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EDUCATION

George Mason University (GMU), Schar School of Policy & Government **Arlington, VA**
Ph.D. Student, Political Sciences (International Relations) **Expected May 2029**

- Research Topics: Geoeconomics, Weaponized Interdependence, Network Analysis, Small Countries Foreign Policies

Fulbright University Vietnam (FUV), School of Public Policy & Management **Ho Chi Minh City, VN**
Master of Public Policy; Concentration: Policy Analysis **August 2024**

- Thesis: *Geoeconomic Implications of Vietnam's Economic Dependency on China* (Distinction)
- Exchange Student at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS)

American University (AU), School of International Service **Washington, D.C.**
Bachelor of Arts: International Studies; Minor: Economics **May 2020**

- Exchange Student at Peking University (PKU), Yonsei University

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

George Mason University **Arlington, VA**
Graduate Research Assistant **August 2024 – Present**

- Assist Dr. Ketian Zhang to collect data, conduct literature review on economic interdependence projects

Fulbright University Vietnam **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**
Graduate Teaching Assistant **2023 – 2024**

- Courses taught: Trade Policy, Comparative Public Policy, Venture Fellow Program (75 students)
- Jointly developed syllabus and assignments with Professor Ari Kokko and Johnathan Pincus, graded papers and provided comments, held office hours.

Research & Program Associate **2021 – Present**

- Projects: HKS Belfer Center's Middle Powers Project, Strengthening Vietnam's Semiconductor Workforce; The Economic – Political Nexus in China's Relations with Southeast Asian Countries Post-Cold War; Vietnam's Workforce Development Project
- Coordinated a research team to construct a Skill Readiness Index, reviewed literature, designed survey and conducted expert's interview. Wrote and edited drafts of the papers
- Selected, summarized and translated case studies for the Executive Education courses.

American University **Washington, D.C.**
Teaching Assistant and Peer Mentor **2018 – 2019**

- Course taught: AU Experiential Learning (4 semesters, 150 students).
- Developed the "international section" of the course, graded papers and provided comments, held office hours and workshops for international students.
- Provided mentoring sessions for 3-5 students every semester.

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

Presidential Scholarship for Doctoral Student, GMU **2024 – 2028**
IPSA-NUS Summer Methods School Travel Grant **2025**
Albert Hirschman Fellow and Young Geoeconomist Grant, Helsinki Geoeconomics **2025**
Two-time Winner of the Global Essay Competition, St. Gallen Symposium **2024 – 2025**
Young Leader, Pacific Forum **2024 – Present**
First Prize, Fulbright's Best Thesis Award **2024**
Fellow, Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) in Public Policy **2023**

Community Change-Maker Scholarship, FUV	2022
Fellow, Yenching Global Symposium, PKU	2022
Full Scholarship for the MPP Program, FUV and USAID	2021
Outstanding Delegate and Honorable Essay Award, ASEAN-Korea Political Security Forum	2021
Fellow, IMF OAP 12th Macroeconomist Training	2021
Fellow, The Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations	2020
Second Prize, AU Asian Studies Essay Contest	2020
Best Delegate, Asia World Model of United Nations	2018
AU's IAP Merit-Based Entrance Scholarship	2016

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Nguyen-Vo, T. (2024), “Goeconomic and foreign policy implications of Vietnam’s economic dependency on China”, *Fulbright Review of Economics and Policy*, Vol. 4 No. 1, pp. 18-44. <https://doi.org/10.1108/FREP-04-2024-0013>

Op-Ed and Commentaries

- Nguyen-Vo, T. (2025), “[Shielding Markets: National Insurance for Goeconomic Risks in a Divided World](#)”, *St. Gallen Symposium*, Top 25 Winning Essay, Switzerland
- Nguyen, T. (2025), “US v. Brazil in the era of coercive goeconomics”. [LSE Business Review](#)
- Nguyen, T. (2025), “How the US wages economic warfare: A Book review”. [LSE Review of Books](#)
- Nguyen, T. (2025), “Supply chain reshaping: Why real resilience demands more than moving factories”. [Pacific Forum Young Leader Blog](#)

Conference Presentations

- Presenter, International Studies – International Security Studies Section, Washington DC, 10/2025
- Presenter, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago IL, 04/2025
- Presenter, Security Studies Seminar at U.S. Military Academy, West Point NY, 02/2025
- Presenter, Vietnam Economist Annual Meeting, Da Nang VN, 07/2023

Work-in-Progress

- Determinants of Financial Sanction Success: A Systematic Literature Review
- Refining Goeconomic Risk Assessment: Enhancing Predictive Accuracy in Asymmetrical Dependencies and Economic Tool Control

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Visiting Editor, Princeton Journal of Public and International Affairs	2025
ASEAN – Korea Youth Ambassador, ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund	2023 – 2025
Founder, Save Orange Project	2022 – 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led a team of technician and public policy students to fundraise and work on a project applying data of fertilizer usage to project quantity of orange crop in Mekong Delta six months in advance. • Researched and constructed the supply model of Vinh Long’s orange crop. 	
Founding Member & Editor, PAX Natura – RadioNatura Podcast	2020 – 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideated and planned podcast topics and questions, connect with speakers. • Transcribed and cleaned podcast records. 	

SKILLS

- Computer Skills: LaTeX, STATA, Python, R
- Language Skills: Vietnamese (Native), English (Fluent), Korean (Conversational)
- Membership: American Political Science Association (APSA), International Studies Association (ISA), Helsinki Goeconomics Society