

# Nhu Truong

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Politics and Public Affairs  
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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Public Affairs, Denison University  
Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network Fellow, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation  
Rosenberg Institute Scholar, Suffolk University  
Senior Research Fellow, Center for Khmer Studies  
Visiting Fellow (non-resident), Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI)
- Fall 2021 Postdoctoral Associate, Council on Southeast Asian Studies  
MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University
- 2020-2021 Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow on Contemporary Asia  
Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University
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### EDUCATION

- 2013-2020 Ph.D. in Political Science, McGill University  
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations  
Dissertation: *In the Shadow of Authoritarian Expropriation: From Reactive to Institutionalized Responsiveness in Vietnam and China*  
\*Dissertation was nominated for 5 awards: the Governor General's Gold Medal, the Prix d'excellence de l'Association des doyennes et des doyens des études supérieures au Québec, the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies-ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award, the Arts Insights Award, and the Council of Graduate School and ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award.
- 2015 The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, The Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods, Syracuse, NY. June 15-26.
- 2009-2012 M.P.A. in International Policy and Management, New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
- 2007-2009 M.A. in Asian Studies, University of Texas at Austin  
Thesis: *Political Legitimation and Economic Pragmatism through Reforms in China and Vietnam*
- 2002-2006 B.A. in International Studies, concentration in Asian Studies, Kenyon College  
Senior Exercise: *Economic Reforms and Political Legitimacy: Doi Moi and Perestroika Compared.* \*Senior exercise completed with distinction
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### REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Accepted and forthcoming "Proactive Responsiveness and Institutionalization in Vietnam's Offensive Against COVID-19," in *COVID-19 and Political Institutions in Asia-Oceania: Democracy and State Capacity During Times of Crisis*, edited by Aurel Croissant and Olli Hellmann. Routledge.
- 2023 *The Dragon's Underbelly: Dynamics and Dilemmas in Vietnam's Economy and Politics*, co-edited with Tuong Vu. Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute.

- 2021 “Opposition Repertoires Under Authoritarian Rule: Vietnam’s 2016 Self-Nomination Movement,” in *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Vol. 21, 1: 117-139.
- 2020 “The Institutional Roots of Defective Democracy in the Philippines”, co-authored with Erik Martinez Kuhonta, in *Stateness and Democracy in East Asia*, edited by Aurel Croissant and Olli Hellmann. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 153-178.
- 2020 “Law For What? Ideas and Social Control in China and Vietnam,” co-authored with Juan Wang, in *Problems of Post-Communism*, Vol. 68, 3: 202-215.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 People’s Power and Resistance in Southeast Asia in Comparison: A Roundtable. *New Mandala*. June 1, 2022. Canberra: Australian National University.
- 2021 *Southeast Asian Politics*, co-authored with Erik Martinez Kuhonta, in *Political Science, Oxford Bibliography*. Oxford University Press.
- 2021 Vietnam’s 2021 National Assembly: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back. *FULCRUM*. May 5, 2021. Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute.
- 2020 Book review of Garry Rodan, *Participation Without Democracy: Containing Conflict in Southeast Asia* (Cornell University Press, 2018) in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 135, 2: 330-331.
- 2018 “State of Land in Vietnam: Growth and Institutions at a Crossroads,” co-authored with Dang H. Vo and Dzung Nguyen, in *State of Land in the Mekong Region*, edited by Micah Ingalls and Jean-Christophe Diepart. Bern: Bern Open Publishing: 155-176.
- 2017 “Institutions Without Belief: Incalculability and Legitimate Domination Under the Chinese Communist Party,” in *Asian Politics & Policy*, Vol. 9, 4: 636-645.
- 2017 *Southeast Asia in an Evolving Global Landscape*, co-edited with Stephanie Martel, and authored the volume’s “Conclusion.” Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.
- 2013 Book review of Antoinette R. Raquiza, *State Structure, Policy Formation, and Economic Development in Southeast Asia: The Political Economy of Thailand and the Philippines* (Routledge, 2012) in *ASEAN Economic Bulletin*, Vol. 30, 1: 113-116.

