

Summer School

Southeast Asia in Motion

Hanoi, 2-20 July 2018

Exploring Urban Change in Vietnam



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Abstract

‘Southeast Asia in Motion’ is an international summer school program involving students and scholars from Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Switzerland that will be held at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH) in Hanoi.

By combining state-of-the-art research in and on Southeast Asia with an innovative teaching format, this summer school gathers students, junior researchers and senior scholars in a three-week intensive program. The overarching theme of this Summer School will be “Urban Change” – a highly relevant topic within the Southeast Asian context where transformation and development are closely associated with a rapid pace of urbanization.

Structure of the Summer School

In the first week of the summer school, students will get an introduction into processes of urban change in Vietnam, central theories on urban change and qualitative research methods. The lectures will present closely related to the ongoing research of the lecturers from USSH and UZH – from historical and contemporary perspectives on urban change, rural-urban migration and the development of peri-urban areas to gender and youth in the city. In the second and third week of the summer school, students will train their skills in ethnographic research methods by exploring field sites in and around Hanoi and carry out practical assignments in mixed groups. The summer school will close with a two-day workshop in which lecturers from the participating universities in Southeast Asia will give an overview of processes of urban change in their respective countries and the students will present findings from their field research.

Participating Universities

University of Zurich (Switzerland)

University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University, Hanoi

Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia)

Royal University of Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

Mandalay University (Myanmar)

Chiang Mai University (Thailand)

Objectives

During this summer school, we aim to...

- Engage with debates about "urban change" in social sciences in general and as a key component of transformation processes in Southeast Asia in particular
- Get insight into research in and on Southeast Asia and learn about commonalities and differences
- Engage with a variety of academic traditions and gain experience working in an interdisciplinary, international learning and research setting
- Practice the ability to engage in scholarly debates in English in a multilingual context
- Carry out research as a collective and thereby scrutinize our own ethnocentric perspectives, hopefully sharpening our understanding of our own positionality and strengthening reflexivity
- Introduce students to field research and (hopefully) generate enthusiasm for ethnographic research, in Southeast Asia and beyond

Requirements

Participants are expected to...

- Read the compulsory reading of the program before the start of the summer school (see syllabus)
- Participate actively in all sessions
- In a mixed group of students, design a small research and carry out fieldwork during the second and third week of the summer school and present the research findings during the workshop at the end of the program
- Write a report (2000 words) on the research exercise in the second week (incl. findings, relevant literature and methodology)*

Participating lecturers

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* The requirement to write a report is compulsory for students from the University of Zurich. All other students should check with the lecturers of their respective universities whether they are required to write a report / whether other additional requirements apply.

Program

Day	Morning Session: 9.00-12.00	Afternoon Session: 14.00-17.00
Week 1 Mon, July 2	Welcome and introductions <i>Urban Change in Southeast Asia</i> Prof. Dr. Phạm Quang Minh and Prof. Dr. Annuska Derks Welcome lunch	Lecture I: <i>Urban Change in Vietnam: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives</i> Prof. Dr. Hoàng Anh Tuấn and Prof. Dr. Annuska Derks
Tue, July 3	Lecture II: <i>Rural-urban ties</i> Prof. Dr. Nguyễn Tuấn Anh and Matthew Parsfield	Discussion of Readings: Key Concepts in the Study of Urban Change
Wed, July 4	Lecture III: <i>Urban and peri-urban development</i> Prof. Dr. Nguyễn Văn Sửu and Dr. Esther Horat	Preparation of Field Research: Introduction to Ethnographic Methods (Participant Observation I) Roundtable – Doing Research: Methods, Experiences and Reflections
Thu, July 5	Lecture IV: <i>Gender in the city</i> Dr. Nguyễn Thu Hương and Prof. Dr. Annuska Derks	Preparation of Field Research: Introduction to Ethnographic Methods (Participant Observation II and Interviews)
Fri, July 6	Lecture V: <i>Urban youth and media</i> Prof. Dr. Nguyễn Thị Thanh Huyền and Dr. Đỗ Anh Đức	Development of Research Designs
Sat, July 7	Visit Hanoi	Off
Sun, July 8	Off	Off
Week 2 July 9-14	Ethnographic Field Research / Feedback Sessions	
Week 3 July 15-18	Ethnographic Field Research / Feedback Sessions	
Thu + Fri, July 19-20	Two-day International Workshop ‘Exploring Urban Change in Southeast Asia’ Farewell dinner	

Research groups

Topic	Place	Supervisor	Students
1) Urban gardening	Hanoi	Annuska Derks	Seraina Schutz (UZH) Aye Aye (MU) Ngọc Huyền (VNU)
2) Khu tập thể (apartment building)	Hanoi (e.g. Bách Khoa)	Annuska Derks	Nara Valsangiacomo (UZH) Kesone Kanhalikham (CMU) Vũ Thị Bình Minh (VNU)
3) Traditional market	Hanoi (e.g. Chợ Hôm)	Esther Horat	Tanja Nützi (UZH) Caroline Asti (GMU) Set Vibol (RUPP) Nguyễn Thị Kim Anh (VNU)
4) New urban area	In / around Hanoi	Nguyễn Văn Sửu	Irina Picmous (UZH) Indro Laksono (GMU) Nhong Sodavy (RUPP) Quản Văn Anh (VNU)
5) Theater scene	Hanoi	Esther Horat	Mirjam Neidhart (UZH) Nilian Sang (CMU) Lê Phụng Duy (VNU)
6) Motorbike repair shop	Hanoi	Nguyễn Tuấn Anh	Manuel Aguilar (UZH) Benno Sommerhalder (UZH) Nguyễn Thị Quỳnh Anh (VNU)
7) Rural-urban migration	Tân Triều commune or Hát Môn commune	Nguyễn Tuấn Anh	Zoë Kraushaar (UZH) Win Soe (MU) Nuth Sovannarith (RUPP) Luu Khánh Linh (VNU)
8) Memories of urban change (through oral history with elderly Hanoians)	Hanoi (e.g. Thống Nhất Park)	Matthew Parsfield	Kardelen Yildirim (UZH) Yong Mouy Kea (RUPP) Vũ Quang Huy (VNU)
9) Heritage / use of public space	Old quarter and citadel	Nguyễn Văn Sửu	Dwi Hidayatti (GMU) Thandar Ayeaye (MU) Nguyễn Hải Hà (VNU)

Lecturers (first week)

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Literature

Key Concepts: Urbanisation in Vietnam

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Note: All texts are available on the electronic platform OLAT.

Participants are expected to read the texts listed above in preparation for summer school.

Those interested may also consult additional reading relating to the thematic sessions during the first week of the program.

Location and useful contacts

Location for Classes

University of Social Sciences and Humanities (Trường Đại học Khoa học Xã hội và Nhân văn)
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