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Vietnam Provincial Competitiveness Index: <http://www.pcvietnam.org/>

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, [Duke University](#), 2004.

M.A. Political Science, [Duke University](#), 2001.

- Passed Comprehensive Examinations with Distinction
- [Certificate of Political Economy](#) awarded jointly by Duke Economics and Political Science Departments.

B.S. Developmental Economics, [Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service](#), 1996.

- Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

## Academic Positions

University of California, San Diego

Assistant Professor, [Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies \(IR/PS\)](#), July 2005 to Present.

Courses Taught: Quantitative Methods 2 (Regression Analysis), Field Research Methods, and Political Economy of Southeast Asia.

Committees: Admissions, New Degrees, and Faculty Speaker Series

Harvard University

[Academy Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs](#), 2004/2005 & 2007/2008 Academic Years.

## Honors and Awards

[Faculty Teaching Excellence Award](#), UCSD IR/PS, May 2006

Voted by the entire graduating class.

[Gabriel A. Almond Award](#) for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association, 2005.

[Mancur Olson Award](#) for Best Dissertation in Political Economy (Runner-up), American Political Science Association, 2005.

[David Boren Scholarship](#) for dissertation research, Association of Education Development, 2001.

[Foreign Language and Areas Studies \(FLAS\) Grant](#), 2000.

[Luce Scholar](#) to Vietnam, Henry Luce Foundation, 1997 to 1998.

[James B. Duke Scholar](#), Duke University, 1998 to 2004.  
[William Davidson Institute Fellow](#), University of Michigan, Summer 1999.  
[William F. Notz Medal](#) for outstanding performance in economics, Georgetown University, 1996.  
[Peter F. Krogh Medal](#), Georgetown University, 1996.  
Robert Bosch Award for best student research funded by the [UNESCO ZIS-Reise](#).

## **Other Professional Experience**

Lead Researcher, Architect, and Author of the [Vietnam Provincial Competitiveness Index](#) (PCI), US-AID's [Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative](#), Hanoi, Vietnam, 2004 to Present.

- The PCI is a comprehensive ranking of economic governance in all 64 provinces, constructed from a 6700-firm survey and objective data.
- Selected in 2005 by Vietnam Television as one of the 10 most important economic events of the year, the PCI has been cited in over 500 newspaper articles, the speeches of two successive Prime Ministers, a number of academic articles, and remains an important tool for local governments and international donors to chart economic reform progress.

Lead Researcher, Architect and Author of the [Cambodia Provincial Business Environment Scorecard](#) (PBES), [The Asia Foundation](#) and [Mekong Private Sector Development Facility](#) of the World Bank Group, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2005 to Present.

- The PBES is a comprehensive ranking of economic governance in 10 Cambodian provinces, constructed from a 500-firm survey and objective data.
- Used extensively in local governance reform efforts by donors and Cambodian government.
- Will be expanded this year to include all 24 Cambodian provinces.

Expert Advisor on Methodology, [Local Government Performance Measurement System](#), World Bank and [Decentralization Support Facility](#), Jakarta, Indonesia, 2006 to Present.

- Authored ten-page memorandum detailing the key goals and strategies of indexing, and devised overall foundations for the research effort.
- Continue to provide expert advice on methodological choices, data collection, and piloting.

Expert Advisor on Methodology, [District Economic Governance Index](#), [The Asia Foundation](#) and [Decentralization Watch \(KPPOD\)](#), Jakarta, Indonesia, 2006 to Present.

- Authored eighty-page memorandum critiquing the original design of the index and providing a series of steps for enhancing the rigor of the research endeavor, the robustness of the results, and the year-to-year stability of the rankings.
- Continue to provide expert advice on methodological choices, data collection, and piloting.

Expert Advisor on Methodology, Economic Governance Index, [The Asia Foundation](#), Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2007.

- Provided expert advice on methodological choices, data collection, piloting, and survey construction.
- Presented on methodological approach at November 2007 launch.

Lead Researcher and Author, Economic Governance Project, [The Asia Foundation](#), Hanoi, Vietnam, 2001 to Present.  
Consultant, World Bank's [Mekong Private Sector Development Facility](#), Hanoi, Vietnam, 2001 to 2003.  
Consultant, [United Nations Development Program](#), Hanoi, Vietnam, 2003 to 2004.  
Consultant, [World Bank](#), Hanoi, Vietnam, 2001 to 2002.  
Consultant, [German Technische Zusammenarbeit](#), Ha Tinh, Vietnam.

### **Professional Activities**

Member, [American Political Science Association](#), Washington, D.C., 1998 – Present.  
Research Partner, [Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#), Hanoi, Vietnam, 2001 to Present.  
Research Partner, [Central Institute for Economic Management](#), Hanoi, Vietnam, 2003 to Present.  
Visiting Scholar, [Australia National University, Department of Political and Social Change](#), Canberra, Australia, February, 2003.  
Research Fellow, Institute of World Economy, Hanoi, Vietnam, 2001 to 2002.  
Anonymous referee, *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Corporate Governance*, *World Politics*, *Institute of Southeast Asian Studies*, *ASEAN Economic Bulletin*, *Crossroads in Southeast Asia*.

