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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. (Economics) - School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK
Thesis Title: " <i>Poverty and Inequality in Vietnam: Legacies from the Past</i> "
Supervisors: Professor Anne Booth and Dr. Jonathan Pincus | 2005 |
| Professional Accreditation - Teaching and Learning in Higher Education
Institute of Education, University of London, United Kingdom | 2001 |
| M.A. (Economics) - University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada | 1992 |
| B.Sc. (Mathematics and Economics) - University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada | 1991 |

OVERVIEW OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ 17 years economic development research, poverty alleviation strategies, labour market and social policy, data analysis, baseline survey questionnaire design, rural development project evaluation
- ❖ 9 years lecturing in economics/statistics (Singapore, London, Dhaka, Toronto, Brunei, Hong Kong)
- ❖ Intensive fieldwork in developing countries (Bhutan, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Madagascar)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR **June 02- present**
National University of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Republic of Singapore

- Lecturing in Empirical Analysis for Public Policy, Statistical Techniques for Public Policy (Econometrics), Poverty Alleviation Strategies and Economic Development Policy (Post Graduate Level)
- Researching on economic growth, poverty and income inequality in South and Southeast Asia, innovative governance and rural development and public policies towards well being in national development frameworks
- Consulting on poverty reduction strategies, statistical analysis for sectoral development policies
- Lecturing in Executive Programs in empirical analysis for public policy makers, economic development policies, the role of the non-profit sector in public policy and governance for rural development

LECTURER and RESEARCHER **April 97 – May 02**
University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, Birkbeck College, and Centre for Financial and Management Studies, London, United Kingdom

- Lectured in Quantitative Methods for Economics and Financial Management: algebra, calculus, statistics, probabilities, financial arithmetic, and econometrics. Tutored in micro and macroeconomics, maths, and statistics
- Ph.D. Research on the relationship between economic growth and income inequality and poverty in Vietnam

RESEARCHER and CONSULTANT **May 98 - May 99**
National Economics University, Institute for Economics and Development Studies, Hanoi, Vietnam

- Published a report on the impact of the Southeast Asian financial crisis on the rural areas and the agricultural sector in Vietnam, jointly with researchers in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Canberra, for AusAID
- Researched and developed a conceptual framework to disaggregate living standard data for child poverty in Vietnam, for Save the Children UK, Hanoi
- Literature survey on the impact of globalisation on poverty in Vietnam, for ActionAID, Hanoi

CONSULTANT **Dec 95 - Dec 96**
CARE-Bangladesh, Rural Maintenance Programme, Co-ordination Unit, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Finance and Administration: Established financial monitoring systems, assisted in the co-ordination and edition of quarterly reports to donors, participated in setting up a local NGO to take over the Income Diversification unit.
- Monitoring, Evaluation and Training: Assisted in the implementation of the Integrated Monitoring System, reported on the impact on women of fund-generating activities and savings and credit programmes, monitored field offices activities. -Designed/imparted statistics training (SPSS), evaluated and assisted in the design of gender training

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR **July 93 - Dec 94**
UNICEF-Madagascar, Integrated Development Programme, Economic Unit, Manakara, Madagascar

- Participatory Community Development: Organised and co-ordinated twenty poor communities in setting up a hundred micro-projects, provided technical training on micro-project management, reported periodically to UNICEF
- Monitoring and Evaluation: Built a socio-economic database by designing and implementing baseline survey questionnaire for village monographs

ECONOMIST **Sept 92 - June 93**
Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Community Development Branch, Toronto, Canada

- Programme Development Research: Elaborated economic development strategies for Ontario communities and programme directives for community loan funds and bonds, compared provincial economic strategies
- Computer Programming: Developed a computer programme to test economic models of community loan funds

ECONOMIST **May 92 - Aug 92**
Ontario Ministry of Treasury and Economics, Community Economic Branch, Toronto, Canada

- Researched on innovative financing, joint venture, community bond programmes, loan funds, municipal tax rebates

RESEARCH ASSISTANT **May 91 - Sept 91**
National Institute of Scientific Research, INRS-Urbanisation, Montreal, Canada

- Assisted building a public account matrix of the Montreal economy to test incoming and outgoing capital flows

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor – National University of Singapore, LKY School of Public Policy **June 02 - present**
Statistical Techniques for Public Policy (Econometrics), Empirical Analysis for Public Policy (Introductory statistics), Poverty Alleviation Strategies and Economic Development Policy

