In March 2024, Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Vietnam's Prime Minister jointly announced the elevation of the bilateral relationship to 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'. In this highest level of 'mateship', Australia affirms its commitment to continue supporting Vietnam's developmental endeavours through bilateral, sub-regional, and regional initiatives aligned with Vietnam's socioeconomic development priorities, while Vietnam acknowledges Australia's longstanding provision of assistance and assist Australia in building the ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

With presenters from Vietnam, ANU and elsewhere, this one-day workshop will provide insights into the newest Australia's strategic partner in Southeast Asia. The workshop examines the nature of Vietnam's contemporary development issues, ranging from macroeconomy and international trade to responses to climate change and social issues. These matters are of concern to policymakers, government agencies, and other stakeholders, addressing current or near-future societal problems or challenges in Vietnam that necessitate policy intervention. The presenters will employ evidence-based research methodologies to identify and discuss the implications of their findings for policy development, implementation, or evaluation, offering insights that decisionmakers can utilize to formulate effective policies.

Submission

We are calling papers from NEU lecturers, especially ANU alumni. Authors are requested to submit their draft papers in English of approximately 7000 words including abstract and references (but excluding tables and figures) via email conference@neu.edu.vn no later than **September 15, 2024.**

The criteria to accept the papers include:

Quality of Academic Presentation: The paper is prepared with a good-quality academic presentation, including appropriate paper structure, academic writing language and style, and proofreading for grammar and spelling errors.

Relevance to Policy Issues: The research addresses topics or issues that are of immediate concern to policymakers, government agencies, or other stakeholders in relation to current or near-future societal problems or challenges in Vietnam that require policy intervention.

Evidence-Based: The research is based on rigorous empirical evidence, sound theoretical frameworks, and robust methodological approaches to support its findings and conclusions.

Potential to Inform Policy Decisions: The paper's findings, conclusions, or recommendations have the potential to directly inform or influence policy decisions regarding Vietnam.

Clear Policy Implications: The research paper clearly identifies and discusses the implications of its findings for policy development, implementation, or evaluation, providing insights that policymakers can use to formulate effective policies.

Use of Policy-Relevant Methods: The research employs methods and approaches that are suitable for addressing policy-relevant questions, including quantitative analysis, qualitative research, case studies, policy evaluations, or interdisciplinary approaches.

Publication

The accepted papers will be invited for presentation at the workshop, and then considered for publication in Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies (SSCI) and Asian-Pacific Economic Literature (SSCI) subject to a peer-review process.

Good papers will also have opportunities to be published in Special Issue of Journal of Economic Development (Scopus).

Important Dates

September 15, 2024: Paper submission deadline **October 15, 2024:** Announcement of accepted paper **December 6, 2024:** Workshop date

Co-Organizers

- Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
- National Economics University, Hanoi, Vietnam

Topics

We cordially invite the submission of original research encompassing a wide spectrum of topics related to nature of Vietnam's contemporary development issues. Suggested paper topic areas include:

- Politico-macroeconomy
- Climate change, energy transition, and environment
- Trade, industry, and resources
- Agriculture & social issues

Logistics Arrangements

For NEU lecturers (one author per one accepted paper), NEU will cover fully visa, accommodation and domestic travel in Australia. In addition, NEU will also cover partly the return air ticket from Vietnam to Australia.

Contact Information

For further information, pls. contact Prof. To Trung Thanh (conference@neu.edu.vn) or Prof. Long Chu (long.chu@anu.edu.au) using the subject line "Request for Information on NEU-ANU Joint Workshop".



Recommended structure for papers submitted to the ANU-NEU workshop

Title: This should be descriptive, direct, accurate, appropriate, concise, and unique.

Highlights: 3-5 bullet points, no more than 85 characters each including spaces, for readers to have an overall idea of the paper.

Abstract: One paragraph with maximum 250 words to briefly provide context or justification for research (the reason for writing), specific ressearch question, methodology, results, and implications.

Key words: Maximum 6 key words in alphabetical order.

Introduction: This section must at least include

- The overall research area or territory.
- Briefly indicate the research that has been done on the topic and the gap in literature.
- Presentation of the problem statement.
- Purpose and contribution of the paper.

Background information about about the case studies (if any):

If the research involves a case study, providing a summary of the context would assist readers (e.g., history, current state, related regulations).

Methodology:

- Describe the methodology (e.g., model and data)
- Explain the reason for choosing the methodology
- Identify any caveats: features of your methodology that may affect results or that a reader should keep in mind when evaluating them

Results: This section presents results that answer the research question, including their interpretation (e.g., what the positive sign means), and comment on any unusual or surprising or intriguing results.

Dicussions: This section discusses the implications of the findings, how they are connected to the literature, lessons learnt for Vietnam and other countries.

Conclusion: Summary of main contribution and/or findings, indiciating lines for further research and the limitations or caveats of your study.

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References: Please use the Havard reference style, and the use of citations software (e.g., Endnote or Bibtext) is recommended.

Appendices (if any).

