

# The Vietnam Inheritance:

Cultural, social and political legacies of the Vietnam War in Australia:

An Interdisciplinary Symposium marking the 35th anniversary of the end of the war

## Thursday 29 & Friday 30 April 2010

Monash University, Caulfield Campus – H1.16, Building H

### Program (draft)

Please check the website for updated information: [www.arts.monash.edu.au/psi/vietnam/](http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/psi/vietnam/)

#### Thursday - 29 April

1.00 – 1.15: Official Opening & Welcome

1.15 – 2.00: **Keynote Presentation - Paul Ham**

Mythologising the past: the great myths of the Vietnam War and why they persist...

#### 2.00 – 4.00 **Session 1: The Vietnamese Diaspora in Australia**

- Paper 1 **Spirit, mind, body: Experiences of post-war settlement and citizenship in Melbourne's Vietnamese community**  
Catherine Earl, Monash University
- Paper 2 **Between the Diasporic and the Transnational: Exhibiting Vietnamese Subjectivity in Asian Australia and Asian America**  
Dean Chan, Edith Cowan University
- Paper 3 **Ambivalence and Belonging: Cultural legacies of Indo-Chinese settlement in Australia**  
Zoe Anderson, University of Western Australia
- Paper 4 **"membering" the American/Vietnam War – Vietnamese-Australian Cultural production**  
Hoa pham, University of Western Sydney

4.00 – 4.30: *Afternoon tea*

#### 4.30 -5.30 **Session 2: Australia and the Vietnam War (Part 1)**

- Paper 1 **From Gallipoli to Long Tan and beyond: Vietnam veteran deconstruction and reconstruction of Australian mythologies of war and peace**  
Julie Ann Zabinski, Monash University
- Paper 2 **Touring 'Vietnam': A Political & Cultural Map of the Australian War**  
Robin Gerster, Monash University

6.00: *Symposium dinner*

## Friday - 30 April

### 9.00 – 10.00 **Session 3: Australia and the Vietnam War (Part 2)**

- Paper 3 **Conscientious Objection: A New Challenge**  
Stephanie Slade, Monash University
- Paper 4 **“Nasho”: The National Service Scheme in Australia, 1964-72**  
Christina Twomey, Monash University

### 10.00 - 11.00 **Session 4: Intercountry Adoption**

- Paper 1 **The institutionalisation of intercountry adoption in Australia: A legacy of the Vietnam War**  
Patricia Fronek, Griffith University
- Paper 2 **VADs Operation Reunite Adoptee Tour: From opening drinks at the Rex, the C5 memorial, and a Soccer match: Activism and history and return**  
Dominic Golding

*11.00 – 11.30: Morning tea*

### 11.30 – 12.30 **Session 5: Media and the war**

- Paper 1 **The war waif: childhood, national guilt and national redemption in media representations of Operation Babylift**  
Denise Cuthbert and Kathy Lothian, Monash University
- Paper 2 **The Reporters' War? Vietnam and the Australian Media**  
Kevin Foster, Monash University

*12.30 – 1.30: Lunch*

### 1.30 -3.00 **Session 6 : Representation of the war**

- Paper 1 **War is only a Small Part of the Battle: Australians Writing on the Vietnam War 1999-2009**  
Carina Donaldson, La trobe University
- Paper 2 **Remembering Vietnam, collecting the relics of The Vietnam War**  
Chelsea Mannix, Melbourne University
- Paper 3 **'One painting at a time': *Conservation in Vietnam***  
Caroline Fry, Melbourne University

3.00 – 3.15: Concluding remarks