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ABOUT THE AUSTRALIA-VIETNAM YOUNG LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE (AVYLD)



AVYLD is an independent non-profit initiative that was established to nurture relationships, promote engagement and incubate collaboration between Australian and Vietnamese young leaders. It aims to accelerate the prosperity of both nations. Through people-to-people links, we believe the bilateral relationship between Australia and Vietnam can be strengthened to contribute to the development of each respective nation.

Our Objectives

1. To facilitate a better understanding of Vietnamese and Australian society and foster long-term, mutually beneficial relationships by connecting and engaging Australian and Vietnamese citizens from different industries and sectors to collaborate.

2. To develop global leaders from Australia and Vietnam to shape regional and industry agendas by working closely with other stakeholders to define social and business challenges, solutions and actions in the spirit of global citizenship.
3. To create and nurture a sustained community through an integrated concept consisting of dialogues, a strong fellowship network, working groups led by AVYLD ambassadors, engaging events, and digital collaboration.
4. To facilitate research and promote policies that will support Australia and Vietnam to improve societal outcomes.

AVYLD 2019

The AVYLD 2019 will look at how leaders from the two countries can create a sustainable future together, beyond 2019. The program intends to shape AVYLD

young leaders to think more deeply about their role and responsibility in building a country and world that is prosperous for all, while ensuring our ecological system is not degraded further.

The AVYLD 2019 program aims to stretch the thoughts and considerations of delegates who will explore the following themed areas:

- Global leadership: leading with courage and good governance in a globalised world.
- Harnessing opportunities: exploring creativity, distributed by design and entrepreneurial approaches to reducing inequalities.
- Sustaining our futures: educating for the future, gender justice, environmental sustainability and living with purpose.
- Building momentum: Australia and Vietnam 2030, identity, aspirations and challenges.

AVYLD 2019 was launched at Admiralty House, Sydney in October 2018 by His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Former Governor-General of the Commonwealth Of Australia with 2017 Alumni; Christine Holgate, Chair of Australia-ASEAN Council; Gerard Shanahan, RMIT University, and Dr Trinh Duc Hai, Consul General of Vietnam to NSW, QLD, SA.

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MESSAGE FROM CO-FOUNDER & BOARD CHAIR

In 2017, when the first Dialogue was launched, the co-founders experimented with a forum that would tackle big questions facing not just our two countries, but also the world. It was a forum that scaffolded ideas of policy down to what is holding us back as leaders and as human beings. Deliberately designed to confront the delegates, it was described by them as 'ground-breaking', 'transformative' and 'life-changing'.

"My business acumen has significantly enhanced through the Dialogue, because I am able to connect to my own sense of humanity," said 2017 Dialogue alumni, Phillip Nguyen at the 2019 delegate announcement reception. At the 2017 Dialogue, Huong Dang pitched an idea for a social enterprise to assist victims of domestic violence supporting them with financial independence. In 2018, "Hope Box" was launched. Elsa Dominish, from UTS' Institute for Sustainable Futures, is the project manager in a study to develop economically and sustainable energy pathways for Vietnam.

This year for the first time in Vietnam, we continue the foundations in 2017, to deepen impact by focusing on five of the UN Sustainable Development Goals – Gender Equality, Reduced Inequalities, Quality Education, Climate Action, Sustainable Cities and Communities. These issues

are acutely alive in both our beloved nations. Our Dialogue espouses the principle that only through collaboration, can we address such shared national, regional and global challenges. Expressions of interest this year grew by over 40% to 2000. We have created opportunities for broader engagement with the community we have brought together, through public forums and social media. We have selected delegates who are pioneers, thought leaders and changemakers from incredibly diverse fields including classical music, agribusiness, education, technology and private equity. They embody a great sense of hope in what is possible but also demonstrate commitment to their visions.

We understand that our two great countries' destinies are indeed intertwined. Now more than ever, both need reliable trustworthy partners. We are proud to contribute to the bilateral partnership through nurturing powerful people-to-people links.

We are deeply moved by so many who have endorsed and supported our mission to enhance the prosperity of Australia and Vietnam and beyond, through collaboration. On behalf of my fellow board director & co-founder, Khai Ngo, and board director Emeritus Professor Nicky Solomon thank you to all our sponsors, especially Distinguished Partners, the Australia-ASEAN

Council and RMIT University, our advisors who are also project mentors and all of the speakers. Thank you to the Vietnamese Ambassador to Australia, Mr. Ngo Huong Nam and Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr. Craig Chittick, for their heartfelt support. Mr. Chittick completes his posting soon. We could not have arrived here without him. We wish him all the very best.

Finally, to the 15 volunteers who have worked tirelessly over 18 months – in between the usual pressures of full time work, family obligations and other volunteer gigs, their commitment is humbling and inspiring. As I watch in video meetings, the young kids in the background, cooking utensils freshly used after preparing the family lunch, work papers sprawled on cork boards, I am emotional as to why they have joined. As Thu Tran put it, 'I may not have the money or widescale influence to make a massive difference, but through the Dialogue, I am shaping the future - one that is worthy for my son.'

Be the change. Join us.
Regards,

Cat Thao Nguyen

Melbourne, Victoria Always Open For Business

Melbourne, the vibrant capital of Victoria, is a multicultural city, renowned for its culture and lifestyle.

Each year, Victoria and Vietnam's relationship continues to grow through education and trade links. Vietnam is one of Victoria's most important economic partners with two-way trade between Victoria and Vietnam worth more than A\$2.27 billion in 2018.

Victoria and Vietnam are strong education partners. In 2018, more than 12,700 Vietnamese students chose to come to Victoria to study, attracted by our innovative and multifaceted education system, diverse study options and high standard of living. Victorian universities have been delivering high-quality on-shore training in Vietnam for more than 25 years.

Global Victoria is at the forefront of Victoria's engagement with Vietnam with 12 of our 22 Victorian Government Trade and Investment (VGTI) offices located in Asia. The network aims to strengthen Victoria and Vietnam's relationship by assisting with investment attraction, export development, innovation capability, tourism and education.

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VIETNAM AND AUSTRALIA

The following collection of short essays looks at the challenges facing Australia and Vietnam framed by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. It also looks at the importance of the bilateral relationship in each country's future.



VIETNAM 2030: THE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD

Since Vietnam's Declaration of Independence, the country has moved from being one of the poorest countries to one of the world's greatest development successes. The success markers are well documented but at the same time a considerable number of challenges lie ahead.

World Bank Report: Vietnam 2035 is an important wide-ranging document that draws attention to the key social and environmental stresses facing Vietnam. *The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals* also provides a useful framework for highlighting the key social and economic areas that need attention. Both foreground the environmental impacts, including the effects of climate change, that may well work against long term economic growth. They provide important foci on the balancing of economic prosperity with environmental sustainability and on the promotion of equity and social inclusion (*World Bank Report Vietnam 2035*). This report importantly also foregrounds the need to take account of the rise of the middle class together with the demographic shift given the growth of the elderly population together with the shrinking working-age population.

In 2018, Schuler, Malesky and Huyen¹ examined the issues of poverty and economic inequality from the perspective of Vietnamese citizens who revealed

what they would like their government to address. It reveals the concerns of 'the people' and their ongoing concern with poverty even within the context of rapid economic growth.

An extract from their report outlined 'Approximately 25% of citizens cited it as a top concern in 2018, with economic growth coming in second and corruption third. Economic growth and jobs/employment were among the five most important issues in 2018, among which were also corruption and environment

While Vietnam's economic growth rate in 2018 was reported to reach 7 percent, Vietnamese citizens continued to cite poverty and hunger as the two top matters requiring additional efforts by the State.

Data shows that the concern about poverty are due to a number of reasons.

First, it is about the fear about falling back into poverty among the respondents.

Second, and more interesting, many concerned about the impact of poverty on overall national development. It is interesting that a majority of those who chose poverty as the greatest concern shared that poverty reduction has large implications for Vietnam's development, with 86 to 89 percent of the respondents in all income strata selecting this option to explain about why they were concerned about poverty in 2017 and 2018.

Third, income inequality was a

significant driver. When looking deeper into the income strata and examining the correlation with poverty concern, it shows that income inequality is a significant driver of poverty concerns.

Such findings highlight the fact that inclusive and equitable economic development remains a priority for Vietnam as it aims to become a high middle-income country.²

Other research highlights the usefulness of government engaging with 'the people' - in the case of the study *Would developing countries be safer if governments listened to business owners more?*, by Malesky and Taussig² - 'the people' here are understood to be business communities. The focus of this study is regulatory compliance in Vietnam, particularly in the building industry. In contrast to arguments that focus on negative reasons for mixing business with government, Malesky and Taussig demonstrate 'that broadening government consultation of the business community to include representatives of the full spectrum of firm types is a viable policy option that may increase regulatory compliance and, ultimately, make the world a safer place.'

This short essay draws attention to the voice of individuals and those of business. It raises questions about what perspective does or should the government and NGOs listen to. Vietnam's challenge is to continue its economic growth without compromising the environment and living standards whilst reducing the real and perceived inequalities of Vietnamese people.

By Nicky Solomon drawing on the World Bank Report: Vietnam 2035 and recent articles Eddy Malesky.

¹Dr Paul Schuler, Assistant Professor from the University of Arizona (UNDP international consultant on research quality control); Dr Edmund J. Malesky, Professor of Political Economy from Duke University (UNDP international consultant on governance measurement); and Ms. Do Thanh Huyen, Governance Policy Analyst and PAPI Program Manager from UNDP Vietnam.

²Submitted to VoxDev, May 2019

“ INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REMAINS A PRIORITY FOR VIETNAM AS IT AIMS TO BECOME A HIGH MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRY. ”

AUSTRALIA 2030: CHALLENGES IN MEETING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The annual measurement of each country's progress towards reaching the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals provides a useful indicator of the many challenges that Australia faces in its efforts to achieve economic prosperity, social inclusion and environmental sustainability.

The SDG Index for 2018 reported that Australia fell from 26th to 37th place out of 156 countries for which data was available. Australia achieved a score of 72.9%, well behind many advanced industrial countries; Australia ranked at the bottom tier of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) members. Australia received the lowest score in the world on climate change action (greenhouse gas emissions and exports of fossil fuel).

This article discusses the challenges of reaching five of the seventeen SDGs by 2030. Australia scored in the top tier (between 75% and 100%) for SDG 4 Quality of Education, SDG 5 Gender Equality and SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities; Australia scored 75% for SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities and 25% for SDG 13 Climate Action.

SDG 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality of education and promote lifelong

opportunities for all). The main challenges include: reaching schools in remote areas; providing education to Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, persons with disabilities and women from diverse backgrounds; and encouraging more women to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls). The main challenges include: increasing female participation in the workplace, especially in non-traditional areas such as STEM; increasing weekly earnings to close the gap in pay between men and women (a gap assessed as a persistent feature for the next fifty years); and ending violence against women.

SDG 10 (Reduce inequality within and among countries). The challenges include: creating more opportunities to improve living standards; reducing income inequality for the poorer 20% of households; creating greater socio-economic mobility now impeded by the intergenerational transfer of wealth; greater access to health and education services to increase life expectancy, especially for indigenous peoples; and reducing disparities between regions and disadvantaged groups.

SDG 11 (Make cities and human

settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable). The challenges include: retrofitting existing structures to meet future standards; managing increased urban density in terms of traffic congestion, waste disposal, reducing pollution and provision of social services; and building world class infrastructure.

SDG 13 (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts). The main challenges include: meeting international commitments to reduce greenhouse emissions 26%-28% by 2030; reduce reliance on fossil fuels; and achievement of energy security through increased reliance on renewable energy.

By Carlyle A. Thayer, Emeritus Professor, The University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra and Director of Thayer Consultancy, a small business registered in Australia in 2002 that provides political analysis of current regional security issues and other research support to selected clients.

“ [MORE EFFORT IS NEEDED] TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, SOCIAL INCLUSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.

BI-LATERAL RELATIONS: A MANDATE FOR AUSTRALIA-VIETNAM BUSINESS RELATIONS

Vietnam is now a regional economic power. Three decades after opening up its erstwhile closed and isolated economy, high-speed growth is set to drive Vietnam into the ranks of the top 20 largest economies in the world by the year 2050. Vietnam is highly competitive and with its government's commitment to free trade and investment, it is an ideal economic partner for Australia.

How can Australian business benefit?