Visiting Lecturer – BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Master in Governance and Development **Feb 06**
Lessons in Development Economics

Lecturer – University of London, Birkbeck College, Department of Management **Oct 00 - June 02**
Quantitative Methods I: financial arithmetic, statistics, probabilities, sampling and hypothesis testing
Quantitative Methods II: calculus, regression analysis, linear programming, statistics, network analysis

Lecturer – University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, Dept. of Economics **Oct 01 - June 02**
Quantitative Methods for Economics: calculus, statistics, probabilities, financial arithmetic (undergraduate)
Quantitative Techniques in Statistical Analysis: probabilities, statistics, econometrics (diploma)

Tutor – University of London, Centre for Financial and Management Studies, Distance Learning **Feb 01- June 02**
Microeconomics, Macroeconomic, Mathematics and Statistics

Visiting Lecturer – University of Hong Kong, School of Professional and Continuing Education **Oct 01**
Quantitative Methods for Financial Management: financial arithmetic, econometrics (Master’s intensive course)

Visiting Lecturer – Singapore Institute of Management, Master’s Programme in Financial Management **Sept 01**
Quantitative Methods for Financial Management: financial arithmetic, econometrics (Master’s intensive course)

Tutor – University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, Dept. of Economics **Oct 99 - April 00**
Quantitative Methods: calculus, statistics, probabilities, financial arithmetic

Tutor- University of Toronto, Canada, Department of Economics **Sept 91 - April 92**
Macroeconomics: theories on economic cycles, inflation, unemployment, price adjustments

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books

“*Poverty and Inequality in Vietnam: Legacies From The Past*” manuscript in preparation based on PhD dissertation, forthcoming 2008

“*Development Paths and Happiness: Alternative Frameworks in Asia*”, edited with Takayoshi Kusago, forthcoming 2008

Book Chapters

“*Development, Decentralization and Democratization in Bhutan*” chapter in “South Asian Perspectives 2007”, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. (forthcoming 2008)

“*Overview: Introduction and Contextual issues on happiness, alternative development path, and GNH*” chapter in “Development Paths and Happiness: Alternative Frameworks in Asia”, edited with Takayoshi Kusago (forthcoming, 2008)

“*Development Policy under the Gross National Happiness Framework*”, chapter in “Development Paths and Happiness: Alternative Frameworks in Asia”, edited with Takayoshi Kusago (forthcoming, 2008)

Academic Papers

“*Good Development Governance and Rural Development*”

“*Public Policy Lessons from the Post-Tsunami reconstruction in Aceh Indonesia*”

“*Bhutan’s Contribution to Development Thinking: Pursuing Gross National Happiness*”

“*Health Sector in Transition: the Case of Vietnam*”

“*Trajectories of Inequality in Vietnam: Lessons from China*”

“*Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative Indicators for Poverty Targeting in Vietnam*”

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

“*Multi-level Assessments for Better Targeting of the Poor: A Conceptual Framework*”, with Scott Fritzen in Progress in Development Studies, Volume. 7, Number. 2, pp. 99-113, 2007

“*Wage and Labour Regulation Within the Poverty Alleviation Agenda in Vietnam*”, Policy and Society, Volume 23, Number 2, pp. 49-77, 2004

Edited Books

“*Labour Market Regulation and De-regulation in Asia: Experiences in the Recent Decades*”, edited with Sarthi Acharya, Academic Publishers, Delhi, June 2006, 229 pp.

Book Chapters

“Introduction and Overview”, with Sarthi Acharya, Chapter 1 in “*Labour Market Regulation and De-regulation in Asia: Experiences in the Recent Decades*”, edited with Sarthi Acharya, Academic Publishers, Delhi, June 2006, pp. 21-31.

“Impact of Wage and Labour Regulation in Vietnam” Chapter 4 in “*Labour Market Regulation and De-regulation in Asia: Experiences in the Recent Decades*”, edited with Sarthi Acharya, Academic Publishers, Delhi, June 2006, pp. 81-109.

Working Papers

” *Maximizing Gross National Happiness: A Critical View of the National Development Concept in Bhutan*”

“*Inequality in Vietnam: Causes, Consequences and Choices*”, with Scott Fritzen, 2005 – published by DFID, Hanoi.