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## PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2022 “Repressive-Responsive Parameters of Autocracies in Asia,” presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 15-18.
- 2022 Workshop on “Resistance and Opposition Repertoire Under Authoritarianism,” co-organized with Elvin Ong and Maggie Shum, supported by the APSA Asia Workshops Alumni Professional Development Grants and the Singapore Ministry of Education Tier 1 Grant, held at the National University of Singapore, August 1-2.
- 2022 “Political Legitimation Under Question: Why Do Rational-Legal Procedures and Performance Matter to Democracy and Autocracy?,” co-authored with Erik Martinez Kuhonta, presented at the Workshop on “Ideology and Authoritarian Resilience in the Global South,” co-organized with Cuong Nguyen at the Canadian Political Science Association Conference, May 30–June 3.
- 2022 “Agrarian Agitations: Claim-Making and Responsiveness Under Land Reforms in China and Vietnam,” co-authored with Rui Hua, presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, March 24-27.
- 2021 Roundtable on “People’s Power and Resistance in Southeast Asia,” Convenor and Chair, the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS) Conference, October 21-24, 2021.

- 2021 “Authoritarian Expropriation: From Reactive to Institutionalized Responsiveness in China and Vietnam,” presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 30-October 3, 2021.
- 2021 “Authoritarian Expropriation: From Reactive to Institutionalized Responsiveness in Vietnam and China,” presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Asia Pacific Workshop on “Contentious Politics and its Repercussions in Asia,” January 11-22, 2021.
- 2020 “Inter-Institutional Constraints Within Single-Party Regimes: Why the Communist Party is More Constrained in Vietnam than China?” presented at the Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) Conference, December 16-19.
- 2019 “Law and Authoritarian Responsiveness to Societal Unrest Against State Land Acquisitions in Vietnam and China,” presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Emerging Fields Workshop on “Law, Society, and Justice in Asia,” University of Michigan, May 16-19.
- 2019 “In the Shadow of Repression: Law and Responsiveness to Societal Unrest in Vietnam,” presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, March 21-24.
- 2018 “In the Shadow of Repression: Law and Authoritarian Responsiveness to Societal Unrest against State Land Acquisitions in Vietnam and China,” presented at the New Faces in China’s Studies Conference, Duke University, December 7.
- 2018 “When Do Authoritarian Leaders Pass an Assembly Law? A Comparison between China and Vietnam,” co-authored with Juan Wang, presented at the Asian Studies Association of Australia Conference, July 3-5.
- 2018 “Single-Party State Politics: Managed Political Participation and Oppositional Repertoires in Vietnam’s Legislative Election,” presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.
- 2018 “Lacking Self-Restraint: Why Vietnam’s Land Law Prevents Land Expropriation More than China’s,” co-authored with Paul Schuler, presented at the China-Vietnam Workshop at McGill, Aug. 24.
- 2017 “Legitimacy and Performance in Historical Perspective: A Conceptual Analysis,” co-authored with Erik Kuhonta, presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), Aug. 31-Sept. 3.
- 2017 “Institutional Paradox: Fragments and Partial Openings in the Structure of Power in Vietnam,” presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Convention of Asia Scholars, July 20-23.
- 2016 “Structural Paradox and Ideational Divergence: Regime Responsiveness to Land Rights and Development Disputes in Vietnam and China,” presented at the Graduate Student Conference for Southeast Asia Research, Centre for Southeast Asia Research at the University of British Columbia, April 14-15.
- 2015 “Misconceptions and False Dichotomies: The Volatility of Economic Performance for the Political Legitimation of Democracy and Autocracies,” presented at the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Ottawa, October 16-17.

