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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D., Economics** **2010–2013**
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London, United Kingdom
Specialization: Political Economy of Development, Technological Change, and International Trade
Ph.D. Thesis (with Outright Pass): “Technology Adoption in Rent Seeking Economies: The Case of Vietnam.”
Ph.D. Advisor: Professor Mushtaq H. Khan

- **J.D., Law** **2007–2010**
University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA, USA
Admitted to the California Bar Association, License # 277862

- **MSc., Political Economy of Development** **2008–2009**
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London, United Kingdom
Master’s Thesis (with Distinction): “Industrialization and the Triangular Rent Seeking Relationship between Vietnam, Japan, and China in Vietnam’s Motorcycle Industry.”
Master’s Thesis Advisor: Professor Mushtaq H. Khan

- **B.A., Global Economics** **2003–2005**
University of California–Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, USA
Senior Thesis (with Distinction): “China’s Emergence and Vietnam’s Transitional Economy: Partners and Competitors.”
Senior Thesis Advisor: Professor K.C. Fung

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor **2014–Current**

University of Denver, Department of Economics, Denver, CO, USA

- Current Courses:
 - Growth, Technology and Policy (MA level)
 - International Economics
 - Microeconomics and Macroeconomics II: Theories and Policies

- Advanced seminar: Robots vs. Humans: When will the machines leave us in the dust?

Treasurer **2016–Current**

Association for Social Economics (ASE)

- Preparing annual financial statements from bank and credit card statements
- Filing annual tax returns to the IRS
- Monitoring revenue and expenditures of the Association
- Participating with the President to negotiate contracts
- Making recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding ASE investments and fees.

Visiting Scholar **2016**

United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), Helsinki, Finland

- Research Program: Structural Transformation and Inclusive Growth in Vietnam
- Research Paper: “The Political Economy of Small and Medium Enterprise Development in Vietnam”

Young Southeast Asia Fellow **2016**

Southeast Asia Research Group

- Elected by the executive board members of the Southeast Asia Research Group to be one of the five fellows in the fourth class (2016) of Young Southeast Asia Fellow.
- Research Paper Presented: Economic Development in a Rent-seeking Society: The Vietnam Development Model.

Visiting Assistant Professor **2013–2014**

Drew University, Department of Economics and Business Studies, Madison, NJ, USA

- Courses Taught: International Trade, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Wall Street and the Economy, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics.

Lecturer and Dissertation Supervisor **2011–2013**

Leeds Metropolitan University (M.A. Program), Ho Chi Minh City and Ha Noi, Vietnam

- Courses Taught: Trade, Growth, and Development, Economics of International Trade.

Lecturer **2011–2013**

University of Gloucestershire (M.B.A. Program), Ho Chi Minh City and Ha Noi, Vietnam

- Courses Taught: Business Economics and Cost Accounting, Management Accounting.

PUBLICATIONS

Ngo, C. N. (forthcoming). *Industrial Development in Planned Economies: Rent Seeking and Politico-Economic Interplay in Vietnam*. London: Routledge. eISBN 978-1-315-65749-3.

Ngo, C. N. and Tarko, V. (forthcoming) "Economic Development in a Rent-seeking Society: Socialism, State Capitalism and Crony Capitalism in Vietnam". *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*.

- Ngo, C. N. (2017) “Vietnam’s Textile and Garment Industry in the Global Value Chain and the Political Economy of Vietnam–China Border Trade”. *European Journal of East Asian Studies*. Vol. 16(1), pp. 154-184.
<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/10.1163/15700615-01601008>
- Ngo, C. N. (2017). “Political Economy of Industrial Development in Vietnam’s Telecommunications Industry: A Rent Management Analysis”. *Review of Political Economy*. Vo. 29(3), pp. 454-477. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09538259.2017.1339436>
- Ngo, C. N. (2016). “Local Value Chain Development in Vietnam: Technical Learning and Rents Management”. *Journal of Contemporary Asia*. Vol. 47(1), pp. 1-26.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00472336.2016.1214744>
- Ngo, C. N. (2016). “Developmental Rent Management Analysis: Learning, Upgrading, and Innovation”. *Journal of Economic Issues*. Vol. 50(4), pp. 1045-1068.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00213624.2016.1249749>
- Ngo, C. N. (2015). Review of "Land and Loyalty: Security and the Development of Property Rights in Thailand", by Tomas Larsson. *Journal of Agrarian Change*. Vol. 15(1), pp. 151-153. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/joac.12092/full>
- Ngo, C. N. (2014). “Industrialization and the Triangular Rent-Seeking Relationship between Vietnam, Japan, and China in Vietnam’s Motorcycle Industry”. *Limes Plus: Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities*, Vol. XI(3), pp. 177-208.
http://www.komunikacija.org.rs/komunikacija/casopisi/Limes%20plus/X_3/09/show_download?stdlang=ser_lat

Revise and Resubmit

- Ngo, C. N. and McCann C. “Rethinking Rent Seeking for Development and Technological Change”. *Journal of Evolutionary Economics*.