Book Reviews

Review of “Vietnam’s Development Strategies” by Pietro Masina, Routledge, *Asian Journal of Social Science*, Brill Academic Publishers, Netherlands, Volume 35, Number 4-5 (2007), pp. 714-715

Review of “The Vietnamese Economy: Awakening the Dormant Dragon” by Binh Tran Nam and Chi Do Pham (Eds.), Routledge, *Singapore Economic Review*, Vol. 48, No. 2, (2003) pp. 213-216

Case Studies

“*The Role of the Singapore Armed Forces in Post-Tsunami Relief in Aceh and Nias*” Case Study with Jenny Ong (forthcoming March 2008)

“*Housing the Poor in Post-Tsunami Aceh*” Case Study with TC Lai (forthcoming March 2008)

“*Land-Titling and Gender Equity in Post-Tsunami Aceh*”, Case Study with Meutia Chaerani, September 2007

“*Building from the Rubble: The Reconstruction of Aceh and Nias and Indonesia’s Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency*” Case Study with Windel Anne Barizo Lacson, September 2006 presented at the workshop on “Evolving a Regional Model for Good Governance in Rural Development” organized by the Centre for Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in collaboration with the London Commonwealth Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan (November 26-30, 2007)

“*The Use and Misuse of Data: The Case of Foreign Workers in Singapore*” Case Study with TC Lai, May 2006

“*Streaming in Education: Singapore’s New Education System in 1979*” Case Study with TC Lai, February 2006

Consultancy Reports

“*Curriculum Review Exercise for the Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration*” for the Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu, Bhutan, December 2005

“*Vietnam Inequality Report 2005: Assessment and Policy Choices*” with Scott Fritzen, Synthesis paper of the DFID Drivers of Inequality in Vietnam” Project, Hanoi, August 2005

“*Agriculture in Times of Crisis: Impacts in South East Asia of the Economic Crisis*”, for the Australian Agency of International Development, with Gus Hooke, Peter Warr, Barry Shaw, and Adam Fforde, 1999.

“*The Living Standards of Children in Vietnam: A Conceptual Framework to Disaggregate Data From The Living Standard Measurement Survey 1992/1993*”, Save the Children Fund, UK, Hanoi, Vietnam, 1999.

“*The Impacts of Globalisation on Poverty in Vietnam: A Literature Survey*”, ActionAid, Hanoi, Vietnam, 1998.

“*Initiation to the Statistical Package for Social Statistics (SPSS/PC+)*”, CARE-Bangladesh, Dhaka, 1996

“*Baseline Survey Questionnaire of the Manakara-Vohipeno Region*”, UNICEF-Madagascar, Manakara, 1994

“*Quebec’s New Regional Economic Development Strategy*”, Ministry of Treasury and Economics, Toronto, 1992

Op-Ed Articles

“*Bhutan’s Contribution to Public Policy Making*”, Op-Ed article for the Asian Journal of Public Affairs, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Volume 2, Issue 1, February 2008

“*Teaching Quantitative Methods Through a Community-Based Data Analysis Exercise*”, in Ideas on Teaching, Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, National University of Singapore, Vol. 5, December 2007

“*Protecting Values in a Changing World*”, Kuensel, National Newspaper of Bhutan, Thimphu, July 17, 2004

“*Are Learning Patterns Different on Mars and Venus?*”, Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning Brief, National University of Singapore, Vol. 7, No 1, 2004

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PAPERS

Invited paper on “*Good Governance and Rural Development in South Asia*” for the workshop on “Evolving a Regional Model for Good Governance in Rural Development” organized by the Centre for Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in collaboration with the London Commonwealth Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan (November 26-30, 2007)

Participant at the 10th International Winelands Conference on Public Management and Development: Illusion, Delusion, Illumination? on “*Bhutan’s Contribution to Development Thinking: Pursuing Gross National Happiness*”, Stellenbosch University, South Africa (April 5-7, 2006)

Convenor and participant at the Fourth International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS) in Shanghai, on “*Forgotten Pillars of Development in Asia: Implementation of the Development Strategy in Bhutan*” (August 20-24, 2005)

Participant at the Singapore Economic Review Conference (SERC) on Growth and Development Economics, “*Maximising Gross National Happiness: A Critical View of the National Development Concept in Bhutan*” (August 4-5, 2005)

Convenor and participant of the Wage and Labour Panel for the Conference on “Regulation, De-Regulation and Re-Regulation in Globalizing Asia” presented paper on “*Wage and Labour Regulation Within the Poverty Alleviation Agenda in Vietnam*”, National University of Singapore (March 22-24, 2004)

Participant at the International Institute of Administrative Sciences Second Regional Conference on “*Shared Governance: Combating Poverty and Exclusion*”, Yaounde, Cameroon (July 14-18, 2003)