Australian businesses should be paying close attention to opportunities in Vietnam. In an era of trade wars and the rise of economic policy as a tool of coercion rather than cooperation, reliable partners like Vietnam will be harder and harder to come by. While the last decade of Australia's prosperity was driven by China's economic rise, the growth of Australia's closest neighbours like Vietnam will likely drive the next wave of prosperity.

Australia and Vietnam: A strong and long-standing partnership

Australia's economic partnership with Vietnam started in 1986, when Vietnam rolled out its economic policy reforms, known as Doi Moi. Australia was one of the first countries to invest, opening one of the first foreign bank branches and establishing one of the earliest foreign-owned universities. As early as 1988, Australia became one of Vietnam's top five sources of foreign investment. It is safe to say Australia saw Vietnam's potential early.

Australia and Vietnam have worked hard to build on these early relations. This hard work has paid off with the recent announcement of two major initiatives: their Strategic Partnership Agreement, signed in March 2018 and their common membership in a new trade bloc, the Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

Enter the CPTPP

The CPTPP is the most significant development for Australian businesses looking for opportunities in Vietnam. As a testament to the potential value of the agreement, Vietnam and Australia worked hard to keep the trade deal on the agenda after the United States withdrew from the agreement. Vietnam stood to gain a lot from its market access to the USA under the agreement. However, Vietnam and Australia still valued the opportunities that CPTPP offered each other.

What now?

Now Australia and Vietnam are partners in what trade analysts call a 'high-quality, 21st-century agreement' with a reform agenda which address a range of difficult issues from labour standards to the market-distorting effects of state-owned enterprises, to environmental issues and intellectual property protection. Overall, the CPTPP lowers risk for Australian businesses in Vietnam. To illustrate the practical advantages of CPTPP, consider this scenario: an Australian industrial designer seeks a manufacturing base to make a product for export to China.

“ AUSTRALIA AND VIETNAM ARE PARTNERS IN... A 'HIGH-QUALITY, 21ST-CENTURY AGREEMENT'

Vietnam is an attractive choice for the designer firstly because CPTPP protects their intellectual property and their manufacturing partner has to adhere to strict environmental and labour standards. Secondly, Vietnam is advantageous because it is well integrated into regional supply chains, meaning in this case, it has low trade and transportation costs to China. It is cost-effective to manufacture in Vietnam and sell manufactured products in China for low costs.

Even at this early stage in the CPTPP, early evidence suggests that it is a significant initiative that provides such a compelling mandate for improved trade and investment between both countries. Now is the time to make full use of this robust framework that negotiators and diplomats have constructed to grow Australia-Vietnam economic ties.

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SDG SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In September 2015, 193 states attended the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York where they adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 2030 Agenda comprises seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Progress towards reaching these goals is measured annually in a composite SDG Index of 169 targets to achieve economic prosperity, social inclusion and environmental sustainability.

In this SDG section, there are five essays. Each essay relates to one of the five SDGs that are the focus of this 2019 Dialogue. These goals are highly relevant to both Australia and Vietnam.

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efforts to achieve economic prosperity, social inclusion and environmental sustainability.



SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION: CAT THAO NGUYEN - CO-FOUNDER & BOARD CHAIR AVYLD

When I arrive in Hoa Loi Commune in Tra Vinh province, I head past giant bags of recycled trash into a storage facility to meet 31-year old Ni. She sits among bare-chested men, removing labels and caps from plastic bottles. A 1-kilogram bag of plastic bottles will fetch 2 cents; she can do about 100 bags a day. Ni, who belongs to the Khmer ethnic minority, is classified by the government as "Ho Ngheo": Poor. As a result, she receives an allowance of \$4.40 a month if her children—ages 3, 6, and 9—are enrolled in primary school. The hamlet chief tells me that every child in the hamlet attends primary school. He meets with any families whose children aren't enrolled to find out why; usually, it's because their parents can't afford the expenses. Then he shuffles through his personal network of business people, government officials, and friends to raise the necessary money.

Across Vietnam, the primary school enrollment rate is virtually 100 percent. Primary education is free, as mandated in the constitution, and extremely good: Vietnam's literacy rate is 97 percent. In 2012, the country made international headlines because its performance in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) was so impressive. In 2015, Vietnam was one of the poorest country to participate, but still its students ranked eighth in science, 22nd

in math, and 32nd in literacy out of 72 countries—higher than both the U.S. and the U.K. Vietnam also ranked first in the share of poor students who perform well in science. Why? For one thing, Vietnamese culture deeply respects teachers. There's a dedicated national holiday in their honor, and a common Vietnamese saying—"food from father, clothing from mother, knowledge from teacher." This marks the teacher as the third most important person in a child's life. When I visit the Cau Ke district, I see that it's true: When I tour the temple where children go to learn the Khmer language with Minh, a grade 5 teacher, we pass dozens of his students—and each one stops to fold their arms, bow in respect, and call out "Greetings, teacher!"

There have been times where Minh has personally tutored students for free at his home or on weekends (on top of working in the paddy fields after school and on weekends with his wife to earn extra money). But now, with assessments showing that 50 percent of his class underperformed last year, he has had to think of ideas that are more scalable

than ad hoc extra help. He has arranged for underperformers to sit with better students. Each Friday, the better students teach the class, explaining concepts to their classmates under his supervision. He does minimal teaching of subjects where students don't have issues, such as art and music, and focuses more attention on the problem areas. I wonder aloud: If it's not mandatory for teachers to do unpaid extra work, why do they do it? "It's my responsibility as a teacher," he says, "to my students and to society." At the end of the school year, if teachers have achieved the targets that they set, including reducing the number of weak students, they get a small bonus—about \$15. But the bonus is not important to Minh. "It's not about the money," he says. "My greatest joy is when my students can complete grade 5 with strong learning outcomes and go into grade 6."

The efforts of Minh and the hamlet chief are testament to Vietnam's approach to education for younger students. But after that, the story changes. Though primary is free, fees are levied in secondary school. Poor households are exempt from these fees, but many children drop out anyway. In fact, on the PISA test, Vietnam had the lowest "coverage index" among all countries, indicating that a relatively low proportion of students take the test. "The kids see that they can get work in factories," Minh says. "They know how poor they are, so they will work if they can to help their family and be less of a burden." Back in Ni's kitchen, we chat as the light fades. Given that her sons are excellent students, I ask whether she thinks they could get into one of the selective Khmer boarding schools where the government pays for everything, including fees and meals. "Maybe," she says. "If they want to drop out and go to work during high school, that's their choice. I'll keep them in school for as long as I can." While Ni cooks rice for the family's dinner, I think back to my own childhood. I was born in a refugee camp and grew up in poverty in Australia. Despite this, I got a government scholarship to Australia's oldest university, eventually becoming a lawyer. It was a radical circuit breaker. Ni, just like my own mother, lives on quiet hope. With the efforts of a dedicated community, this may just be enough.

Adapted from an article, entitled 'Quiet Hope' in Bill and Melinda Gates Goalkeepers Foundation: The Stories Behind the Data 2018

“ IF THEY WANT TO DROP OUT AND GO TO WORK DURING HIGH SCHOOL, THAT'S THEIR CHOICE. I'LL KEEP THEM IN SCHOOL FOR AS LONG AS I CAN.” – NI

SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY

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Viet Nam has made remarkable achievements in economic growth and poverty reduction and is on its way to transforming itself from an agriculture-based economy to a more diversified and globally integrated economy. Viet Nam has made important achievements in gender equality during the past decades through improvements in policies, legal frameworks, and national institutional mechanisms responsible for promoting gender equality and the advancement of women. This progress has been reflected in diverse areas of society, including in the education and training, economic, employment, health care, labour, and political sectors. Significant progress has also been made in socio-economic spheres, with a decline in many gender-related inequalities, particularly in girls' educational attainment and female labour force participation.

At the same time, however, challenges related to employment in the informal sector, the effects of climate change, and access to the social security system continue to affect the lives of a large proportion of the country's population, the majority of whom are women and the poor. Studies conducted by UN Women highlight:

- the unequal distribution of productive resources across different groups of women and men,
- persisting gender segmentation in the labour market, and
- greater vulnerability in female workers' working conditions and pay.

Vietnamese women typically spend disproportionately more time on unpaid care than men, and thus bear the double burden of productive and reproductive activities. Furthermore, in ethnic minority communities in Viet Nam, women and girls are even more disadvantaged in terms of access to opportunities and resources. This is due to social norms which tend to position women as inferior to men and restrict their livelihood options and often limit them to domestic and reproductive activities.

The intersection of discriminations based on both gender and ethnicity has the most significant impact, compounding inequalities faced by ethnic minority women and girls. Persistent gender stereotypes, exacerbated by media messaging reinforcing the traditional roles of women and men, remain barriers to changing society's perceptions of gender equality. Insufficient resources for the implementation of the National

Strategy on Gender Equality and its action plans and on gender equality and other gender policies is a significant challenge across the country. While the Government of Viet Nam adopted gender equality principle in the State Budget Law (2015), the impact of such efforts is still very limited.

Gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment have been placed at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with targets covering the gender dimensions of poverty, hunger, health, education, water and sanitation, employment, safe cities and peace and security across the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the context of the Official Development Assistance reduction, Viet Nam will need to identify the appropriate strategy on gender responsive budgeting to finance and advance gender equality. It will require the commitment of the government on engaging with and building the capacities of sectoral agencies, including the financial sector, in advancing the national gender equality agenda. Advancing gender equality also calls for urgent development of institutional understanding of the meaning of substantive equality as essential to women's full economic, social, and political development. This would mean an expansion of institutional capacities for gender-based analysis and gender responsive budgeting in expanding women's access to the growing and most productive sectors of the Viet Nam economy.

“ [VIETNAM NEEDS TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF] THE UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTIVE RESOURCES ACROSS DIFFERENT GROUPS OF WOMEN AND MEN.

SDG 10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES

BY GREG EARL, INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST AND
AUSTRALIA-ASEAN COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER.

When Huong Dang returned to Vietnam in 2017 after life-changing years studying and working in Melbourne, the idea of helping abused mothers was little more than hopeful thinking.

Now it's HopeBox, a recovery path for victims of domestic violence. HopeBox reflects the recent emergence of social enterprises in her home country which delivers solutions to social problems outside traditional family and state structures.

“Most of my friends wanted to stay back in Australia,” she says of her difficult decision to leave her new life, IT job and host family behind in Melbourne, “It's a lot easier to live there in terms of society and environment.”

But after almost two years back in Vietnam she says she made the right decision to take up a job with KOTO, a 20 year-old hospitality training institution which is now officially recognised as the country's first social enterprise.

“I'll always call Australia my home. But after my education in Australia I feel much more comfortable and able to pursue a career here in Vietnam,” Huong says of her work as KOTO's marketing and partnership engagement director.

But for Huong, taking a job helping KOTO (which stands for Know One, Teach One) expand its training programs for disadvantaged youths was more than a career move. It was also a way of giving back to the organisation for helping her off the streets of Hanoi where she was working as a young teenager to support her family back home in her village. KOTO

“ I COULD NOT FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE [HOPEBOX] HAPPEN UNTIL I USED THE IDEA IN A PITCH TO THE AUSTRALIA-VIETNAM YOUNG LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE IN 2017 IN SYDNEY.” – HUONG DANG

helped her study to become a waitress in 2006 and on the back of that training she won a KOTO scholarship to study in Melbourne at the Box Hill Institute in 2012.

By 2013 she had won the Victorian International Student of the Year Award and was on the way to completing her Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Swinburne University of Technology in 2016.

Back in Vietnam in 2017 she says she was surprised to win a place in the first Australia-Vietnam Young Leadership Dialogue (AVYLD) especially when she found herself sitting around a table with some young entrepreneurs who already had technology start-ups already under way.

In her short time back in Vietnam at KOTO she had already seen how women who suffered domestic violence had few places to find security and some sort of finance independence. That's because domestic violence is traditionally sorted out within family confines in Vietnamese culture. She wanted to find a different approach.

“But I could not figure out how to make it happen until I used the idea in a pitch to the Australia-Vietnam Young

Leadership Dialogue in 2017 in Sydney,” she recalls of how HopeBox went from a dream to a business idea with the backing of other AVYLD members. She now runs it as sideline to her real job at KOTO.

The social enterprise now supports women who have escaped from domestic violence in Hanoi by giving them jobs making lunchboxes and snacks which are then sold in offices and shops.

It is still quite small. But Huong says that in some ways this is a sign of success because some women have felt empowered enough by the experience of earning an independent income to go back home to sort out their lives.

