

Curriculum Vitae

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Trần Phan

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Education

- 09/2018– **Ph.D. in Linguistics**
02/2024 National Tsing Hua University (NTHU), Hsinchu, Taiwan
Thesis: “*Where two ends meet: non-at-issue meanings on the syntactic treetops of Vietnamese*”
Advisors: Wei-Tien Dylan Tsai (NTHU)
Barbara Meisterernst (University of Stuttgart)
Trang Phan (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)
- 2012–2014 **M.A. in Vietnamese Linguistics** (Distinction)
HCMC University of Education (HCMUE), Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
- 2012–2015 **B.A. in English Language and Literature**
HCMC University of Social Sciences and Humanities,
Vietnam National University (HCMUSSH), Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
- 2007–2011 **B.A. in Vietnamese Linguistics and Literature** (Distinction)
HCMC University of Education (HCMUE), Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

Work Experience

- 10/2024– **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
present Institute of Linguistics, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan
PI: Wei-Tien Dylan Tsai, Ph.D.
Contributions: conduct independent research under the supervision of PI; write reports, present findings at workshops and conferences, and publish research papers; mentor and provide frequent guidance to 5 masters students and 1 doctoral student; lead project meetings and organize presentation sessions; liaise with external experts for guest lectures and collaborations.
- 02/2024– **Part-time Lecturer of Language and Linguistics**
present Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), Taichung, Taiwan
Courses taught:
 - Spring 2026: *Language and Culture Sociolinguistics II*

English Etymology (for Center of Teacher Education)

- Fall 2025: 4516 *Sociolinguistics I*
Syntax (for Center of Teacher Education)
English Pronunciation Practicum (for Center of Teacher Education)
Discourse Analysis (for Center of Teacher Education)
- Spring 2025: 1003 *Beginning Linguistics II*
3506 *Vietnamese for Travelling and Cultural Tourism*
- Fall 2024: 2543 *English Etymology*
- Spring 2024: 1045 *Beginning Linguistics I*

Contributions: develop and implement 10 course syllabi and teaching materials; design and grade assignments and exams; facilitate classroom discussions and interactive activities; evaluate student progress; provide feedback and support through appointments.

08/2024–
09/2024 **Research Assistant**

Center for Sustainable Development of Linguistic Diversity in Taiwan, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan

Contributions: contributed to “Taiwan Indigenous Language Diversity Database;” conducted literature reviews and prepared reports.

08/2019–
06/2024 **Research Assistant**

Institute of Linguistics, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan

PIs: Wei-Tien Dylan Tsai, Ph.D. (2019–2024)

Barbara Meisterernst, Ph.D. (2019–2022)

Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan

PI: Wei-wen Roger Liao, Ph.D. (01/2024–06/2024)

Contributions: collected and analyzed data; conducted literature reviews and prepared reports; led project coordination as team leader; liaised with external experts for guest lectures; presented findings at workshops and conferences; published research papers.

08/2019–
01/2024 **Teaching Assistant**

Institute of Linguistics, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan

Core courses:

- Fall 2022: LING500400 *Syntax (II)*
- Spring 2022: LING500300 *Syntax (I)*
- Fall 2020: LING500400 *Syntax (II)*
- Spring 2020: LING500300 *Syntax (I)*

Elective courses:

- Spring 2023: LING704300 *Syntactic Cartography of Causality and Affectivity*
- Fall 2022: LING703700 *Comparative Syntax of Non-canonical Wh-constructions*
- Spring 2022: LING700700 *The Syntax of Grammaticalization*
- Fall 2021: LING702600 *Syntactic Study of Force Shift*
LING703200 *Cross-linguistic History of Tense-Aspect-Modality Systems*
- Spring 2021: LING701500 *Cartographic Approach & the Syntax of Labeling*
- Fall 2020: LING595700 *Self & Wh: A Study of Syntactic Operators and Variables*
LING596300 *Diachronic Syntax of Chinese*

- Spring 2020: LING701100 *Diachronic Development of Tense and Aspect Cross-linguistically*
- Fall 2019: LING594100 *The Syntax and Semantics of Silent Categories*
LING594900 *Modal Markers and Their History Cross-linguistically*

Contributions: assisted in syllabi preparation, teaching material development, assessment design, and grading; facilitated classroom discussions and moderated presentation sessions; provided ad hoc tutoring and feedback on student performance.

