

# **Social Capital in Vietnam: Regional Variation and Local Development Trajectories**

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This talk will focus on the regional variation in social relational configuration in rural Vietnam. It compares and contrasts specifically kinship and association ties in the northern delta and the central coast of Vietnam on the one hand and those in southern Vietnam on the other. On the basis of data from 7 rural Vietnamese communities, the paper explores the linkage between social relational configurations and local development trajectories in rural Vietnam.

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