“But now they have the courage to perhaps leave that environment because they have some skills,” she says explaining how that HopeBox provides independence while some other domestic violence programs in Vietnam just provide short term accommodation.

“I have learnt from my model how these women really need the ability to work and earn money. I want to raise awareness in the community to encourage other people to do similar things.”

SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

**ELSA DOMINISH, AVYLD 2017 DELEGATE,
SENIOR RESEARCH CONSULTANT, INSTITUTE
FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURES, UTS**

Cities are our social, cultural and economic centres. They can allow us to live efficient and sustainable lifestyles, and provide opportunities for diversity, productivity and innovation. Cities can provide a high quality of life and a seemingly endless number of choices.

However, cities are marked by growing inequality. There are many people in cities who can't access decent jobs, adequate services such as clean water and sanitation, and secure and affordable housing, particularly the nearly 1 billion people who live in informal urban settlements. This is also a problem in some of the worlds' wealthiest cities – Australia's largest cities are seeing growing levels of homelessness.

Increased urbanisation has also led to increased pressure on the environment. Cities may only cover a small area of land, but they consume natural resources, and they are doing so at an increasing rate. Cities consume up to 80% of energy and create 75% of waste and emissions. These resources are used to make the food we eat, the infrastructure, the roads and buildings and cars, and the products we depend on. This creates growing volumes of waste, most of it we try to hide away

in landfills on the outskirts of our cities, or sometimes we even export it to other countries.

Cities are also associated with dangerous air pollution, which leads to an estimated 3.8 million premature deaths each year. Cars (and in Vietnam motorbikes) are the biggest contributor, followed by industrial pollution and the burning of coal for energy.

There are solutions to address these problems and make cities safer and more sustainable, many of which rely on new technologies. But we need to make sure these new technologies, including shifting towards renewable energy and electrified transport systems, do not create an environmental problem elsewhere. These technologies will lead to increased mining and add to the growing volumes of e-waste.

Electric bikes, scooters, cars and buses are an important solution to reducing transport emissions and improving air quality. But they are made up of a complex mix of metals, many of which have only been previously mined in small amounts. These include cobalt, nickel and lithium for lithium-ion batteries and rare earths in the motors for electric vehicles. The metals for these

“ NEW TECHNOLOGIES HAVE AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY, BUT THEY DO NOT GUARANTEE SUSTAINABILITY. ”

technologies come from global supply chains, and can have environmental and human rights impacts if not mined responsibly, including heavy metal contamination, dangerous working conditions and child labour. Demand for these metals is likely to rise dramatically, and new mining is already happening to supply the materials for these technologies. These impacts, occurring far from where the technology is used, are a hidden cost of the benefit these technologies have for cities.

E-waste is the fastest growing waste stream. If these technologies are not managed responsibly when they reach end-of-life, they can create a different set of health risks and environmental impacts. The informal recycling of e-waste in many parts of the world is

done in hazardous working conditions and emits dangerous toxins, heavy metals and acid fumes into the surrounding environment, leading to severe illnesses.

Our increasingly electrified and internet-connected cities can improve efficiency and reduce emissions, and increase quality of life. New technologies have an important part to play, but they do not guarantee sustainability. The supply chains of these technologies need to be appropriately managed, to avoid negative environmental health impacts for workers and local communities, in cities and the regions that they draw resources from. We also need to make sure cities are designed to be safe, affordable and inclusive, so that everyone is able to benefit.

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SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION

KATHRYN MICHIE, AVYLD 2017 DELEGATE, PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP MANAGER, WWF

Climate change is changing our world faster than we had ever expected and in ways that we hadn't anticipated.

When I travelled to Solomon Islands last year, I met with people from an island called Ontong Java who shared stories of crops no longer growing because of increased soil salinity, devastating king tides and disputes in the community about whether to stay on their island or relocate.

Later in the year I witnessed penguins in Antarctica laying their eggs directly onto snow that covered the rocks that they would normally nest on. We learned that the majority of those eggs would sadly never hatch. Too much snow was the problem that season, contrasting with the more obvious issues of receding glaciers and declining sea ice.

Back home in Australia, this February hundreds of thousands of cows drowned in floods in north Queensland, while in Tasmania fires destroyed old-growth forest covering 3% of the state's surface and 99.8% of NSW was in drought. Summer snow storms in Tasmania and dust storms in Canberra followed shortly after.

Vietnam similarly faces increasingly frequent, severe and less predictable

extreme weather events. As well as typhoons, flooding and drought across the country, the mountains in the north are increasingly vulnerable to unpredictable landslides and flash flooding, while up to 40% of the agricultural and aquaculture production in the fertile Mekong River Delta could be lost to sea level rise and inundation. Vietnam experienced just a taste of what this could mean for livelihoods, food security and freshwater supply during the severe droughts in 2016.

These devastating impacts are all taking place in a world where we have already seen around 1°C of warming. If we continue on our current trajectory, we can expect to be living in a world that is 3°C to 5°C warmer by the end of the century.

Even if we could somehow drop emissions to zero today, we would continue to experience impacts of the climate change we have already locked in for decades to come - and those impacts would get worse before they got better.

To give us the best chance of a liveable planet in the second half of the century, we must immediately stop new investment in fossil fuels and urgently transition to renewable energy - Vietnam and Australia both have vast potential

for solar and wind power generation. Furthermore, we need to re-examine how we produce food, how much food we waste, how we clothe ourselves, how we travel and our relationship with "stuff".

As well as "turning off the tap" of emissions, removing carbon that is already in the atmosphere, can help "unplug the drain". Entrants to the Virgin Earth Challenge have explored carbon removal options such as:

- Soil carbon (soil can sequester twice as much carbon as aboveground biomass);
- Seaweed farming (seaweed grows 30-60 times faster than land based plants - but the challenge is sequestering this carbon to ensure it is locked away);
- Enhanced weathering of silicate rocks;
- Carbon negative concrete;
- Direct air capture to make carbon fibres and plastics.

Of course there is one readily available organism that has been removing carbon from the atmosphere for hundreds of millions of years - trees! While it is important to keep planting trees, stopping deforestation of existing forests will have an even greater impact.

What we do today will make the difference between a liveable planet and climate induced mass extinction. Every day we delay, the worse the impacts will be and the more carbon will have to be removed tomorrow. The decisions each and every one of us make, in our home lives, at work, in our businesses, when shopping, in our investments, how we inspire others and influence politicians will help shape the future climate of the planet we all share.



VIETNAMESE DELEGATES



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**VIET
TRAN**
CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER
VIETNAM GRANDPRIX CORPORATION

Viet has been a pioneer in the sports entertainment industry in Vietnam, helping to establish the Vietnam Basketball association and being its CEO. Viet aspires to promote healthy lifestyles through making sports entertainment an important part of Vietnamese society. He is currently the CCO of Vietnam GrandPrix Corporation, overseeing commercial and operations of the first-ever F1-Vietnam GrandPrix, launching in Hanoi in April 2020.

Viet's Achievements

- Launched VBA in 2016 – the first professional basketball league in Vietnam
- Listed in Forbes Vietnam 30 Under 30
- Represented Vietnam at Ironman 70.3 World Championship 2018



I find joy in building and developing teams & people together swimming, cycling and running.
I am inspired by Rafael Nadal for his work ethics, determination and humility.
Motto Family first. Work with passion. Be engaged in everything you do.



**SYLVIA
NGUYEN**
DEPUTY GENERAL DIRECTOR
ALPHANAM REAL ESTATE

Currently Sylvia holds CEO, Board Director and other senior executive positions for various affiliates within Alphanam Group, a property developer in Vietnam. The Group is the biggest owner of Marriott hotels in Vietnam and partners with leading brands such as IHG and Sheraton. In 2018 the group opened 2 hotels and more than 15 hotels are under development.

In 2012, she co-founded an Architecture Design firm — Sdesign together with Salvador Perez Arroyo, a leading post-modern architect. The firm received an international award for the design of the Contemporary Museum and Library of Quang Ninh. Sylvia is also the founder of Alphanam Green Foundation, which is a foundation that aims to initiate environmental protection and social development projects

Sylvia's Achievements

- Top 10 F2-generation entrepreneurs by Forbes Vietnam (youngest on the 2017 list)
- Forbes Vietnam 30 under 30 Watch List (2015)



I find joy in good books.
I am inspired by my father.
My impact goal is to help more women realize their potential, and to be a part of a system that provides more options for their future.
Motto Be yourself. The world will adjust.



**DUY
NGUYEN**
CEO, KOVA TRADING

Duy is the CEO of KOVA Trading (KOVA Paint Group), a leading family-run paint-and-coating group of 12 subsidiaries and 7 factories located in several Southeast Asian countries. In 2014, at the age of 24, Duy established KOVA Trading to rejuvenate the over-20-year-old brand and has led its global transformation and expansion to Europe and the United States.

He also currently runs the KOVA Prize Foundation to honor national talents and benefit poverty-stricken students.

Duy's Achievements

- Listed in Forbes 30 Under 30 Vietnam 2018
- Speaker at numerous family-business and startup conferences
- COO and board member of Startup Vietnam Foundation, the first socialized and non-profit fund to support startups in Vietnam.



I find joy in inspiring people to live better, dream bigger and be more mindful.
I am inspired by the unwritten family values have inspired me since I was young. I have lived with those values unconsciously and it makes me become who I am today.
Motto "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" – Mahatma Gandhi



**TRANG
TRINH**
CONCERT PIANIST & MUSIC EDUCATOR
WONDER RESEARCH, PRACTICE & ART EDUCATION

Trang is a concert pianist, music educator and founder of Wonder, Vietnam's 1st social enterprise focusing on music education. Known for her pure, beautiful sound and sophisticated interpretation, Trang has performed in several prestigious stages with renowned artists in King's Place, Fairfield Hall (London) and Yamaha Hall (Vienna). She is also a winner of several international prizes.

Trang co-founded the Miracle Choir & Orchestra, a not-for-profit organisation offering free weekly music classes to nearly 100 children in orphanages in Hanoi.

Trang's Achievements

- Awarded the title Associate of the Royal Academy of Music (2018);
- Listed in 30 under 30 list by Forbes Vietnam 2015
- Graduated with distinction (BMus and MMus in Piano Performance) from the Royal Academy of Music (London) with Sterndale Bennett Scholarship
- Elected as an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, London
- Second Prize of Liszt Competition Hungary 2011
- Winner of the Paganini Festival London's Concert Competition 2006



I find joy in playing music with my family and friends and enabling others to share this joy. In fact, my daughter is named Joy.
I am inspired by people with wisdom.
My impact goal is to create a network of like-minded artists and educator, working towardz transforming art-education in Vietnam.
Motto Wonder is the beginning of wisdom.



KHANH DO

LECTURER
HANOI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Khanh is a medical researcher and lecturer whose teaching expertise focuses on Public Health and Health Methodology. He has published more than 10 international publications and involved in several top-tier research projects across Australia, the US, Japan, and Europe. His main task is teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students. Khanh is currently the President of the Youth Union of Hanoi Medical University with nearly 10,000 members. Additionally, Khanh has personally led a team of volunteers to bring medical services to the most remote areas in Vietnam.

Khanh's Achievements

- Received the Australian Development Scholarship for a Master's Degree of Public Health at the Australian National University from 2012 to 2014
- Selected as the Young Physician of Hanoi 2016
- Created Vietnam's first Bachelor of Nutrition.



I find joy in sharing things with family, friends and importantly I enjoy my many voluntary medical campaigns in remote areas.
I am inspired by my life and work in the oldest and largest medical school in Vietnam.
My impact goal is to become a professor in public health in order to become a leader in the medical field in Vietnam.



KIMIKO DOAN

FOUNDER
YELLOWBLOCKS

Kimiko is an entrepreneur, MC/Host and strategy consultant specialising in emerging technologies (such as Big Data, AI and Blockchain).

In 2018, with her strong technical background and hands-on experience in global marketing and business development, Kimiko founded YellowBlocks, a deep tech ecosystem connecting blockchain startups of Vietnam to the world. Within 5 months, YellowBlocks established partnerships with more than 60 global and local partners and extended its reach to nearly 100 000 tech audiences.

Kimiko's Achievements

- Organized the first Blockchain for Sustainable Development Goals Vietnam event in November 2018, and brought 15+ global speakers to Vietnam to share with 400+ local professionals about how Blockchain technology can be applied for social impacts and business values.
- Prior to 2018, she also supported to organize big national competitions for technology (Hackathons) or creativity (Vietnam Young Lions and Vietnam Young Spikes).