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#### INVITED LECTURES & SEMINARS

- 2022 “Political Transformation in Southeast Asia,” with Erik Martinez Kuhonta, Maggie Shum, and Megan Ryan, *The Channel: A Podcast from the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS)*
- 2022 “Mentorship in Research,” Researcher Conversation Series. Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI). June 30. Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- 2022 “Repressive-Responsive Parameters of Autocracies in Asia,” Thinking Rights, Writing Justice in Southeast Asia online lecture series of the Justice in Southeast Asia Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 22.

- 2021 “Authoritarian Expropriation: Reactive and Institutionalized Responsiveness in Vietnam and China,” at CDRI Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), August 25.
- 2021 “Responsiveness in the Shadow of Repression: Vietnam and China Compared,” Southeast Asia Program, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University, May 27. Stanford, California.
- 2019 “Authoritarian Persistence in Vietnam,” for Politics of Southeast Asia at McGill University, October 10. Montreal, Canada.
- 2019 “Law and Responsiveness to Land and Development Conflicts in Vietnam,” at Shandong University, May 7. Shandong, China.
- 2018 “Responsiveness to Societal Unrest in Vietnam” for Politics of Southeast Asia, and Introduction to International Development at McGill University, February 15 and March 14.
- 2017 “A Historical Perspective: Land System and Reforms Before and After Renovation in Vietnam,” at Renmin University, November 17. Beijing, China.
- 2015 “Authoritarian Persistence in Vietnam,” for Politics of Southeast Asia at McGill University, October 15. Montreal, Canada.

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## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

### *External*

- 2022 Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholars Network Fellow, Cohort 2, (2022-)
- 2022 Rosenberg Institute Scholar (2022-2024), Suffolk University (2022-2024)
- 2022 Asia Workshops Alumni Professional Development Grants, the American Political Science Association (APSA)-Asia Programs, co-applicants with Elvin Ong and Maggie Shum, \$6,000
- 2021 Center for Khmer Studies, Senior Fellowship, \$9,000
- 2021 Postdoctoral Scholar Program, The Institute of Political Science at Academia Sinica (Declined)
- 2020 The American Political Science Association (APSA) Asia Pacific Workshop Fellow on “Contentious Politics and its Repercussions in Asia”
- 2020 Young Southeast Asia Fellow, Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG)
- 2020 Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellowship on Contemporary Asia at Stanford University
- 2019 National Bureau of Asian Research Chinese Language Fellowship Program, \$45,000 (Declined)
- 2018 New Faces in China’s Studies Conference Fellow at Duke University
- 2018 Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) Henry Luce Foundation Travel Grant, \$500
- 2017 Chinoiserie Made in China Summer Program & Scholarship on “Labor Rights in an Era of Global Precarity: Views from China”
- 2016 The University of Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Visiting PhD Scholar Fund Award, \$4,000
- 2016 Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) Henry Luce Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, \$6,000
- 2016 Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) Henry Luce Foundation Travel Grant, \$500
- 2009 Taiwan-United States Sister Relations Alliance Summer Ambassador Scholarship Program
- 2003 International Leadership Fellowship, International Leadership Foundation

### *Internal*

2017	Institute for the Study of International Development's Graduate Field Research Award, \$5,000
2017	McGill Graduate Mobility Award, \$4,800
2016	Li Ka Shing Advanced Research Award for field research in Shantou, Guangdong
2011	NYU Wagner Merit-Based Scholarship, \$2,862
2009	East Asia Graduate Fellowship, \$3,000
2008	Tom and Martha Ward Endowed Fellowship, \$2,000

