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As the world gradually step out from the fallout of COVID-19

Dear beloved readers,

pandemic, we are awakened by the fact that people must find peace with nature. Environment becomes a focused consideration in growth agendas of many countries including Vietnam with its committment toward net zero emissions in COP-26. Living sustainably is no longer an option but a responsibility going forward. Sustainable growth is a prominent and recurrent topic in this issue, demonstrating FSPPM's efforts to spearhead inquiries into new knowledge fronts. In this quarter, we joined forces with internationally and domestically recognized bodies to explore alternatives to achieve green growth goals. To celebrate Nordic Day 2022, in late March, FSPPM

partnered with Nordic embassies in Vietnam to organize the conference ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) -Business Model for Sustainable Development. The event gathered high profile speakers from private and public sectors

as profitability. Also in the same month, FSPPM research team working on the consultation project for Hue province made their first overseas fieldtrip to Kyoto. By drawing parallelism between the two old capital cities, Fulbright experts try to shed light on how to balance between the two goals, i.e., preservation of traditional cultures and economic development. Besides these overarching themes, our faculty and guest speakers continued to share their expertise to students and public via policy seminars on significant topics; for instance,

elaborating on how to translate ESG protocols into

operational practices and raise awareness to the public and

business community that sustainability is of equal importance

legal contract systems, economic outlook, governance models which you can find more details in below sections. We hope you enjoy this quarter's newsletter and feel free to share with anyone of interest.

Truly yours,

Editorial Board

Highlights



issues to Vietnamese audiences, the event attracted delegates representing Vietnamese Government ministries, agencies, businesses, and variety of Nordic experts from public and private sectors, academia, civil society to share experience in presentations and panel discussion focused on the topic ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) - Business Model for Sustainable Development. While ESG is first and foremost a concept developed by and for the private sector, it addresses many issues that are indeed most effectively handled in a public-private partnership. Ensuring sustainable use of energy and resources, building up social protection schemes as well as fighting corruption are tasks where both public and private actors play essential roles. In the middle of January, 22 out of 26 MPP2022 - PA students completed their final theses and were accepted to defend in front of the thesis committees. Given that the School's operation has been back to "New Normal" and hybrid mode has been applied from last December, school management team decided to organize theses defense sessions of MPP2022-PA also in hybrid mode by online (via

The most highlighted event in this quarter was Nordic Day 2022 which was co-hosted by FSPPM and Nordic Embassies in Vietnam (Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden) on 24 March. With the aim to provide experiences from the Nordic countries on a variety of

ZOOM) and offline on campus as scheduled from 1 – 25 March 2022.

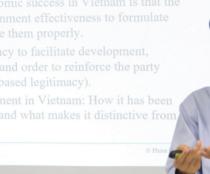
Policy Dialogues and Conferences

New and Updates

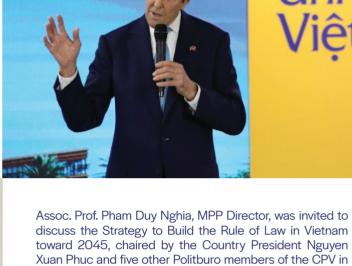
invited to present her research paper titled "Modeling the West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price Volatility: A

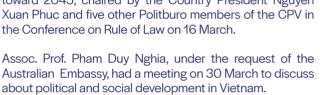
time-varying approach with stochastic volatility" at Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) School of Business's Seminar Series. On the travel of H.E. John Kerry to FUV in late February, Dr. Le Viet Phu, FSPPM lecturer, had a discussion with H.E. John Kerry on climate and environment in the Mekong River Delta.

On 18 Jan, Dr. Le Thai Ha, FSPPM Director of Research, was









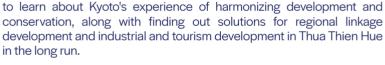
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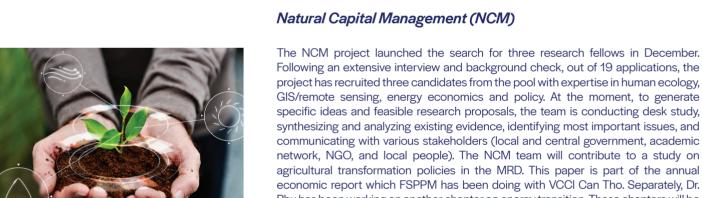
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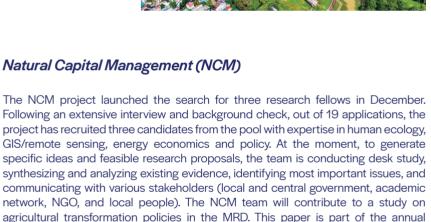
Thua Thien Hue Master Plan

FSPPM has provided local government with outreach programs to develop research, training, consulting and partnership activities. In this quarter, FSPPM's outreach team continues putting effort into important research projects, below are key project's activities





From February, the project team has prepared report on socioeconomic status for the Province, and conducted the second field trip from February 28 to March 4. The 2nd fieldtrip was to gather in-depth information and test the hypotheses on the fields be in charge of. In this trip, the project team focused on industry and service sectors with many visits to local industrial parks and enterprises. From March 19 to March 31, the project team has conducted the third field trip in Kyoto-Japan, aiming





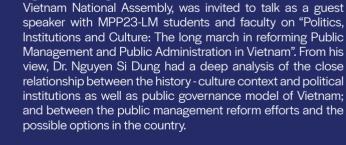
analysis about Vietnam economic outlook in 2022.

economy in 2021 and prospects for 2022" was delivered by Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thanh that attracted nearly 300 participants. In the wake of the 4th wave of the COVID-19 outbreak in Vietnam, Mr. Thanh gave an overview of Vietnam's economic growth in 2021, then provided in-depth



Phu has been working on another chapter on energy transition. These chapters will be discussed at a regional logistic conference in Long An in March 18. The entire report is expected to be ready for the Mekong's Annual Economic Forum in July this year.

On 22 January, a webinar titled "An overview of Vietnam"



Guest Speakers



On February 15, as part of the *Public Management* course, Dr. Nguyen Si Dung, former Deputy Chairman of the Office of

At the invitation of Dr. Vu Thanh Tu Anh, Lecturer of Public Management, on 16&17 February, for the talk titled "From concept to design, advocacy, and implementation: The success of the Saigon South development project", economic



Institutional Change (former title: Economics of Transition; SSCI, Scopus Q1). https://doi.org/10.1111/ecot.12323

expectancy? Insights from 68 developing and emerging

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wds.2022.100003

"Impacts of fiscal decentralization on local development in Vietnam: a disaggregated analysis" (co-author Tien Bui Manh and Donghyun Park), Economics of Transition and

(associated with World Development).





Dr. Tran Anh Thong, FSPPM Research Fellow, published an article "Responding to transboundary water challenges in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta: In search of institutional fit" (co-author Tortajada) on Environmental Policy and Governance, 1-17. DOI:

Alumni & Student Activities

Upcoming events

#FSAtalks featured Dr. Nguyen Thanh Trung, FUV adjunct faculty, Director of the Center for International Studies and the Department Head of International Politics at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), Vietnam National University in HCMC, to

Joint Workshop with World Bank to present the 2022 Vietnam Poverty & Equity

Assessment report - From the Last Mile to the Next Mile.

talk about the current war in Ukraine from international legal perspective.