I find joy in creating values, making things happen and connecting people. And also to represent a voice of #womenintech to create more social impacts.
I am inspired by the little things that show integrity and commitment.
Motto Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.



NGUYEN LE

FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR
LEFARM CO. LTD

After reaching senior executive positions in the corporate sector, Nguyen left to pursue agribusiness. He is the Founder and Managing Director of Lefarm Co. Ltd, a newly established company that specialises in the investment, production, export and import of Vietnam agricultural products. Nguyen values and promotes human development in the agricultural industry whilst committing greatly to sustainability practices. He wants to see the 'Vietnam discount' on agricultural products be minimised on world markets, through lifting standards in agribusiness.

He is also an advisor of several leading agricultural projects, primarily in fruits and animal feed sector in Vietnam.

Nguyen's Achievements

- Building partnerships with agriculture education institutions to lift standards and human capital in agribusiness
- Successfully launched locally produced bananas to major supermarkets in Vietnam (Coopmart, BigC); as well as exporting to demanding markets (Japan, Korea). The company also promotes philosophy of people development to supplement human capital shortage in agriculture industry, while commits fully to sustainability practice.



I find joy in developing the younger generation to commit to a sustainable agricultural career path.
I am inspired by hi-tech agricultural practices in places like Taiwan, Japan, Australia, and the Netherlands.
My impact goal is to amplify agriculture sustainable practices to more people in rural areas.
Motto Moss cannot grow on a rolling rock.



YEN VU

CEO
ADAYROI

Yen Vu is the CEO for Adayroi, a top 5 e-commerce platform in Vietnam and Vingroup affiliate. Previously, Yen was the curator of the World Economic Forum's Global Shaper hub in Ho Chi Minh City. From its initial stages, she recruited 10+ shaper members and successfully kicked off projects on youth leadership and city beautification (art and design).

Yen's professional experiences cover a wide range of sectors, from Citibank to Agoda.

Yen's Achievements

- Successfully turned around Adayroi's business into uptrend after 6 months being appointed as CEO
- Curator of the World Economic Forum's Global Shaper hub



I find joy in hard work and adding value.
I am inspired by my mentors
My impact goal is to build a platform to influence conscious living
Motto Work hard play hard.



NAM DANG
CEO & FOUNDER
CRICKET ONE LLC

Nam is an entrepreneur and the Founder of Cricket One LLC, an agriculture technology startup focuses on sustainable food production. The startup initiates the farming of crickets as a high-protein food source whilst helping to improve the livelihood of farmers and to productively utilise their agricultural by-products through technology.

He is in charge of leading product innovation, operation, fundraising, and farmer partnership. His company collaborates with institutions to develop specialized cricket feed, cricket farming best practices, and value added products; and cooperate with farmers to develop an ecosystem around crickets from farming, processing, and marketing.

Nam's Achievements

- Founded and led Cricket One Inc
- Winner of Mekong Agritech Challenge funded by DFAT, ADB,
- Runner-up of WISE Challenge funded by Australian Aid, ADB;
- Young Social Entrepreneurs award by Singapore International Foundation;
- SOCAP FELLOW 2017' Speaker at Protein Asia 2019;
- Featured on BBC News, Channel NewsAsia



I find joy in working with purpose, learning new things each day, seeing work progress.
I am inspired by my father who is an educator, and Reed Hastings, CEO of Netflix.
My impact goal is to feed the future with sustainable and affordable protein and help thousands of farmers get out of poverty.
Motto Challenges are what make the journey great.



VINH LE
VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL
VIETNAM INSTITUTE OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

Vinh was appointed by the Vietnam Minister of Education & Training to be Vice Director General for the Vietnam Institute of Educational Sciences charged with preparing the National Education Development Strategy 2021 – 2030. He was also appointed as a member of the committee to reform the K-12 school curriculum in Vietnam.

Vinh has published more than 50 papers in international journals and is leading a research group at the University of Education (VNU) on developing the Vietnam Annual Report on Education. Vinh attained his PhD in Mathematics at Harvard University and was also awarded the Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching in 2010.

Vinh's Achievements

- Awarded the UNSW University Prize for the best student in mathematics (2003)
- Led Vietnam to win 3rd prize in the International Math Olympiad in 2017
- Received first prize at Vietnam Young Talent in Science and Technology 2012 for lecturers



ERIC HA
CEO & FOUNDER
STUDENT LIFE CARE LTD

Eric is a young and passionate entrepreneur. In 2014, Eric co-founded Student Life Care, an online marketplace for current Vietnamese international students to provide settlement services in 80 cities around the world. It has become one of the significant companies making positive impact and helping thousands of Vietnamese students internationally.

Eric is a Monash University alum who studied and worked in Australia for 8 years before returning to Vietnam.

Eric's Achievements

- One of the Shark Tank Vietnam Winners in 2018, being offered US\$300K investment from VinaCapital
- One of the 5 Vietnamese Start-ups joining K-startup Challenge, a competition funded and organised by the Korean Government in 2018
- Recipient of the Ho Chi Minh Medal for Advanced Youth of Hanoi and Vietnam 2018
- Listed in Top 10 Young & Innovative Entrepreneur of Hanoi Capital in 2017
- National Innovative startup award by Ho Chi Minh Communist youth Union in 2016



I find joy in Sharing knowledge and experience with others especially students. Playing piano and singing along Gatherings with family and friends
I am inspired by my father.
My impact goal is that every Vietnamese student has an equal chance to go study abroad.
Motto There is no such thing as a bad memory, only good memories and challenges.

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TUAN PHAM

PROGRAM MANAGER, CSR
BOOKING.COM

Tuan is a corporate social responsibility and sustainability professional with extensive work experience in the US, the Netherlands and Vietnam. He is currently a program manager for Corporate Social Responsibility at Booking.com dedicated to turn tourism into a force for good. He is leading the Booking Cares Fund that supports project ideas driving innovation in sustainable tourism. He works closely with startups, change-makers and NGOs to give them the knowledge and skills required to make sustainable impact. His previous experience at World Bank, Heineken Group and Australian Government also focused on policy development as well as clean technologies.

Tuan's Achievements

- Received the Australia Day Award for being part of the Clean Technology Investment Program
- Appointed social impact lead as part of the Young Professionals Network while working at WB
- Selected as Australian Youth Ambassador for Development as part of DFAT programme



I find joy in spending time with family and indulging in great food!

I am inspired by my mother, who came to Australia without speaking English and became the Auditor General of the ACT, the first female immigrant to lead a state in that role

My impact goal is to drive the tourism industry to a place where sustainability is the norm.



PHILLIP KINGSTON

FOUNDER & CEO
SARGON

Phillip Kingston is an entrepreneur and investor, having founded, grown and exited companies across a number of industries. He is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Sargon, a leading Australian fintech company revolutionising the retirement industry by providing financial institutions and entrepreneurs with technology and infrastructure to build and grow investment funds and financial products. Phillip is the Founder and Executive Director of GrowthOps, an ASX listed company (ASX: TGO), the Founder and Managing Director of Trimantium Capital, a partner at Dragonfire and Chairman of Lumineer Academy. Phillip has a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Commerce, both from the University of Melbourne.

PHILLIP'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- Co-founded Good Super, an ethical retail retirement fund.
- Director of LaunchVic, the Victorian Government's company building the state's entrepreneurial & startup ecosystem.
- Founded & served as President of the B-Corp Certified Henley Club.
- Non-Executive Director of the Centre for Sustainability Leadership.

I find joy in spending time in the outdoors, rock-climbing, running and building things. I am passionate about using technology to find viable solutions to real world problems. As an advocate for Australia's tech community, I believe strongly that the country possesses great talent and the right macro-economic factors to be a global leader in nation building projects.



ALLI DEVLIN

SITE ENGINEER
LENLEASE ENGINEERING

Alli is an environmental and civil engineer with experience across Asia-Pacific. She is currently a site engineer working on a \$213 million Wharf Upgrade Project for Australian Defence with a key role incorporating sustainability and Indigenous engagement throughout the project's supply chain. The first major subcontractor on-site undertaking demolition, has reached 14% Indigenous spend due to their ongoing support and network facilitation.

In 2017-2018, Alli spent 14 months in Asia as an engineering student and trainee for the Asia Foundation in Hanoi, Indochine Engineering in Ho Chi Minh City and Leighton Asia in Hong Kong.

Alli's Achievements

- Vietnamese Language Intermediate Certificate
- Selected as the 2017 New Colombo Plan Vietnam Fellow, awarded by the Australian Government.
- the only non-Asian undergraduate student at Hanoi University of Science and Technology and the only female in the University Men's Volleyball Team
- Received High Distinction and the 'People's Choice Award' at UTS's Thesis Showcase for a Honours Thesis on clean cookstove technology across Vietnam, Laos and The Philippines.



I find joy in creating moments with great people

I am inspired by people who dare to be different, by people who aim to drive joint understanding.

My impact goal is to drive a profitable and sustainable construction industry which empowers communities through the creation of great places.

Motto You are what you repeatedly do.



ANDREW DUCK

CEO & FOUNDER
AVERSAFE

Andrew is the Founder & CEO of Aversafe, a tech company focusing on reducing credential fraud and improving graduate mobility in the emerging economies.

In 2011, Andrew co-founded Audience Media, a B2B company focused on efficiency gains for journalists and editorial teams. He built the world's first multi-channel editorial management system for publishers like the New York Times, reaching half a billion people in more than 206 countries. He is also the advisor to several technology startups, the founder and inboard of directors of Artists.co.nz, Quipcorp Limited and Eco Corporate.

Andrew's Achievements

- Started his first company at the age of 15, had 3 companies at the age of 18. He has continued to build and operate businesses globally
- Led the team at Zinio providing free access to magazines in the US's public libraries for more than 8 million US citizens.
- Built the largest distributor of media in the world reaching half a billion people in more than 206 countries.
- Founded and exited previous company in 3 years after growing to 14 countries.



I find joy in solving problems that impact others in a positive way.

I am inspired by those who stand up for what is right despite the personal consequences.

My impact goal is to work on projects that help to create Quality Education, take Climate Action, and develop Sustainable Cities.

Motto You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.



LOUISE TRAN

HEAD OF PURPOSEFUL MARKETING
FORPURPOSECO., OZHARVEST

Louise is a marketing, communications and strategy specialist. She is currently responsible for the creation, ideas-generation, and execution of OzHarvest's social business and innovation arm, ForPurposeCo., as well as the establishment of its first social enterprise initiative Juice For Good.

Additionally, Louise is working on establishing a food rescue model in Vietnam. She hopes to inspire young women, that seeking a meaningful career, pursuing passion and having a family, is all possible.

Louise's Achievements

- As OzHarvest's first in-house dedicated Brand, Marketing & Communications employee, built the foundations of OzHarvest's brand presence as Australia's leading food rescue organisation. The OzHarvest model is now adopted in New Zealand, the UK and South Africa.
- Implemented and executed several large-scale campaigns such as Think.Eat.Save, working in partnership with the UN's Environment Program with further activities in Lima and Bangkok.
- Led the strategy to hold our Federal Government to account and to set a national target to reduce Australia's food waste by half in line with the UN SDG 12.3 target.



I find joy in her family, getting to do work that is inspiring and helps others and eating good food.

I am inspired by Ronni Kahn, CEO & Founder of OzHarvest and her drive, vision, passion and determination.
Motto It always seems impossible until it's done. (Nelson Mandela).



HUY NGUYEN

DIRECTOR & CO-FOUNDER
ENABLER INTERACTIVE PTY LTD

Huy is a humanitarian engineer, social entrepreneur and innovator. He is the Founder and CEO of the social enterprise Enabler Development, a training organisation delivering face-to-face disability awareness workshops led by people with disabilities. He also created Enabler Interactive, a simulation training platform using gaming technology for disability and aged care workers. Additionally, Huy co-founded a number of social enterprises such as Greatvenue, Makeshift Studio Co and is the advisor for Ability Mate, a tech startup up and open-source community inventing products for an inclusive society.

Huy's Achievements

- Awarded the ACT Young Australian and the Australian National University Young Alumnus of the Year 2014
- Recipient of the Australia National Disability Award 2013
- Ambassador of the ATC Technology for the Ageing and Disability (TADACT).
- sculling a dish of Kava in Vanuatu in front of important stakeholders without throwing it up.