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### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2022	PPA 122 Introduction to Global Governance, Assistant Professor, Denison University
Fall 2022	PPA 102 Introduction to Policymaking in Democracies, Assistant Professor, Denison University
Spring 2021	PPA 340 Authoritarianism in East and Southeast Asia, Assistant Professor, Denison University
Spring 2021	PPA 102 Introduction to Policymaking in Democracies, Assistant Professor, Denison University
Summer 2019	POLI 227 Introduction to Developing Areas, Lecturer, McGill University
Winter 2018	INTD 200 Introduction to International Development, Teaching Assistant, McGill University
Winter 2016	POLI 227 Introduction to Developing Areas, Head Teaching Assistant, McGill University
Fall 2015	POLI 369 Politics of Southeast Asia, Teaching Assistant, McGill University
Winter 2014	POLI 476 Religion and Politics, Teaching Assistant, McGill University
Fall 2014	INTD 200 Introduction to International Development, Head Teaching Assistant, McGill University
2013-2014	POLI 325 U.S. Politics 1 and U.S. Politics 2, Teaching Assistant, McGill University
2012-2013	Introduction to Vietnamese Studies, Lecturer, CET Academic Programs in Vietnam
2012-2013	Service-Learning in Vietnam, Lecturer, CET Academic Programs in Vietnam
Spring 2012	Topics in Vietnamese History, Economics, Politics & Culture, Adjunct Lecturer, NYU Tisch School of the Arts
2008-2009	Introduction to Chinese History, Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin
2007-2008	Accelerated & Advanced Vietnamese Language, Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin

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### **RELEVANT POLICY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2012-2013	Vietnam Program Resident Director, CET Academic Programs, Vietnam Designed and oversaw the academic curriculum of CET Vietnamese Studies & Service-Learning Program, and customized programs for students studying abroad in Vietnam; lecturer for program courses, including Introduction to Vietnamese Studies, and Service-Learning in Vietnam; coordinated internships and service-learning placements, guest speakers, and practicums; managed onsite faculty and staff, monitored in-country program budget, and program development in Vietnam.
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- 2011-2012 The China-U.S. Strategic Trust-Building Initiative, EastWest Institute, New York, NY  
Contributed to the policy study entitled, *Threading the Needle: Proposals for U.S. and Chinese Actions on Arms Sales to Taiwan*; collated and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data and trends of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan over a 30-year period for the China Initiative's Taiwan Arms Sale Project; monitored political and security developments affecting U.S.-China relations and tensions over U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.
- 2010-2011 Project Associate, NYU Advanced International Capstone Project with The Asia Foundation, New York, NY and Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
Conducted impact evaluations of decentralization reforms on local governance and planning practices in Cambodia; developed a survey instrument of perceptions of newly created District and Municipal Councils and Administrations; collected and analyzed qualitative data from fieldwork and interviews with local officials and civil society actors in Cambodia; reviewed strategic planning approaches adopted by neighboring countries in the region.
- Summer 2008 Research Associate, Environmental Development Action in the Third World, Vietnam  
Spearheaded the Diaspora for Development action-research study in Vietnam, including background research, data collection, survey and interview designs, and reports of preliminary findings; formulated and implemented a working plan with local partners to develop community organizational structures among private waste collectors and communities in Ho Chi Minh City urban slums.

#### **FIELDWORK ABROAD**

- Fieldwork in Vietnam** August-December 2016 in Hanoi; January 2017 in Can Tho; February 2017 in Quang Tri; March 2017 in Quang Nam; April 2017 in Da Nang; July 2017 in Hanoi.
- Fieldwork in China** May 2016 in Guangdong; August-December 2017 in Beijing; March-May 2019 in Guizhou and Guangdong.
- Fieldwork in Cambodia** May -August 2022 in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, and Battambang.

- LANGUAGES** Vietnamese: Native proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking  
Mandarin: Advanced proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking  
Khmer: Intermediate proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking  
French: Intermediate reading proficiency

- PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS** American Political Science Association (APSA), Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS), Women in Southeast Asian Social Sciences (WiSEASS)

- PEER REVIEW** American Political Science Review, Contemporary Politics, Pacific Affairs, Problems of Post-Communism, Government and Opposition