

# Constitutional Debate in Vietnam

19 and 20 February 2016

Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore  
(Bukit Timah Campus)

## Programme

### Friday, 19 February 2016 (Day 1)

11.00am – 11.30am

Registration and Tea

11.30am – 11.50am

Introduction and Welcome

**Andrew Harding**, DIRECTOR

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**Bui Ngoc Son**, RESEARCH FELLOW

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11.50am – 1.10pm

**Panel 1: The Party and the State Power**

**Chairperson: Jaclyn L. Neo**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

#### Speakers

*Constitutionalizing Party Leadership in Vietnam: Dilemmas of Reform*

**Bui Hai Thiem**, INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES

*Integration the principle of separation of power into the Constitution Amendment 2013 within the “keeping face” cultural context*

**Vo Tri Hao**, UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS HO CHI MINH CITY

#### Commentators

**Mark Sidel**, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

**Pip Nicholson**, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

1.10pm – 2.10pm

Lunch, STAFF LOUNGE, BLOCK B



**2.10pm – 3.30pm**

**Panel 2: Human Rights and the Procuracy**

**Chairperson: Bui Thi Thu Hien**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

**Speakers**

*Human Rights Perspective in Vietnam: Reflection from the development of the 2013 Constitution*

**Vu Cong Giao**, VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY-HANOI

*The Procuracy as a Subject of Constitutional Debates: Controversial and Unresolved Issues*

**Pham Lan Phuong**, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE (SKYPE)

**Commentators**

**Pip Nicholson**, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

**John Gillespie**, MONASH UNIVERSITY

**3.30pm – 4.10pm**

**Coffee Break**, OUTSIDE LEE SHERIDAN, EU TONG SEN BUILDING

**4.10pm – 5.30pm**

**Panel 3: Constitutional Economy**

**Chairperson: Dian Shah**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

**Speakers**

*From Marx to Market: The Debates on Economic System in Vietnam's Revised Constitution*

**Pham Duy Nghia**, UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS HO CHI MINH CITY (IN ABSENCE)

*Interpreting the Constitutional Debate Over Land Ownership in The Socialist Republic of Vietnam (2011-2013)*

**Le Toan**, MONASH UNIVERSITY

**Commentators**

**John Gillespie**, MONASH UNIVERSITY

**Mark Sidel**, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

**6.00pm onwards**

**Welcome Dinner (*for speakers and by invitation only*)**

**Saturday, 20 February 2016 (Day 2)**

**11.00am – 11.30am**

**Registration and Coffee**

**11.30am – 1.00pm**

**Panel 4: Roundtable Discussion**

**Chairperson: Andrew Harding**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

**Speakers**

**Pip Nicholson**, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

**Mark Sidel**, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

**John Gillespie**, MONASH UNIVERSITY

**Closing Remarks**

**Bui Ngoc Son**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

**1.00pm onwards**

**Farewell Lunch (*for speakers and by invitation only*)**