### **Academic Research**

#### *Published*

- “[Gerrymandering Vietnam Style: Escaping the Partial Reform Equilibrium in a Non-Democratic Regime](#)” *Journal of Politics*. Forthcoming.
- “[Where is Credit Due? Companies, Banks, and Locally Differentiated Investment Growth in Vietnam](#),” (with Marcus Taussig). *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. Forthcoming.
- “[Straight Ahead on Red: How Foreign Direct Investment Empowers Subnational Leaders](#).” *Journal of Politics* 70 (1) (January 2008): 1-23.
- “Provincial Governance and Foreign Direct Investment in Vietnam.” in *Twenty Years of Foreign Investment in Vietnam*.” *Ho Chi Minh City: Saigon Economic Times* (2008).
- "[Leveled Mountains and Broken Fences: Measuring and Analyzing De Facto Decentralization in Vietnam](#)." *European Journal of South East Asian Studies* 3, no. 2 (Winter 2004): 307-337.
- “[Push, Pull, and Reinforcing: The Channels of FDI Influence on Provincial Governance in Vietnam](#)." in *Beyond Hanoi: Local Governance in Vietnam*, edited by Ben Kerkvliet and David Marr. Singapore: Institute for South East Asian Studies and NIAS Press (2004).

["Entrepreneurs on the Periphery: A Study of Private Sector Development in Vietnam's Periphery Provinces."](#) *Mekong Private Sector Development Facility (MPDF) Private Sector Discussion Papers* 18 (November 2004).  
Also see MPDF [Business Issues Bulletin](#) discussing the above paper.

["The Model and the Reality: Assessment of Vietnamese SOE Reform - Implementation at the Firm -Level."](#) with Vu Thanh Hung, Vu Thi Dieu Anh, and Nancy K. Napier. Working Paper Number 154. *The William Davidson Institute Working Paper Series*, University of Michigan, July 1998.

*Presently Under Review at Top Political Science, Economics, and Southeast Asian Journals*

["Foreign Investors: Agents of Transition. An Instrumental Variables Approach to Testing the Impact of FDI on Economic Reform."](#) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, August 2007.

["Predictable Corruption and Investment Strategy: Evidence from a Natural Experiment and Survey of Cambodian Entrepreneurs"](#) (with Krislert Samphantharak) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, August 2007.

"Paint-by-Colors Democracy: The Stakes, Structure, Results, and Implications of the 2007 Vietnamese National Assembly Elections," (with Paul Schuler).

#### *Working Papers*

["Vietnam through Chinese Eyes: Vertical and Horizontal Accountability in Single-Party Regimes."](#) (with Regina Abrami and Yu Zheng). Presented Conference on Communist Resilience, Dartmouth College, May 25-26, 2007.

"The Role of Veto Players in Economic Reform," (with Scott Gehlbach). Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, Iceland.

["Making Better Use of Business Survey Data: Thoughts on overcoming anchoring and nested data problems in interpreting business survey results."](#) Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.

["International Conflict and Endogenously Timed Elections."](#) (with Giacomo Chiozza), Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28, 2002.

["Constitutional Design and Postcommunist Economic Reform."](#) (with Herbert Kitschelt), Presented at Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Conference in Chicago, Illinois, April 28, 2000.

## Commissioned Research Reports and Articles

“The Vietnam Provincial Competitiveness Index: Measuring Economic Governance for Private Sector Development.” US AID’s Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative, Hanoi.

[2007 Final Report, Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative Policy Paper #12](#)

[2006 Final Report, Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative Policy Paper #11](#)

[2005 Final Report, Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative Policy Paper #4](#)

For more information, see interviews with author about the PCI.

[Saigon Times \(November 17, 2007\).](#)

[Saigon Economic Times \(November 8, 2007\).](#)

[Vietnam Investment Review \(July 14, 2006\).](#)

“[The Provincial Business Environment Scorecard in Cambodia: A Measure of Economic Governance and Regulatory Policy.](#)” Prepared for AusAid, [The Asia Foundation](#) and [Mekong Private Sector Development Facility](#) of the World Bank Group (2006).

Also see MPDF [Business Issues Bulletin](#) discussing the above paper.

“[Paths to Regulatory Reform: Moldova, Ukraine, and Vietnam.](#)” (with David Ray and Linda Nemeč). *Developing Alternatives 11* (1 2006): 32-45.

“[Implications of the Provincial Competitiveness Survey for National Policy.](#)” (with Helle Weeke). *Vietnam Business Forum* (Hanoi: May 2007).

“[Điều quan trọng hơn cả thứ hạng \[Important Issues in the Ranking\].](#)” (with Dau Anh Tuan). *Thời báo Kinh tế Sài Gòn [Saigon Economic Times]* 23 (807 June 1, 2006).  
<http://www.saigontimes.com.vn>

“Provincial Economic Governance, Vol. 1, Key Determinants,” (with Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry). Prepared for The Asia Foundation (Hanoi: 2005).

“Provincial Economic Governance, Vol. 2. Best Practices,” (with Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry). Prepared for The Asia Foundation (Hanoi: 2006).

“[Study of Foreign Direct Investment Environment in Ha Tinh Province, North-Central Vietnam.](#)” Prepared for Vietnamese-German Provincial Development Planning Project-Ha Tinh. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), GmbH, (Eshborn: 2002)

“Provincial Superstars and Laggards: Local Government Influence on Private Sector Development” (with Amanda Carlier), Prepared for the World Bank (Hanoi: June, 2002).

“[Results of Provincial Convergence Study: Barro and Sala-i-Martin Growth Divergence Model.](#)” Prepared for World Bank’s use in the *Vietnam Development Report, Chapter 4, 2002.*

“Vietnam Business Incubator Feasibility Study,” Prepared for William Davidson Institute Business Assistance and Survey Project, (Ann Arbor: 1999).

“Nike Monitoring Final Report: El Salvador,” Prepared for Nike and Price Waterhouse, (Portland, Oregon: May 1998).