I find joy in travelling, being a nerd and creating technologies that brings positive impact for those who have a disability.

I am inspired by entrepreneurs who challenge the giants and status quo.
My impact goal is that everyone in Australia and Vietnam can engage meaningfully with people with a disability.
Motto Self-awareness, balance and adventure.



MARIA TRAN

MANAGING DIRECTOR
PHOENIX EYE FILM & ART PRODUCTION

Maria is an actor, filmmaker, and community arts trainer. She is the Managing Director of Phoenix Eye Pty Ltd, an independent film and art production house established in 2017 in Western Sydney.

Maria was the Director and Producer of "Quest for Jackie Chan!", a transmedia film project that engaged a wide and diverse range of participants and audience in the major population centers of Australia, Hong Kong, and China. She also made various short films such as Metro Screen supported "A Little Dream", award-winning "Happy Dent" and an action Kung Fu comedy movie "Maximum Choppage". She holds a degree in Psychology and is passionate about screen culture amongst the culturally diverse communities in Australia.

She also worked on Bell Shakespeare's *Macbeth* as a Fight Director and actor.

Maria's Achievements

- Mockumentary short "Hot Bread Shop" was selected for the 2011 Colourfest Film Festival
- Awarded Breakout Female Action Star at the International Action on Film Festival, 2017
- Bringing diversity to Australian screen culture and elsewhere.
- 2017 Create NSW Western Sydney Arts Recipient.



I find joy in building amazing connections.

I am inspired by Jackie Chan, all Asian female action actresses, Pauline Nguyen, author of *The Spiritual Entrepreneur*, and my parents for allowing me to follow my passions.

My impact goal is to close the gender disparity for women in the arts.

Motto Know thyself and others and you will win in every situation.



CHRIS HUNTER

STRATEGIC ADVISOR, SOUTH EAST ASIA
TRADE VICTORIA

Chris is currently a Strategic Advisor for the Victorian Government to Southeast Asia, in which he focuses on policy and economic development through growing trade and investment links. Chris also had previous professional experience in Singapore and Indonesia, as well as study experience in China. He previously worked at the Australian Business Forum and was formerly part of a team which coordinated the marketing and promotion of Australia China Business Week and China Digital Conference.

Chris personally aspires to influence key policy decision making and B2B engagement between Australia and markets such as Vietnam.

Chris's Achievements

- Assisted in restructuring the reporting flows and work plans across the Victorian Government office network in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta
- Scoped the legal, financial and operational structure in Vietnam and regional Indonesia

I find joy in learning and understanding more about those that seek to improve the relationship of Australia and its neighbours.

I am inspired by those that seek to improve the relationship of Australia and its neighbours.
My impact goal is to improve access to basic standards of education and health, and facilitating knowledge share between developed and developing countries.

Motto We're all in this together.



JESSICA NGUYEN

PROGRAMME OFFICER
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Jessica is a Programme Officer at the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) in Brussels, conducting policy research to strengthen the rule of law and human rights initiatives across the European Union. Jessica has experience across the fields of migration, child protection, gender equality, human rights and poverty alleviation in Thailand, Switzerland, Moldova, and Belgium. She also volunteers remotely, firstly as Secretary of Board/Research Coordinator for Human and Hope Association Incorporated (HHA Inc.) in rural Cambodia, and secondly, as Program Development Officer for Ghana Health and Education Initiative (GHEI).

Jessica's Achievements

- Master's degree in Human Rights Law and Policy at UNSW whilst working full-time, and being one of the first females in the family to attend university
- Worked in the fields of migration, child protection, gender, and poverty alleviation, and has lived in four different countries in the past four years. This includes completing two internships with the UN in Thailand and Switzerland.



I am inspired by people who have an amazing amount of thoughtfulness, kindness and courage. For example, my parents, Malala Yousafzai, Roxane Gay and Greta Thunberg.
My impact goal is to understand the experiences of the most marginalised and vulnerable people.
Motto It never hurts to be kind.



GEORGIA DAVIS

RESEARCH COORDINATOR
INVESTING IN WOMEN

Georgia is a senior researcher with experience in project management within non-government and private sectors in Australia and Vietnam. She is currently the research coordinator for Investing in Women, focusing on workplace gender equality initiatives in large companies in Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, and the Philippines.

Since 2011, Georgia has managed the team of the ongoing East Meets West project which designs and implements a monitoring and evaluation system for an output-based aid sanitation project in Vietnam and Cambodia. Prior to this Georgia worked as a research assistant at KPMG Australia conducting legal, economic and political research.

Georgia's Achievements

- Winner of AUD \$9 million from the Australian Government's Water for Women Fund for an East Meets West project in Vietnam and Cambodia
- Co-led research and strategy for a AUD \$2 million innovation model in rural water supply



I find joy in Motorbike trips across incredible landscapes in Vietnam. Hiking and camping in bushland Australia. Watching big football matches
I am inspired by people who are passionate about their work or their community.
Motto You never regret the ocean.



EVAN WEBB

ECOLOGIST
360 ENVIRONMENTAL

Evan is an ecologist specialising in fauna surveys as part of the environmental impact assessment process. He recently designed and implemented a new method for assessing the carrying capacity of a critically endangered nocturnal mammal, the Western Ringtail Possum. Under a New Colombo Plan scholarship, Evan spent a semester studying at Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry and working with some of the world's most endangered primates at the Endangered Primate Rescue Center (EPRC) in Cuc Phuong National Park. Evan believes that our future livelihoods depend on the well-being of our biosphere and that we need to place greater value on our natural environment through education and political action.

Evan's Achievements

- Alumni ambassador of the New Colombo Plan scholarship program
- Recipient of the Australian Council of Environmental Deans and Directors Scholars Award for outstanding performance
- Awarded a scholarship by the Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand.



I find joy in hiking in forests and photographing wildlife.
I am inspired by my friends and family, by respected scientists such as paleontologist and climate activist Tim Flannery, and by change-makers such as Greta Thunberg.
Motto If you focus too intently on your goal, you may miss the opportunity beside you.

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2019 PROGRAM



BEYOND 2019: TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The Dialogue program spans four days and is located in Vietnam. It begins in Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam and continues to the dynamic business hub of Ho Chi Minh City. The program builds on the work of the 2017 Dialogue by looking beyond 2019 towards a sustainable future.

The guiding framework for the program are five of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals: Gender Equality, Reduced Inequalities, Quality Education, Climate Action, Sustainable Cities and Communities. These goals are highly relevant to both Australia and Vietnam. Each day, the program is organised around a theme that works within this framework.

Day 1: Global Leadership

Day 2: Harnessing Opportunities

Day 3: Sustaining our Futures

Day 4: Building Momentum

Induction – Sun 26 May 2019

Pre-dialogue introductions (closed session)

The world is complex with constant crisis, yet there are no simple solutions to solving these complex problems. This session will look at the importance of authenticity in leading with complexity and exploring the concept of vulnerability.

- Ms Cat Thao Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD

Day 1 – Mon 27 May 2019

Global leadership

📍 Hanoi

AVYLD Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony officially opening the 2019 Australia-Vietnam Young Leadership Dialogue.

- Ms Cat Thao Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD
- Representative from Vietnam
- His Excellency, Mr Craig Chittick, Head of Mission, Australian Ambassador to Vietnam
- Mr Michael Croft, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Vietnam

Session 1 - Leading with courage keynote and session with delegates

Great leaders have immense courage. But what does courage look like? Delegates will hear from Huong Dang and her own story fueled by courage and leadership. Delegates will also explore what courage is, how it is needed to confront their own challenges and the need for humility to develop their own leadership capacity.

- Ms Huong Dang, Co-Founder, HopeBox & AVYLD Alumni
- Ms Cat Thao Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD

Session 2 - Governance in a globalised world panel

The consequences of ignoring risks and weak governance can be costly to organisations. In the context of a dynamic yet turbulent business environment, delegates will have the opportunity to explore "what good governance looks like". They will also look at "how organisations are able to find a balance between performing to a high standard while maintaining good governance" and how they can personally take the lead in developing more inclusive, accountable and public-spirited organisations.

- Ms Melissa Keane, Partner, Allens
- Mr Phan Duc Hieu, Deputy Director of Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM)
- Mr Scott Pearce, Partner, KPMG
- Dr Dang Hoang Giang, Deputy Director, Center for Community Support and Development Studies (CECODES)

Lunch reception with the Australian Ambassador to Vietnam



Day 2 – Tue 28th May 2019

Harnessing opportunities

📍 Ho Chi Minh City

Session 1 - Creative training (closed session)

Delegates working together to enhance imaginations and tapping into their creative sides.

- Ms Hanneke Willems, Head Acting Trainer, Orange Wolves Creative Training

Session 2 - Distributed and regenerative by design workshop

Delegates will be challenged to consider how we can we re-design our economies to respond to the greatest challenges of the 21st century. The current state of the economy and how alternative models and approaches are regenerative and distributed by design will be explored. Best case examples will be shared to assist delegates to understand how this concept could be integrated in practice within their own organisations.

- Ms Elsa Dominish, Senior Research Consultant at Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney & AVYLD Alumni
- Mr Rowan Dowland, Chief Strategy Officer, Bank Australia
- Mr Cheyne McKee, Corporate Affairs Manager, Bank Australia

Session 3 - An entrepreneurial approach to address inequality panel session

Persistent inequality is prevalent and large disparities remain across sectors in both Vietnam and Australia. Entrepreneurial and social responsible thinking should be at the forefront of leaders to solve and reduce significant inequalities. Exploration of innovative business practices will be complemented with the experiences of well-known Vietnamese and Australian entrepreneurs who are at the forefront of combating these social challenges.

- Ms Shuyin Tang, Partner, Patamar Capital & AVYLD Alumni
- Ms Ha Lam, Co-founder, Triip.me & AVYLD Alumni
- Mr Jimmy Pham, Founder, KOTO
- Ms Evelyn Nguyen, Co-Founder and CEO, Canal Circle

Session 4 - Optimising Performance; Business pitching with impact & team projects

Delegates will explore the concept of mindfulness and authenticity in business and how it can help them become better leaders. They will have the opportunity to explore this through a one-on-one session with Peter Huynh.

Following, the session will allow delegates to have an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate their idea or product to wider groups of audiences. Delegates will also have a chance to reflect on what they have learned in this workshop to re-examine their team projects, from an efficiency and a feasibility perspective.

- Mr Peter Huynh, Partner, Qualgro & AVYLD advisor
- Facilitated by Ms Cat Thao Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD

AVYLD Young Leaders Forum

Delegates share their views and experiences on leadership and the significance of the five United Nations SDGs featured throughout the Dialogue. Additionally, two delegates from each SDG team will also provide insight into their collaborative projects designed to address a social challenge while also strengthening the Australia-Vietnam bilateral relationship.



Day 3 – Wed 29th May 2019

Sustaining our futures

📍 Ho Chi Minh City

Session 1 - Educating for the future keynote and panel session

The session will explore where Australia and Vietnam are at in terms of educating for innovation and the economic needs of the 21st century. At the same time it will consider the role of education in the context of the persistent inequalities that exist in both countries. What will be required in our education policies and in our curricula that will create quality and inclusive education that can address these needs? How do technologies assist with these ambitious goals? Should we combine a consideration of both the 'future of work' and the kinds of workers, knowledges and skills, that will be needed, and the building blocks or foundations that need to underpin quality education? Are technologies an answer or is it about continuous learning and re-inventing? Questions will also be directed at delegates exploring their interpretation of learning and discussing their own learning experiences.

- Professor Gael McDonald, President, RMIT University Vietnam
- Ms Joanna Wood, Education and Science Counsellor, Australian Embassy in Hanoi & AVYLD advisor
- Mr David Do, Managing Director, Vietnam Investment Group & AVYLD advisor
- Dr Dang My Chau, CEO, Topica Regional

Session 2 - Gender justice keynote and panel session

The continual pattern of inequality (whether it be gender, class, socio-economic, location etc) is a constraint to the progress of both Australia and Vietnam - how do we break this pattern so that we unleash the great potential and opportunities across all sectors? This is the key question to be explored in a session led by Madam Ton Nu Thi Ninh. The discussion will then focus on a number of inequalities, specifically looking at gender justice,

where panelists and delegates will consider the challenges and opportunities to address existing barriers faced by girls, women and minorities in both countries..