Under Review

- Ngo, C. N. and Chi, M. “Differentials in Market Constraints and Value Addition among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Vietnam”. *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*.

Working Papers

- Ngo, C. N. “Political Economy of Small and Medium Enterprise Development in Vietnam”.
- Ngo, C. N. “Contracting Failures and Dynamics of Informal Institutions in Vietnam’s Manufacturing Industries”.

Ph.D. Thesis

Ngo, C. N. (2013), “Technology Adoption in Rent Seeking Economies: the Case of Vietnam.” Ph.D. Thesis, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London.
http://eprints.soas.ac.uk/17838/1/Ngo_3551.pdf

Selected Professional Presentations

Ngo, C. N. (2016). “Differentials in Market Constraints and Value Addition among Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the UNU-WIDER workshop on Micro Small and Medium Enterprises in Vietnam, in Ha Noi, November 8-9.

Ngo, C. N. (2016). “Political Economy of Small and Medium Enterprise Development in Vietnam.” Paper presented at the 7th annual conference of the International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy, in Lisbon, Portugal, September 7-9.

Ngo, C. N. and Tarko, V. (2016). "[Economic Development in a Rent-seeking Society: The Vietnam Development Model](#).” Paper presented at the 4th annual meeting of the Southeast Asia Research Group, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 3-4.

Ngo, C. N. and Tarko, V. (2015). "Economic Development in a Rent-seeking Society: The Case of Vietnam." Paper presented at the 85th annual conference of the Southern Economic Association, in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 21-23.

Ngo, C. N. (2015). “[The China Factor in Vietnam’s Value Chain Development: Lessons from the Textile and Garment Industry](#).” Paper presented at the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) annual meeting, in Boston, Massachusetts, January 3–5.

Ngo, C. N. (2014). “Local Value Chain Development in Global Supply Network: Technical Learning and Rents Management.” Paper presented at the 12th International Post Keynesian Conference: “Where Do We Go From Here?” in Kansas City, MO, September 25–27.

Ngo, C. N. (2013). “Technology Adoption in Rent Seeking Economies: A Theoretical Framework.” Paper presented at the 14th Summer Institute for the Preservation of the History of Economic Thought, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond, in Richmond, Virginia, June 14–17.
<http://jepson.richmond.edu/conferences/adam-smith/papers13/paper13ngo.pdf>

Ngo, C. N. (2013). “Developmental Rent Management Analysis.” Paper presented at the 15th Conference of the Association of Heterodox Economics, London Metropolitan University, in London, July 4–6.
http://www.hetecon.net/documents/ConferencePapers/2013Non-Refereed/Ngo1_AHE2013.pdf

Ngo, C. N. (2012). “Vietnam: The State and the Political Economy of Industrialization, Technology Upgrading, and Capability Building.” Paper presented at the 6th Advanced Graduate Workshop on Poverty, Development, and Globalization, Columbia University and Institute of New Economic Thinking, in Bangalore, India, January 6–18.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

International Consultant **2016**
World Bank Vietnam

- Peered reviewed drafts and edited contents for two reports entitled “The Role of the State in the Development of Vietnam’s Financial System” and “The Role of the State in Enhancing the Performance of Public Utilities.”

International Consultant **2014-2015**
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), Ha Noi, Vietnam

- Peered reviewed drafts of the commissioned report entitled “Supporting Inclusive Growth Effective Policy Design for Developing Medium Technology Sectors.”
- Peer reviewed drafts of technical background papers and case studies on promotion of medium technology for more inclusive growth in Vietnam. The background papers were commissioned for the 2014 Vietnam National Human Development Report.
- Provided suggestions and inputs for the rent management analyses with a special focus on technological change and inclusive growth.
- Refined policy recommendations with concrete policy actions to strengthen industries and firms’ capacity for Vietnam’s industrial development.

International Consultant **2013–2014**
German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), Frankfurt, Germany

- Assessed the policy space for regulating retail trade in developing countries under the framework of the WTO, and other free trade agreements.
- Analyzed the instruments that are used to manage retail chain investments in developing countries in order to achieve socioeconomic development objectives.
- Researched retail sector development in Vietnam using developmental rent management analysis (DRMA).

