



21 - 22 MAY 2015

LIBRARY HALL & CONFERENCE ROOM
HERMANN-FÖGE-WEG 11/12

The Geobody of Vietnam

Conveners: Hue Tam Ho-Tai and Tam T. T. Ngo

Co-sponsored by the Max Planck Institute for Religious and Ethnic Diversity and the Asia Center,
Harvard University

Wednesday, May 20th

19:00 Restaurant Gaudi

Thursday, May 21st

09.30-10.30 Opening session:

Welcome speech:

Tam Ngo & Peter van der Veer

Hue Tam Ho-Tai (Harvard University): Visible and Invisible Geographies: gods, ghosts, the living and the dead in Vietnam

10:30 – 12:00: Chair: Ken MacLean

Tam T. T. Ngo (MPI): Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Sacred geography and spiritual warfare in today's Vietnam

Erik Harms (Yale University): Thủ Thiêm Futures Past: A Short History of Seeing without Seeing

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00: Chair: Peter van der Veer

Oscar Saleminck (University of Copenhagen): Hinterland Mõi – Pays Montagnard du Sud-Indochinois – Cao Nguyên – Central Highlands – Tây Nguyên – “Degar Land” : Connections, disconnections, and the changing geobody of Vietnam.

Vu Duc Liem (Hamburg University): State Boundary vs. Civilized Frontier: Vietnam, the Khmer World and the Politics of Lines (1802-1848)

Christian Lentz (University of North Carolina): Vietnam on the March

16:00 end of day one

17.30 – 20:00: Bus pick up at Hotel for dinner at the Burgschanke Plesse

Friday, May 22nd

9:30 – 11:00: Chair: Oscar Salemink

Bradley Camp Davis (Eastern Connecticut State University): States of Erasure: Negotiating Power in Tai and Kinh Realms

Vu Duong Luan (Hanoi National University/Harvard Yenching Institute): Survival between Empires: Autonomy, Transnationality and the Political Character of Tribal Chieftains in the China-Vietnam Borderland in the 17th and 18th centuries

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15- 12:45: Chair: Erik Harms

Ken MacLean: The Techno-Politics of Anticipation: Constructing Vietnamese Statehood in the East / South China Sea with Yet to Be Built Infrastructure

David Biggs: War in Vietnam: A Contest Between Aerial and Topological Perspective

12:45-13:15 Roundup discussion and publication plan

End of conference

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