- Madam Ton Nu Thi Ninh, President, Ho Chi Minh City Peace & Development Foundation & Vice President, Viet Nam Peace Committee
- Ms Thao Griffiths, Policy Advisor to the Chairman of Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and AVYLD advisor
- Colonel Nerolie McDonald, Australian Defense Attaché in Vietnam and Laos
- Ms Ly Phuong, Gender Specialist, UN Women

Session 3 - Environmental sustainability: responsible consumption and production panel session

Climate change is now affecting every country on every continent. It is disrupting national economies and affecting lives, costing people, communities and countries. As demand increases for already constrained natural resources, there are great concerns for irreversible damage to our environment. Delegates will explore the issues associated with climate change and how we can change our consumption and production patterns. Experienced practitioners working to achieve sustainability across the food chain, energy and circular economy industries will share their experiences and challenge delegates to implementing sustainable consumption and production practices in the communities and sectors they are working in.

- Ms Elsa Dominish, Senior Research Consultant at Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney & AVYLD Alumni
- Mr John Keogh, Founder & Managing Principal, Vietnam Food Integrity Centre
- Ms Khanh Nguy Thi, Executive Director, GreenID
- Ms Janet Salem, Programme Officer, Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production, United Nations Environment Programme

Session 4 - Living with purpose (closed session)

Delegates explore their values and their purpose.

- Ms Cat Thao Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD

Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner is to celebrate 2019 Dialogue and to thank our partners, speakers and advisors who have helped contribute to the AVYLD community.

Day 4 – Thu 30th May 2019

Building momentum

📍 Ho Chi Minh City

Session 1 - Vietnam 2030: Identity, aspirations and challenges keynote

Vietnam has undergone, what some would say, a miracle in economic growth when turning itself from one of the poorest countries to one of the most dynamic emerging markets. Attributed to this miracle development is the country's embracement of trade, privatisation, efforts to reduce the costs of doing business and its heavy investments in human capital. What have been the main policy drivers that has fuelled growth? Would these strategies continue to work to maintain Vietnam's development momentum over the next 10 years? Particularly in the context of technological disruption, Vietnam is and will confront deepening inequality and increasing environmental pressure. What are the main challenges confronting Vietnam to reach its' full potential and ensure prosperity for all? How can Vietnam address these challenges? What role does the bilateral relationship play in Vietnam's continued development journey? These are a few of the questions to be addressed by leading experts on Vietnam.

- Professor Eddy Malesky, Duke University – online
- Ms Cat Thao Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD

Session 2 - Australia 2030: Identity, aspirations and challenges keynote

For the past two decades Australia has enjoyed strong economic growth, mainly driven by global demand for its abundant natural resources and high quality education affording it high standards of living. It is unlikely that Australia will continue to rely solely on the resources sector to drive its economic growth, but innovation is the key driver for Australia's future prosperity. It is difficult to predict the future, but this session aims to explore what will likely be the main drivers, opportunities and challenges for Australia towards 2030.

- Emeritus Professor Carl Thayer, University of New South Wales and AVYLD advisor
- Ms Julianne Cowley, Consul General, Ho Chi Minh City, Australian Government
- Dr Lucy Cameron, Senior Research Consultant, Data61 CSIRO – online
- Ms Donna Webster, Director, Capability Development, AsiaLink

Session 3 - Delegate projects

Delegates have the opportunity to present their projects to their fellow delegates.

Session 4 - Your vision for 2030

Delegates will develop their vision for their respective countries – Vision 2030 The Big Picture – and the bilateral relationship. Detailing where they aspire their country to be and where/how their country will engage with the other country.

Session 5 - Delegate Charter

Delegates will develop their vision for their respective countries – Vision 2030 The Big Picture – and the bilateral relationship. Detailing where they aspire their country to be and where/how their country will engage with the other country.

Session 6 - Checking out (closed session)

Delegates are facilitated to develop a joint charter expressing the group values which they will commit to professionally and personally, especially in light of their reflections from each day; and your country vision for 2030 and the 5 selected SDGs.

Closing Ceremony / Cruise

Delegates reflect on their experience at the AVYLD 2019.





2019 SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS



**HIS EXCELLENCY
CRAIG
CHITTICK**
HEAD OF MISSION, AUSTRALIAN
AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM

OPENING CEREMONY SPEAKER

His Excellency, Mr Craig Chittick is the Head of Mission and the Australian Ambassador to Vietnam since May 2016. Since 2016, Mr Chittick has contributed to enhancing the bilateral relationship and cooperation between the two nations on defence, strategic and security issues, development assistance, human rights, and law enforcement. Prior to the appointment, Mr. Chittick was a senior career officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and was most recently the First Assistant Secretary to the South East Asia Mainland and Regional Division. His previous roles include the Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues; the Assistant Secretary to the South East Asia Investment and Services Branch; the Assistant Secretary to the United States Branch; and the Director of the Indonesia Section. He had previously served overseas in Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta. Mr Chittick holds a Master of Arts (International Relations) from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from the University of Sydney.

dfat.gov.au/about-us/our-people/homs/Pages/ambassador-to-vietnam.aspx



**MICHAEL
CROFT**
HEAD OF OFFICE AND UNESCO
REPRESENTATIVE TO VIET NAM

OPENING CEREMONY SPEAKER

Born 1970 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Michael Croft holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science (Honours First Class) and a master's degree in International Affairs in Canada. Mr Croft began his work with UNESCO in 1998 within the Culture of Peace Programme. He worked on various consultancies with the Office of the Director-General and the Education Sector before his appointment as a Project Officer in 2000 with the Division of Educational Policies and Strategies. In early 2005, Mr Croft left Headquarters for a string of programme management assignments in primarily crisis countries (Somalia/Iraq/Libya). In Libya, he served as the UNESCO Representative from 2014-2016. In October 2016, Mr Croft was assigned to the Division of Field Support and Coordination at UNESCO Headquarters as the new Coordinator for Crisis Preparedness and Response (CPR). On 15 July 2017, he was appointed as UNESCO Representative in Viet Nam and Head of Hanoi Office.

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HUONG DANG
CO-FOUNDER, HOPEBOX & INTERNATIONAL
PARTNERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER,
KOTO VIETNAM
AVYLD 2017 DELEGATE

**SESSION 1: KEYNOTE SPEAKER -
LEADING WITH COURAGE**

From working in the streets of Hanoi to studying the Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Swinburne, Huong believes that she is a real-life example of the transformative effect of education and how social enterprises like KOTO can change lives. Huong is the International Partnership and Engagement Manager for KOTO Vietnam. Huong is also involved in the Breast Cancer Network Vietnam to help raise awareness. She is also working on a project "Back to School" that helps to bring vulnerable children from domestic violence families back to school and reconnect with the community. In 2018, Huong created HopeBox, a social project to provide employment opportunities for women who have escaped from domestic violence. During her time in Australia, Huong was awarded the Victorian International Student of the Year & the Victorian Premier's Award in 2013. She also received the Swinburne Achievement Award in 2015 and was selected to the MIT Global Entrepreneurship Bootcamp 2016. Huong's passion is to share her experience and story to inspire others. Huong is also an AVYLD alumna who participated in the first AVYLD in 2017 in Sydney.

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LEADING THE WAY

From a small village in Vietnam to UTS Insearch and UTS Australia's No.1 young university, Hoang Dao is now the Founder and CEO of the most downloaded learn-to-read app in the App Store and Google Play, Monkey Junior.

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Hoang Dao Xuan

Founder & CEO of Monkey Junior
Winner UTS International Alumni Award 2018
AVYLD Delegate 2017
Winner GIST Tech-I in Silicon Valley 2016

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MELISSA KEANE
PARTNER, ALLENS

SESSION 2: SESSION MODERATOR - GOVERNANCE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Melissa is a Partner in the Project team at Allens, a commercial law firm that operates in the Asia-Pacific region. Melissa is a specialist in foreign investment and large scale infrastructure projects on the energy sector including project developments, M&A transactions, renewables, and new energy technologies. Melissa has worked with government, regulators, sponsors, and financiers across the globe including in Japan, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Australia and Mongolia.

She has been with Allens since 2004 when she joined as a lawyer in Melbourne. She was seconded to Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, one of Japan's leading law firms in Tokyo from 2006 to 2008 before moving back to Allens' Hanoi office, where she stayed as a senior associate until the end of 2012. She returned to Melbourne and rose to managing associate in 2016. She has recently returned with her family to Hanoi, Vietnam.

For more than 13 years, Melissa has been a supporter with extended periods volunteering in the Philippines for the Bahay Tuluyan Foundation Inc, a not-for-profit organisation that advocates for the rights of street children.

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PHAN DUC HIEU
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR MANAGEMENT (CIEM)

SESSION 2: PANELIST - GOVERNANCE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Mr Phan Duc Hieu is currently the Vice President of the Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), taking charge of conducting research and proposals for institutional reforms on the ease of doing business, enhancing competitiveness and promoting good corporate governance. As an analyst and policy-maker, he contributed to the success of the Government's project on a number of economic and institutional reform programs and solutions for private sector development. Hieu was the key person in drafting the Enterprise Law of Vietnam 2014, known as the largest reform law on business freedom. In addition, he has also been responsible for drafting the law on Economic Special Zones, Competition and Investment, etc. He is a popular trainer and speaker on corporate governance topics and is currently working with IFC in providing training courses on corporate governance. Hieu received his Master of Law from the University of Maastricht, the Netherlands in 2004.



SCOTT PEARCE
PARTNER, KPMG

SESSION 2: PANELIST - GOVERNANCE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Scott has been an audit partner with KPMG for the past 7 years, spending 5 years with KPMG Australia in Papua New Guinea before moving to Vietnam in 2017. Scott's role in Papua New Guinea included that of Independence, Risk Management and Audit Quality Partner. He has continued his role as Audit Quality Partner in the Hanoi office. Originally from Australia, he has over 22 years' experience in Audit and Accounting services including 14 years of international experience working in Papua New Guinea, Bahrain, Kazakhstan, Barbados, Ireland and Vietnam. In that time, he has worked across a wide variety of sectors and industries. As well as being an audit partner, Scott has had experience in consulting on Risk Management and Internal Audit services. His experience has provided him with a broad exposure to Corporate Governance within a variety of companies in both developed and developing countries. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) from the University of Canberra and an accredited Chartered Accountants Australia License.

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DR DANG HOANG GIANG

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (CECODES)

SESSION 2: PANELLIST - GOVERNANCE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Dr Dang Hoang Giang is the Deputy Director of Center for Community Support and Development Studies (CECODES). He is a development expert, social activist and author.

Dr Dang's research and policy advocacy activities aim to improve the quality of national governance, transparency, and voice of the people. Dr Dang strives to expand the space of civil society, to encourage critical thinking and to build up a culture of debate. He holds a Master's degree in Computer Science from Ilmenau University of Technology in Germany and a PhD in Development Economics from the Vienna University of Technology, Austria.

Dr Dang is also the author of a number of books and socially influential essays.



ELSA DOMINISH

SENIOR RESEARCH CONSULTANT, INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURES, UTS
AVYLD 2017 DELEGATE

SESSION 2: WORKSHOP FACILITATOR - DISTRIBUTED BY DESIGN
SDG PROJECT MENTOR - SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

Elsa is a specialist in the links between resources, climate change and sustainable development and currently a Senior Research Consultant at the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney. She has experience spanning research, consultancy and development projects within research, non-government and private sectors in Australia and Asia. Elsa undertakes research to inform policies in the areas of resources, energy and food security. In 2013-14, Elsa lived and worked at The Center for People and Forests in Hanoi through the Australian Volunteers for International Development program on climate change projects, in partnership with provincial governments, local NGOs and UN agencies. Prior to this Elsa worked as an analyst in the private sector evaluating the social and environmental impacts of climate change mitigation. She had also presented at international research conferences in Switzerland and Japan.

Elsa is also an AVYLD alumna who participated in the first AVYLD in 2017 in Sydney.

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ROWAN DOWLAND

CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER, BANK AUSTRALIA

SESSION 2: Q&A SPEAKER - DISTRIBUTED AND REGENERATIVE BY DESIGN

Rowan began his career with Bank Australia since 1994. He is responsible for Bank Australia's strategy and planning, corporate affairs and marketing functions which aim to align the Bank's approach to responsible banking with the expectations of all customers. Rowan is a member of the Australian Banking Association's Strategy Committee and previously a Director of Marriott Support Services, a social enterprise serving people whose lives are impacted by disability. He is also an alternative Director for the Business Council of Cooperatives and Mutuals.

He is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and holds a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Development.

