

# Trinh Nguyen

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## EDUCATION

<b>George Mason University (GMU)</b> , Schar School of Policy & Government Ph.D. Student, Political Sciences (International Relations)	<b>Arlington, VA</b> Expected May 2029
• Research Topics: Geoeconomics, Weaponized Interdependence, Network Analysis, Small Countries Foreign Policies	
<b>Fulbright University Vietnam (FUV)</b> , School of Public Policy & Management Master of Public Policy; Concentration: Policy Analysis	<b>Ho Chi Minh City, VN</b> August 2024
• Thesis: <i>Geoeconomic Implications of Vietnam's Economic Dependency on China</i> (Distinction)	
• Exchange Student at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS)	
<b>American University (AU)</b> , School of International Service Bachelor of Arts: International Studies; Minor: Economics	<b>Washington, D.C.</b> May 2020
• Exchange Student at Peking University (PKU), Yonsei University	

## TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>George Mason University</b> <i>Graduate Research Assistant</i>	<b>Arlington, VA</b> August 2024 – Present
• Assist Dr. Ketian Zhang to collect data, conduct literature review on economic interdependence projects	
<b>Fulbright University Vietnam</b> <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	<b>Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam</b> 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.	
<i>Research &amp; Program Associate</i>	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.	

<b>American University</b> <i>Teaching Assistant and Peer Mentor</i>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b> 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), “Geoeconomic 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 Geoeconomic Risks in a Divided World](#)”, *St. Gallen Symposium*, Top 25 Winning Essay, Switzerland
- Nguyen, T. (2025), “US v. Brazil in the era of coercive geoeconomics”. [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 Geoeconomic 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
• 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
• 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 Geoeconomics Society