 12 The American Political crisis of “Tet;” re-evaluation; debate in US; – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar History of Vietnam XII: The aftermath of “Tet.” – Dr. Pham Hong Tung, NUH (proposed)
- Reading: *Vietnam and America*, pp 339-424, Gettleman et al
Tet, pp 237-277, Don Oberdorfer
- 2:00-4:00 Community Service: English Tutoring Cultural Palace
- 2:00-5:30 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village

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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 13 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: XIII: 1969-73 – the military struggle – Dr. Pham Hong Tung, NUH (proposed)**
- 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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 14: Nixon’s Policy Retreat 1971-73 Vietnamization; “China Opening” – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar on History of Vietnam XIV : US-Vietnam Negotiations: Hanoi’s Strategy and Goals – Ambassador Nguyen Khac Huynh, Senior Expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (attended Paris Peace Talks) (*Interpretation)(proposed)
- 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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 15: Peace Negotiations: December crisis; the Paris Peace Accords – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar XV: Negotiations of Paris Peace Accords: Actual Negotiations – Ambassador Nguyen Khac Huynh Senior Expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (attended Paris Peace Talks) (*Interpretation) (proposed)

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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong

10:00-10:50 Seminar # 16 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 XVI: the Paris Accords January 1973; implementation; Dr. Nguyen Vu Tung, Institute of Foreign Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (proposed)

Reading *The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990*, pp 300-318, Marilyn,Young
Diplomacy, pp. 620-702, Henry Kissinger (in seminar packet)

2:00-4:00 Community Service: English tutoring Cultural Palace

2:00-5:30 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village

Friday, July 3-4

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

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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 17: Geostrategic Background of War Strategy - Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 **Seminar History of Vietnam XVII: Vietnam XVIII: Soviet Union Role during American War – Dr. Pham Quang Minh, National University of Hanoi (proposed)**
- 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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 18 How South Vietnam and the US lost the war – Col. Andre Sauvageot, US Army retired (proposed)
- 11:00-12:00 **Seminar XVIII: Contemporary Vietnamese Literature – Dr. Do Thu Ha, Professor of Literature, NUH, PhD, University of Hanoi (proposed)**
- Reading: *“The General Retires”* and other short stories by Nguyen Huy Thiep (in seminar library)
The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990, “Epilogue,” 319-329, Marilyn Young
Plus: TNT

Wednesday, July 8

- 9:00-9:50 Vietnamese language study – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 19 Why Who Won and Why Who Lost the War? – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 **Seminar History of Vietnam XIX: Victory over South, April 1975; end of 30 year struggle; Hanoi’s Conclusions and Look to Future – Dr. Pham Hong Tung, NUH (proposed)**
- Reading: *The Vietnam Wars: 1945-1990*, pp 281-317, Marilyn Young
How we Lost the War, 135-163, Nguyen Cao Ky (in seminar packet)

No More Vietnams, pp 206-277 (chapter: How we Won the War) Richard Nixon (in seminar packet)
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 – Instructor Nguyen The Duong
- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 20: Thoughts on US Perspective on Soviet and Chinese Roles in Vietnam War – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar History of Vietnam XX: “Doi Moi” Economic Transformation : Mr. Le Dang Doanh, Institute of Development Studies, (proposed)
- Reading: Vietnam in transition, pp 118-162; 197-224, William Duiker, (in seminar packet)
- 2:00-4:00 Community Service: English Tutoring Cultural Palace
- 2:00-5:30 Community Service: Vietnam Friendship Village

Friday-Saturday, July 10-11

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

Week Six July 13-17

Monday, July 13

- 10:00-10:50 Seminar # 21 Road to Reconciliation Holbrooke-Thach negotiations; POW’s-MIAs; Cambodia; the Roadmap – Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader
- 11:00-1200 Seminar History of Vietnam XXI: 1975-1995 Reunification; Socialist Transformation - Dr. Pham Quang Minh, National University of Hanoi (proposed)
- 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 # 22: Implications of US Defeat: Regional and Strategic Environment surrounding America in Vietnam: Normalization - Desaix Anderson, Princeton seminar leader

11:00-12:00 Seminar # XXII: China's Role during American War – Dr. Pham Quang Minh, National University of Hanoi (proposed)

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

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

Wednesday, July 15

10:00-10:50 Seminar History of Vietnam XXIII: Reconciliation: US-Vietnam: Vietnam's Future: Social and Political Mme Ton Nu Thi Ninh (proposed)

11:00-12:00 Seminar 23 Reconciliation: Vietnam and America – US Ambassador to Vietnam Michael Michalak (proposed)

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, including implications of Vietnam for Iraq – 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