Associate Economics Affairs Officer (P2–2) **2011–2012**
Unit of Economic Cooperation and Integration for Developing Countries

United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva, Switzerland

- Researched and reviewed relevant literature, contributed to the report: “The World Turned Upside Down: Development-Led Globalization and the Rise of the South.”
- Reviewed submissions of background papers and analyzed primary and secondary data for a chapter in the report.
- Assisted in preparations for UNCTAD XIII in Doha (Qatar); obtained inputs for speeches; and edited substantive inputs for web pages, conference notes, and related tasks.

International Consultant **2011–2012**

World Bank and Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ha Noi, Vietnam

- Consulted on project: “Capacity Building for Strengthening the Regulatory Framework for the Management of Investment.”
- Reviewed Decree 113/2009/ND-CP (Decree) for evaluation and supervision of investment projects in Vietnam.
- Conducted desk study on international standards and similar regulations in other developing countries.
- Analyzed shortcomings and limitations of the Decree by comparing its similarities and differences to international common practices; pointed out omitted information, and inconsistencies, conflicts, or difficulties in application of the law.
- Wrote and presented final report with recommended revisions to the Decree and its Circulars to improve the legal framework for management of investment projects.
- Produced a set of questionnaires for local consultants to gather stakeholders’ opinions on the recommendations.

International Consultant **2011**

World Bank, Ha Noi, Vietnam

- Reviewed and evaluated old draft translation of Vietnam Socio-Economic Development Strategy (SEDS) for the period 2011–2020; compared draft with the government’s final official document.
- Edited the English translation of original draft to improve its quality.
- Translated from Vietnamese to English and revised all new texts of the final SEDS.
- Edited and assessed entire final draft prior to submission for publication.

Research Associate **2011–2012**

Vietnam Centre for Economic and Policy Research (VEPR), Vietnam National University, Ha Noi, Vietnam

- Conducted interviews with government officials, local and foreign firms, and major Vietnamese state-owned enterprises in the motorcycle, textile–garment, and telecom industries for VEPR’s research project on public sector governance.
- Briefed executives and government officials in matters related to Vietnam’s microeconomic policies, public sector reforms, and trade laws.

Research Fellow **2008**

Center for State and Local Government Law, San Francisco, CA

- Researched, analyzed, and categorized statutes related to Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- Reviewed and analyzed legal opinions in regards to the Federal Safe Harbor project.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Summer Associate **2009**

Perréard, de Boccard, Kohler, Ador & Associates, Geneva, Switzerland

- Researched and drafted memoranda on legal issues including contracts, joint ventures, mergers and acquisition, taxation, immigration, and international trade law.

- Reviewed and edited statements of defense and counterclaims in a trade dispute.
- Drafted letter to counsel and counterparties in high-profile investment management case.
- Researched and laid groundwork for trade arbitration dispute.

Mini-Pupillage

2009

Tooks Chambers, London, United Kingdom

- Assisted lead barrister with trial preparation on a rape and assault case, London Crown Court.
- Prepared evidence for cross-examination and assisted in interviews with the defendant.
- Researched and summarized relevant case law.
- Discussed, deliberated, and reviewed closing argument.
- Attended hearings, depositions, and trial.

Summer Associate

2008

AJU International Law Group, Seoul, South Korea

- Researched comparative law focused on mergers and acquisitions in South East Asian countries.
- Drafted, reviewed, and edited joint venture agreements, consortium agreements, and memoranda.
- Analyzed Vietnamese and Malaysian law regarding hospitality, real estate, and movie industries.
- Coordinated with major investment banks and investors for Mergers and Acquisitions conference in Ha Noi, Vietnam.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

▪ **University of Denver**

Professional Research Opportunities for Faculty	2017-2019
Faculty Internationalization Grant, Spring	2017-2018
Faculty Internationalization Grant, Spring	2016-2017
Faculty Internationalization Grant, Fall	2016-2017
Faculty Research Fund, Spring	2015-2017

▪ **United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)**

2016-2017

Research Project (co-authored with Dr. Miao Chi): Differentials in Market Constraints and Value Addition among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Vietnam

▪ **Columbia University, and Institute for New Economic Thinking**

2013

Advanced Graduate Workshop on Poverty, Development, and Globalization, in Bangalore, India. All expenses are fully funded for the two-week workshop.

▪ **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London**

SOAS Fieldwork Award	2011
Conference Travel Award	2010

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE USED

- Eviews and STATA

LANGUAGES

- English, fluent
- Vietnamese, fluent (native speaker)

INTERESTS

- Cross-country mountain biking; rock climbing, trail running; backpacking; photography; piano; sculptures; handicrafts; and fundraising.

REFERENCES

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