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### Anthropology/Archaeology

Người Khơ Mú ở Việt Nam = The Kho Mu in Vietnam / (Ed-in-Chief) Le Ti Thu Huong  
(Translator) Nyugen Xuan Hong  
Hanoi: NXB Thong Tan=VNA Publishing House, 2021  
148p.  
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The Khơ Mú (Khmu) people are one of the largest ethnic groups living in northern Southeast Asia. They reside in northern Laos, Myanmar, southwestern China (in the Xishuangbanna Autonomous Region of Yunnan Province), Thailand, and Vietnam. In Vietnam, the Khơ Mú people are one of the 54 ethnic groups in Vietnam. In China, however, they are not officially recognized as a separate ethnic group but are placed in a broad category of unclassified ethnic groups. The Khơ Mú people speak the Khơ Mú language, a language in the Mon-Khmer language family of the Austroasiatic language family. The Khơ Mú are the earliest ethnic groups living in Laos, along with the Mon in Thailand and the Muong in Vietnam to form the earliest indigenous communities in the region.

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Hanoi: NXB Thong Tan=VNA Publishing House, 2022  
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## History

Building A Republican Nation in Vietnam, 1920-1963 / (Ed) Nu-Anh Tran & Tuong Vu  
Honolulu, Hawaii: University of Hawaii Press, 2022  
xvi, 262p.  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9780824892111

1. Republicanism – Vietnam (Republic) – Congresses.
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Western observers have long considered communism to be synonymous with Vietnam's modern historical experience. Eager to make sense of the North Vietnamese victory in the Vietnam War, scholars and journalists have spilled much ink on the history of Vietnamese communists. But this preoccupation has obscured the diversity of ideas and experiences that defined Vietnam in the twentieth century, in which communism represented just one of many tendencies. Building a Republican Nation in Vietnam, 1920–1963, posits that republicanism shaped modern Vietnam no less profoundly than communism. Republicans championed representative government, the universal rights of man, civil liberties, and the primacy of the nation. These ideas infused the thinking of Vietnamese reformers, dissidents, and revolutionaries from the 1900s onward, including many men and women who went on to lead the struggle for independence. Republicanism was also one of the chief inspirations for the establishment of the Republic of Vietnam (also known as South Vietnam) in 1955. This interdisciplinary volume brings together eleven essays by historians, political scientists, literary scholars, and sociologists, who make use of fresh sources to study the development of republicanism from the colonial period to the First Republic of Vietnam (1955–1963). The introduction by coeditors Nu-Anh Tran and Tuong Vu critically analyzes the existing scholarship on the First Republic, explains how the concept of republicanism can illuminate developments in the Saigon-based state, and situates the regime in a comparative context with South Korea. Peter Zinoman's chapter reviews the historiography on republicanism and modern Vietnam and heralds the arrival of the "republican moment" in the field of Vietnam studies. Several chapters by Nguyễn Lương Hải Khôi, Martina Thuchhi Nguyen, and Yen Vu examine the transformation of republican ideas. Nu-Anh Tran and Duy Lap Nguyen explore competing concepts of democracy and the factional politics of the First Republic. The essays by Jason Picard, Cindy Nguyen, Hoàng Phong Tuấn, Nguyễn Thị Minh, and Y Thien Nguyen analyze nation- and state-building efforts in the 1950s and 1960s. Collectively, the essays give voice to Vietnamese republicans, from the ideas they espoused to the institutions they built and the legacies they left behind.

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## Law

Proceedings of the International Conference "Law in a Changing World" / (Ed-in-Chief)  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pham Minh Tuan  
Hanoi: National Political Publishing House, 2021  
800p.  
9786045770108  
\$ 70.00 / PB  
1086gm.

The book consists of 32 papers out of more than 50 submissions to the international conference "Law in a Changing World", selected by an independent panel of domestic and foreign experts.

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## Politics/Current Affairs

The Dragon's Underbelly : Dynamics and Dilemmas in Vietnam's Economy and Politics /  
(Eds) Nhu Truong & Tuong Vu  
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2023  
379p.  
Includes Index  
9789815011395  
\$ 39.90/ PB  
600gm.  
ID: 839533

This book shows why Vietnam has not become the dragon it is often touted to be. The team of authors includes both long-time observers and junior scholars who present cutting-edge research on the latest trends as well as major challenges facing the country's economy and political system. As Vietnam seeks to escape from poverty and the legacies of mistaken socialist policies, its economy has become fully integrated into the global economy. Yet, without an effective and far-sighted leadership, it is still occupying a low position in the global value chains and becoming increasingly dependent on China. Politically, after three decades of reform, the Vietnamese Communist Party's grip on power has well adapted to the market economy, but is confronting deep vulnerabilities as observed in its eroding ability to control workers, the media, public universities, and state-owned enterprises. The book also includes a section that applies formal and statistical methods to compare Vietnam with China in two critical areas of political accountability and anti-corruption policy.

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