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CHEYNE MCKEE

CORPORATE AFFAIRS MANAGER, BANK AUSTRALIA

SESSION 2: Q&A SPEAKER - DISTRIBUTED AND REGENERATIVE BY DESIGN

Cheyne McKee joined Bank Australia in 2016 as Corporate Affairs Manager. He is responsible for the delivery of communications strategy to achieve business objectives across corporate affairs, stakeholder and community engagement, media and government relations, and digital media channels. He possesses over fifteen years' experience in a wide variety of communications roles in the public and private sectors. He also values accountability, transparency and developing others, with a track record of leading high performing teams.

Cheyne was previously Director of Corporate Affairs and Engagement at WorkSafe Victoria. He is a Graduate of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government and holds a Bachelor's degree in Business and Commerce from Monash University.

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SHUYIN TANG

PARTNER, PATAMAR CAPITAL
AVYLD 2017 DELEGATE

SESSION 3: SESSION MODERATOR - AN ENTREPRENEURIAL APPROACH TO REDUCING INEQUALITY

Shuyin is one of the pioneers of impact investing in Southeast Asia and passionate about developing the entrepreneurship sector in the region. She currently leads Patamar Capital's investing activities for Vietnam and the Philippines, identifying and supporting scalable business which improves the livelihoods of the working poor. She has over 8 years of professional experience spanning strategy consulting (Bain & Company), development consulting (TechnoServe) and impact investing (Unitus Impact, LGT Venture Philanthropy), across Australia, India, and Southeast Asia. She has also worked in the US, Congress and the Australian public service, as well as at The Lowy Institute for International Policy and UNICEF.

Shuyin was named one of Australia's "100 Women of Influence" by the Australian Financial Review in 2015 and an Asia 21 Young Leader by the Asia Society in 2016. She graduated summa cum laude from the Australian National University where she was also awarded the University Medal.

Shuyin is also an AVYLD alumna who participated in the first AVYLD in 2017 in Sydney.

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HA LAM

CO-FOUNDER, TRIIP.ME
AVYLD 2017 DELEGATE

SESSION 3: PANELIST - AN ENTREPRENEURIAL APPROACH TO REDUCING INEQUALITY

Ha Lam is the Co-founder of Triip.me, a VC backed tech startup that focuses on creating local experiences in 98 countries and 655 cities with over 6,000 hand-picked tours. In 2017, Triip launched a new platform which will integrate over 1 million accommodation options from booking.com together with existing unique local experiences on its website. Ha previously spent over 11 years in the travel industry in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Ha was the recipient of the "Celebrating Her" Award - The Celebration of the International Global Peace Award for Empowered Women in Tourism in 2017. She was listed in Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2016 and was the recipient of the Intel Women Entrepreneur Award APEC O20 Summit 2016. She has earned write-ups in international media and a Laureate Global Fellowship from YouthActionNet in 2014.

Ha is also an AVYLD alumna who participated in the first AVYLD in 2017 in Sydney.

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JIMMY PHAM
FOUNDER, KOTO

SESSION 3: PANELLIST - AN ENTREPRENEURIAL APPROACH TO REDUCING INEQUALITY

Australian-Vietnamese Jimmy Viet Tuan Pham is the founder of KOTO (Know One, Teach One), a not-for-profit social enterprise which provides intensive hospitality and English language training at no cost for disadvantaged youth in Vietnam.

Jimmy witnessed the struggle of youth living rough upon his return to Vietnam in the 90s and established KOTO in 1999, firstly as a sandwich stall which then grew into a locally and internationally recognized social enterprise. In 2016, KOTO became the first legally registered entity operating as a social enterprise in Vietnam, after much-sought changes to the national law on Enterprises. Jimmy and KOTO have played host to many visiting foreign dignitaries to Vietnam including US President Bill Clinton (2000), Queen Margrethe of Denmark (2009) and Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard (2012). KOTO consists of two training restaurants and a training school, with another training facility expected to open in 2019. For over two decades, KOTO led by Jimmy Pham has played a pivotal role in bringing positive change to the lives of more than 1,000 KOTO graduates in the country.

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EVELYN NGUYEN
CO-FOUNDER AND CEO, CANAL CIRCLE

SESSION 3: PANELIST - AN ENTREPRENEURIAL APPROACH TO REDUCING INEQUALITY

Evelyn obtained her undergraduate degree of Computer Science and Finance from MIT, then started her career working under various roles within the investment banking, investment management, and hedge fund industries. Her passion is always at the intersection of finance and technology and the great potential of technology to be an economic and social equalizer if deployed thoughtfully. With that passion, in 2018, Evelyn founded Canal Circle, a startup that aims to empower as well as leverage microfinance in providing life-improving products and financial services to the underserved and low-income communities throughout Vietnam.

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PETER HUYNH
PARTNER, QUALGRO

SESSION 4: WORKSHOP - OPTIMISING PERFORMANCE & BUSINESS PITCHING WITH IMPACT

Peter is a Partner and Co-founder of Qualgro, a venture capital firm based in Singapore which invests in technology startups across Southeast Asia and Australia/New Zealand. He is also an investor & mentor at Startmate, regarded as one of Australia's most successful accelerator programs. Peter is a Co-Founder and Director of Optus-Innov8, a corporate venture initiative from Optus and SingTel Innov8, investing in Australian early-stage technology startups. He also led M&A transactions for Singtel Group Digital Life. Through his regional activities, Peter maintains strong relationships across the startup ecosystem in Asia, Europe, Silicon Valley, and Australia. Previously, he led global business development for Hutchison 3G, working closely with partners such as Google, Facebook, and Twitter, as well as mobile devices partners such as Samsung, Sony and HTC. Prior to that he held senior management roles in digital agencies at WPP Group and started his tech career at Computer Sciences Corporation. Peter holds a Bachelor of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Technology, Sydney.

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JOANNA WOOD
EDUCATION AND SCIENCE COUNSELLOR,
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**SESSION 1: SESSION MODERATOR - EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE
SDG PROJECTS MENTOR - EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE.**

Joanna Wood is the Australian Government Education and Science Counsellor for Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos. Joanna is based at the Australian Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam. Joanna was the former Director, International Education South Asia in the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training.

Joanna has worked for over 15 years in the Australian Government in the areas of climate change and employment policy programs and International Education. Joanna has over 15 years of private sector experience in business development and stockbroking. Joanna has worked at the Australian High Commission in India, supporting high-level Ministerial meetings, the establishment of the Australia India Education Council (AIEC) and represented the Department on the Australia India Education Council Skills Working Group for six years.

Joanna has over eight years' experience in the area of International education and skills including providing high-level policy advice to international governments and multilateral organisations.

Joanna is also an advisor on the AVYLD 2019 Advisory Board.

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PROFESSOR GAEL MCDONALD
PRESIDENT & GENERAL DIRECTOR, RMIT UNIVERSITY VIETNAM

SESSION 1: KEYNOTE SPEAKER & PANELIST - EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE

Professor Gael McDonald commenced as President of RMIT Vietnam from 17 February 2014. Previously, she was Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Business and Law at Deakin University and Secretary of the Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC). She holds a Bachelor of Business from Massey University, New Zealand, a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Western Australia, and her Doctorate was obtained from The London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.

Professor McDonald's senior management experience has included being Vice President International, Vice President of Research, Dean of Business and Professor of Business Ethics at Unitec, New Zealand. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Macau, the United States and Canada in the areas of International Marketing, Human Resource Management and Organisational Behaviour.



DAVID DO
MANAGING DIRECTOR, VIETNAM INVESTMENT GROUP

SESSION 1: PANELIST - EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE

David Do is a Managing Director at VI Group, a Vietnam focused Private Equity firm with \$500 Million under management. He was previously a General Manager at Microsoft where he led Strategy, Mergers & Acquisitions, Investments, Joint Ventures, and Post-Merger Integration. His operating experience includes managing global retail, telecom, media, payments sectors for Microsoft's services businesses and well as serving as a member of the Board of Directors of MSNBC, CNBC, and companies in China, Australia, Mexico and the Middle East. Prior to working at Microsoft, David was a member of the Founding Team at EachNet, the leading Chinese e-commerce firm which was acquired by eBay for \$225 Million. David has also worked at The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and JP Morgan. David has an MBA from Harvard University. He also holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales.

David is also an advisor on the AVYLD 2019 Advisory Board.

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DR DANG MY CHAU
CEO, TOPICA REGIONAL

SESSION 1: PANELIST - EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE

Dr. Dang My Chau (Jenny) is the CEO of TOPICA Regional for Singapore, Philippines and Thailand overseeing all international partnerships activities since 2015. She was previously a Senior Director of TOPICA EDTECH GROUP of South Vietnam, an Academic Director of Centre for International Cooperation at Banking University HCMC, and Head of International Study Programs at the Academic Affairs Office of HCMC International University, Vietnam National University. Dr. Dang also participated as the visiting faculty for both bachelor and master levels in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Strategy Management and Business Communication.

Dr. Dang was deeply involved with virtual incubation activities, as a Co-director of Topica Founder Institute HCMC, a co-organizer of Mobile Monday HCMC, an annual judge for many incubation/entrepreneurship competitions within the Asia Pacific Incubator Network (APIN), and has trained dozens of incubator managers and government officials on incubator management courses in 2012 and 2013. Chau loves to travel around the world and see young entrepreneurs succeed in their business in different countries.



MADAM TON NU THI NINH
PRESIDENT, HO CHI MINH CITY PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (HPDF) & VICE PRESIDENT, VIETNAM PEACE COMMITTEE

SESSION 2: KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND PANELIST, GENDER JUSTICE

Having studied in Vietnam and Europe, Madam Ton Nu Thi Ninh started her career as a university lecturer at Sorbonne University (Paris) and Saigon/Ho Chi Minh City University of Education. She then worked as a diplomat for more than 20 years, specializing in global issues (world peace and security, development, environmental, and human rights issues) at multilateral organisations (United Nations, Non-Aligned Movement, ASEAN). She was previously the Vietnam Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, and Head of the Mission to the European Union in Brussels, before being elected as Vice President Foreign Affairs Committee, in charge of relations between Vietnam and North American and Western European countries. She was previously Co-Chair of the US-Vietnam Dialogue Group. Male about Agent Orange/dioxin (2007-2008) and has been actively working in the areas of sustainable development, gender equality, the rise of youth.

Madam Ninh was awarded the First Class Labor Medal by the Vietnamese Government (2008), the French Government awarded the Medal of the Legion of Honor (Class of Officer - 1998 and the Commander - 2012).



THAO GRIFFITHS
POLICY ADVISOR TO THE CHAIRMAN OF VIETNAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

**SESSION 2: SESSION MODERATOR - GENDER JUSTICE
SDG PROJECT MENTOR - GENDER JUSTICE**

Thao Griffiths is currently Policy Advisor to the Chairman of Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In 2016, she spent a year in Switzerland at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. Prior, Thao worked as Country Director of VVAF, an American NGO focusing on development issues and the US-Vietnam people-to-people diplomacy. Since March 2016, she serves as an inaugural member of the Advisory Committee of the Australian Government in Vietnam. Thao studied at the Vietnam Academy of Diplomacy and hold a Masters in Systems Engineering from RMIT University and a Masters in International Relations from American University in Washington DC. She has 19 years' experience in management, public health, development, climate change, security policy, and IT related business. In the private sector, she worked with Boeing, Bombardier Inc., Planned Systems International PSI, VOXIVA Inc., Microsoft Asia Pacific, and Coffey. She has been a GCSF Security Leadership Fellow (Switzerland), an Endeavour Fellow (Australia), a Fulbright scholar (US), and an inaugural Eisenhower Fellow (US) from Vietnam in 2013.

Thao is also an advisor on the AVYLD 2019 Advisory Board.

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COLONEL NEROLIE MCDONALD
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE ATTACHÉ IN VIETNAM

SESSION 2: PANELIST - GENDER JUSTICE

Colonel Nerolie McDonald joined the Australian Regular Army in 1992 attending the Australian Defence Force Academy. She graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon in 1995. Colonel McDonald has been employed in a wide variety of tactical, operational and strategic level intelligence roles within land, training and joint environments.

Colonel McDonald was previously a Commander of the Australian Contingent on Operation (OP) Mazurka, Sinai, a Deputy Chief of Operations for the multinational Force and Observers. Her other operational deployments include: OP Tanager - East Timor (2002); OP Catalyst - Iraq (2005); and OP Slipper - Afghanistan (2009/10) as the Intelligence Officer of the Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 2.