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

Plenary speaker on “*Quest for ASEAN Community: Bridging the Development Gap*” at the 3rd SIF-ASEAN Fellowship Alumni Conference organized by the Singapore International Foundation, Singapore (November 15-17, 2007)

Seminar presentation on “*Poverty Alleviation Strategies in Asia*” at the University Scholars Programme, NUS (March 7, 2007)

Panel speaker on “*A Comparative Perspective of Poverty Alleviation Strategies in China and India*” for the Harvard Project for Asian International Relations Conference on “Redefining Asia: Visions and Realities”, Singapore (August 17-19, 2006)

Delivered a series of seminars on “*Introduction to Statistics for Arts and Social Sciences*” at the Department of English and Literature, through the Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, University of Singapore (December 1-2, 2005)

Participant at the launching conference of the Network of Asia-Pacific Schools and Institutes of Public Administration and Governance on “The Role of Public Administration in Alleviating Poverty and Improving Governance” for the panel on effective public service delivery and plenary speaker on “*Innovative Teaching Techniques*” in the session on the Teaching of Public Administration and Policy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, (December 6-8, 2004)

Seminar presentation on “*Teaching Quantitative Methods Using Innovative Techniques*” at the Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, University of Singapore (September 15, 2004)

Plenary speaker on “*Tutorial Classes*” as part of the Professional Development Programme (Teaching) of the Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, National University of Singapore (August 8, 2004)

Seminar presentation on “*Assessing the Living Standards Data Collection Process in Vietnam*” at the Harvard Institute for International Development, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (March, 1999)

EXECUTIVE AND ACADEMIC TRAINING IMPARTED

Lecturer for the Executive Program on Trade Policy and Development in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (November 2006)

Lecturer for the Executive Program on Corruption of the Shadow Economy for Government Officials from the Republic of Kazakhstan, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (October 2006)

Lecturer on “*Understanding Data for Public Policy*” for the Brunei Ministry of Defense Executive Training on Public Policy and Management. (March 2006)

Lecturer on “Mobilizing Resources for Economic Development” and “The Role of Education and Health Policies for Poverty Reduction” for the Executive Program On Leadership, Public Administration Reform And Service Delivery For the National Academy for Public Administration (NAPA) Vietnam. (February 2006)

Visiting lecturer on “*Lessons in Development*” for the Master’s Programme in Governance and Development Studies at the Centre for Governance Studies at BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh (February 19-25, 2006)

Collaborator and participant for the planning workshop for the establishment of a Master’s Programme in Governance and Development Studies for BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh (August 5-7, 2005)

Coordinator of a three-day Capacity Building workshop in Thimphu, Bhutan, organised for the Civil Service Commission, and seminar speaker on “*Sustainable Economic Development*” as a volunteer for the Singapore International Foundation (May 9-11, 2005)

Visiting lecturer on “*Quantitative Methods for Financial Management*” at the University of Hong Kong, School of Professional and Continuing Education for the Master’s Programme in Financial Management from the distance education program from the University of London (October 1-5, 2001)

Visiting lecturer on “*Quantitative Methods for Financial Management*” at the Singapore Institute of Management, for the Master’s Programme in Financial Management from the distance education program from the University of London (September 24-28, 2001)

TRAINING RECEIVED

Certified Trainer for Senior UN Mission Leaders on “*Gender Equality in Peacekeeping*” following the Training-of-Trainers Course imparted by the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Singapore (November 20-22, 2007)

Participant at the Executive Training Program “*Partners in Innovative Governance*” by the Ash Institute, at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge MA (December 4-9, 2005)

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Joint Coordinator of Academic Seminars, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy 2007- present

Coordinator for the Master’s in Public Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy 2005 – 2007

Coordinator of the Policy Analysis Exercise (Master Thesis), LKYSPP, 2004-2006

Refereeing for the Journal of Income Distribution

MEMBERSHIP of PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Asian Political and International Studies Association, 2004 - present

Development Studies Association (UK), 2000 - present

American Society for Public Administration, 2003 – 2004

LANGUAGES and INTERESTS

Bilingual: French and English

Lower intermediate: Mandarin (oral and written)

Previously working knowledge: Spanish, Vietnamese, Malagasy, Bengali

I enjoy volunteering for development organisations (fundraising, teaching, consulting), travelling, skiing, local and international theatre, classical literature, learning Mandarin and spending quality time with my young family.

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