Colonel McDonald holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours (Economics) and a Master of Arts (Strategy and Policy) from the University of New South Wales. Colonel McDonald is a Vietnamese linguist.



LY PHUONG
GENDER SPECIALIST, UN WOMEN

SESSION 2: PANELIST - GENDER JUSTICE

Ms. Vu Phuong Ly is a Programme Specialist at the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), Viet Nam. Ly has 15 years of experience in gender and development, social & development policy, research, and analysis, including 10 years of experience on UN inter-coordination for gender equality in the UN reform context.

Since 2009, Ly has led the programme team of UN Women Viet Nam where she coordinates the programme team and provided technical assistance for the Head of Office to implement UN Women coordination mandate. In the past five years, she has focused on gender-responsive budgeting and the empowerment of ethnic minority women in Viet Nam.

Before joining UN Women, she worked as Programme Analyst for the UN Office of Resident Coordinator. She also worked for Oxfam Quebec a non-profit Canadian organisation as Gender and Employment Advisor from 2005 to 2008.

She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Hanoi National University since 2017, a Master degree of Science on Gender and Development since 2005 and an MBA since 2009.

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JOHN G. KEOGH
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SESSION 3: PANELIST - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

John is a strategist, advisor, and researcher with 30+ years of experience in executive leadership roles as Director, VP, and SVP in supply chain management, information technology, management consulting and global supply chain standards. He is a recognized global expert in supply chain integrity and is a frequent public speaker on how technology, standards and regulations can be used to enhance supply chain transparency and consumer trust. He is an experienced board advisor and his clients are mainly C-level executives and policy makers. In late 2017, John founded the Vietnam Food Integrity Centre to advance transparency and trust in Vietnamese food chains.

John holds a PGDip in Management, an MBA in General Management and an MSc in Business and Management Research. He is currently a Doctoral researcher focused on Supply Chain Transparency and Consumer Trust and will publish his first eBook on "Supply Chain Transparency, what executives need to know" in 2019.

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KHANH NGUY THI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREENID

SESSION 3: PANELIST - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Ms. Khanh Thi Nguy is a Vietnamese environmental activist and a clean-energy advocate. She is the Executive Director and Founder of the Green Innovation and Development Centre (GreenID) in Vietnam (<http://greenidvietnam.org.vn>). In 2018, she was the first Vietnamese to be awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize for developing long-term sustainable energy strategies that reduced dependence on coal power. In March 2019, she was listed in the World's 100 most influential people in climate policy 2019 by Apolitical. She is also the Chair of Vietnam Sustainable Energy Alliance and a core-member in a number of national and international networks related to sustainable energy, climate change, and environment. In 2016, she initiated the first Renewable Energy week, which has since become an open platform promoting good clean energy practices.

She graduated from the Institute of International Relations in Hanoi, Vietnam with a Bachelor's degree in Politics and Diplomacy. She also holds a number of certificates from international training courses on energy, water and clean environment.

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JANET SALEM
PROGRAMME OFFICER, RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION, UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

SESSION 3: PANELIST - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Janet is an expert in sustainable consumption and production. She has worked for the United Nations for over 13 years in Paris, Vienna and currently Bangkok - her home for the last seven years where she supports the EU funded SWITCH-Asia Programme. Janet's work has focused on government partnerships to develop policies in a range of sectors, including sustainable tourism, eco labels, green buildings, education, media and sustainable development. More recently, her work has evolved to private sector partnerships to enable sustainable consumption and production across eCommerce, food delivery, shopping malls, transport, venture capital and food systems. Janet set up the Sustainable Consumption and Production Winter Schools, and more recently the Asian Circular Economy Leadership Academy with Chulalongkorn University. She also launched the Asia Pacific Low Carbon Lifestyles Challenge in 2018, which supports startups that offer circular economy business models that help us live more sustainable lifestyles. Janet holds a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of New South Wales, Australia.

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PROFESSOR
EDDY MALESKY
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SESSION 1: SPEAKER - VIETNAM 2030: IDENTITY, ASPIRATIONS, CHALLENGES

Edmund Malesky is Professor of Political Economy at Duke University; he is a noted specialist in economic development, authoritarian institutions, and comparative political economy in Vietnam. In 2012, Malesky received a medal from the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry for his role in the International Development's Vietnam Provincial Competitiveness Index. In 2013, he was Chair of Finance Committee of the Vietnam Education Foundation overseeing scholarship allocation and financial commitments. He has published extensively in leading political science and economic journals and is a recipient of various awards including the Harvard Academy Fellowship and the Rockefeller Bellagio Residency Fellowship.

His two most recent books are China's Governance Puzzle: Enabling Transparency and Participation in a Single-Party State (co-authored in 2017 with Jonathan Stromseth and Dimitar Gueorguiev) and Incentives to Pander: How Politicians Use Corporate Welfare for Political Gain (co-authored in 2018 with Nate Jensen). Malesky is a graduate of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service and completed his Ph.D. at Duke University.

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EMERITUS PROFESSOR
CARL THAYER
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SESSION 2: SPEAKER - AUSTRALIA 2030: IDENTITY, ASPIRATIONS, CHALLENGES

Carlyle A. Thayer is Emeritus Professor, The University of New South Wales (UNSW) Canberra at the Australian Defence Force Academy and Director of Thayer Consultancy, a small business providing political analysis since 2002.

Professor Thayer was educated at Brown University, USA (1963-67) and had completed an M.A. in Southeast Asian Studies at Yale where he studied Vietnamese language. He then completed his Ph.D. in International Relation at The Australian National University. He began his academic career teaching at the Bendigo Institute of Technology in Victoria and at the Faculty of Military Studies at The Royal Military College-Duntroon (1979-85) before being appointed as Head of the Department of Politics at the Australian Defence Force Academy. In 2010, he has conferred the title Emeritus Professor.

Professor Thayer was a founding member and first National Secretary of the Vietnam Studies Association of Australia (1994-98), a member of the Executive of the Vietnam Studies Group of the U.S. Association of Asian Studies (2000-02) and National Secretary of the Asian Studies Association of Australia (1996-98).

Professor Thayer is also an advisor on the AVYLD 2019 Advisory Board.

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JULIANNE COWLEY
AUSTRALIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

SESSION 2: SPEAKER - AUSTRALIA 2030: IDENTITY, ASPIRATIONS, CHALLENGES

Julianne Cowley is the Australia Consul-General in Ho Chi Minh City since 2018. Prior to the appointment, Ms Cowley was a senior officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and was most recently the Assistant Secretary to the Health Policy Branch. She has previously served as the Assistant Secretary of DFAT's Staff and Welfare Development Branch, and as the Assistant Director-General of AusAID's People Policy and Planning Branch.

Ms Cowley has also worked in human resources, partnerships policy, and for the Parliamentary Secretary for International Development. Julianne was a founding board member of the Ayui Foundation (Thailand) and served on the Board of Lifeline Canberra. For several years, Ms Cowley worked for the Australian Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership. Prior to international development, she worked in indigenous education. She holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern Queensland and a Bachelor of Communication from the University of Canberra.

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DR LUCY CAMERON
SENIOR RESEARCH CONSULTANT, DATA61 CSIRO

SESSION 2: SPEAKER ON THE DATA61 VIETNAM REPORT

Dr Lucy Cameron's expertise lies in policy development in innovation and digital transformation. Lucy's role at Data61 focuses on strategy and foresight research including project management, data analysis and client liaison. Prior to taking up her role with Data61, Lucy was a Principal Policy Officer and Manager in Digital Economy and Productivity, ICT Industry Development, and Innovation in the Queensland Government (2006-2016). Lucy has also undertaken research and gained funding for universities and regional development organisations, and was an Australian Civil Society representative at the World Summit for the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva in 2005.

Dr Cameron holds a Bachelor of Science's degree majoring in Biology from the University of Sydney and a Ph.D in Social Science from the University of Queensland.

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DONNA WEBSTER

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Donna has over two decades of Asian business expertise, having lived and worked in Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. She also has extensive education qualifications, including a Master and Bachelor degree in Education.

Donna has demonstrated her leadership as an international facilitator, business owner, organisational strategist and keynote speaker for a range of service providers, including 5-star hotels, IT, tourism and fashion industries. In her current role, Donna leads Asialink Business' suite of capability development and training programs, including the design and delivery of tailored programs to help organisations build their cultural intelligence and sustain operations in Asian markets. Donna leads a number of significant engagements with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in relation to the New Colombo Plan (NCP) Program and has written and conducts an 'Asia Literacy' two day program for and at the newly established Diplomatic Academy in Canberra. She also directs and nurtures the outcome of Asialink's flagship annual professional development program - the Asialink Leaders Program.

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Cat Thao is Board Chair and co-founder of the Australia-Vietnam Young Leadership Dialogue. She is founder and CEO of Global Ready LLC, a Cultural Intelligence training & consulting company. She was the founder and managing head of Ernst & Young Law Vietnam LLC after being Vietnam/Cambodia chief strategy officer for a multi-billion dollar investment fund. She was Regional Director for an Australian education company and management board member of two affiliate joint ventures in Vietnam and Myanmar.

Cat Thao was former Board Chair of Loreto Vietnam education charity, management board member of the NSW Ethnic Communities Council and National Advisory Board member to SBS (Special Broadcasting Service).

Her memoir, *We Are Here*, published by Allen & Unwin, was a finalist in the NSW Literary Awards (Australia).

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ALUMNI

A CATCH-UP WITH SOME OF OUR ALUMNI FROM THE 2017 DIALOGUE

Hang Do

I focus on the logistics business of our group Seedcom for the past 2 years. Still participating in endurance races, flying around and nerding on books. I met two of my best friends from AVYLD, and we've had our worldwide adventures.

Dat Pham

1. Doing my MBA at IESE Business School and heading to Chicago Booth in Fall
2. Working on: always secretly a new startup

Andy Trieu

Presenting and producing TV, Radio, and Online segments for SBS PopAsia, ABC comedy, and inflight Qantas. Starred in an Australian TV show "Street Smart" and played Scorpion in the video game Mortal Kombat 11 (motion capture).

Isabella Truong

Now working in business development helping pharmacies build knowledge in natural medicines to grow their business.

Ha Lam

At Triip, we keep growing the company and successfully applied blockchain technology into

our platform. Our mission is to make Triip The Happiest Way to Travel.

Elsa

I led a study on the human rights and environmental impacts of mining for renewable energy technologies and electric vehicles, which is being used as the basis for a campaign to promote more responsible sourcing practices in the supply chain.

David Ding

Thinking, planning and experimenting on how to make individuals more innovative through nudges or micro-steps.

Nga Le

I was promoted to be CEO for VBA 2018, then started my own startups: Perrin & Co, a women's fashion business and She Will Be Strong, a social enterprise for women empowerment. During

all this, my biggest achievement is marrying an AVYLD delegate and organising 3 ceremonies across 2 countries.

Elouise Hahn

Focusing my efforts on an in depth analysis into the Sustainable Development Goals and the Millennium Development Goals in relation to the effectiveness of eradicating poverty and hardship.

Huong Dang

The biggest change in my life since the Dialogue must be the birth of HopeBox, a Social Enterprise that provides healthy lunch boxes and creates jobs for women who have escaped from domestic violence. The project was pitched at the Dialogue and named by chi Thao and anh Hoang. Thanks the AVYLD community for supporting me and HopeBox so much. Without you, there is no HopeBox.

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VYLD 2019 Delegate Announcement Reception in Hanoi, hosted by Australia Ambassador to Vietnam, Craig Chittick



AVYLD Co-Founders Thao Nguyen, Khai Ngo and Rachel Bui at APEC Vietnam with former Prime Minister of Australia, 2017



Former Foreign Minister of Australia Julie Bishop's Luncheon with the President of the National Assembly of Vietnam Madam Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan and Delegation in 2017



Discussions with Governor-General of Australia and AVYLD in Vietnam, 2018



AVYLD 2017 Launch in Sydney co-hosted with Asia Society Australia



Steering Committee with Governor-General of Australia and his wife Lynne Cosgrove at AVYLD 2019 Australia Launch



AVYLD Alumni with Prime Minister of Vietnam at the 2018 Vietnam Australia Business Summit in Sydney



AVYLD 2019 Vietnam Launch hosted by Consul General to Vietnam



AVYLD 2019 Announcement Reception in Melbourne, hosted by Asialink Business



AVYLD Board Chair Cat Thao Nguyen meets with Prince Harry at Admiralty House in Sydney