02/2017–
08/2018 **Vietnamese Language Trainer**
Communicaid/Learnlight, London, United Kingdom
Courses offered:

- *Vietnamese for Corporate Learners* (all levels)

03/2016–
08/2018 **Associate Program Coordinator**
Vietnamese for International Students Programs
Department of Vietnamese Linguistics and Literature
HCMC University of Education, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

01/2012–
08/2018 **Part-time Lecturer of Vietnamese**
Loyola University Chicago Vietnam Center, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
Courses taught:

- VIET101 *Vietnamese I (Elementary Vietnamese)*: Spring & Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- VIET111 *Vietnamese I & II (Intensive Elementary Vietnamese)*: Spring & Fall 2018
- VIET252 *Vietnamese III (Vietnamese for Native Speakers)*: Spring & Fall 2012, 2013, Spring 2014, Spring & Fall 2015, 2016
- Survival Vietnamese (non-credit bearing): Spring 2012

11/2011–
08/2018 **Lecturer of Linguistics and Vietnamese**
Department of Vietnamese Linguistics and Literature
HCMC University of Education, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
Courses taught:

For the *Undergrad Program in Vietnamese for International Students* (2014–2018):

- *Text Grammar*
- *Vietnamese Language* (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced)

For the *Undergrad Programs in Vietnamese Linguistics and Literature Teacher Education, Vietnamese Literature, and Vietnamese Studies* (2014–2018):

- *Stylistics*
- *Discourse Analysis*
- *Language of Literature*
- *Language of Journalism*

For the *Short-term Vietnamese Courses Program* (2011–2018):

- *Vietnamese for Foreigners* (all levels)
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Research Visits

- 02–03/ **Visiting Scholar**
2026 Institute of Linguistics, University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany
01–02/ Collaborator: Barbara Meisterernst, Ph.D.
2025 Project: *The diachronic development of the verb phrase in Pre-Tang Chinese: Aspect and Modality from Classical to Early Medieval Chinese*
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Research Interests

Syntax-semantics and syntax-pragmatics interfaces, Comparative syntax, Historical linguistics, Language contact, Typology, Sociolinguistics

Journal Papers

- 2026 • Chou, C.-T. Tim & Trần Phan. Vietnamese *minh*: Attitudes, empathy and the blocking effect. *Language and Linguistics* 7(1), 1–52. (SSCI, A&HCI, Scopus) <https://doi.org/10.1075/lali.00250.cho>
- 2025 • Phan, Trần & W.-T. Dylan Tsai. Traversing the “where” landscape: Vietnamese *dâu* and the clausal architecture of Vietnamese. *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 34, 59–96. (SSCI, A&HCI, Scopus) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10831-024-09288-8>
- Phan, Trần & Barbara Meisterernst. Vietnamese post-verbal *đurọc*: aspectuality, modality, predication, and speaker commitment. *Taiwan Journal of Linguistics* 23(3), 77–108 (ESCI, Scopus) [https://doi.org/10.6519/TJL.202510_23\(3\).0004](https://doi.org/10.6519/TJL.202510_23(3).0004)
- Phan, Trần & C.-T. Tim Chou. Locative inversion in Vietnamese. *Languages* 10(3), 50. (ESCI, Scopus) <https://doi.org/10.3390/languages10030050>
- 2024 • Phan, Trần. Vietnamese modal system of dynamic possibility: a diachronic perspective. *Taiwan Journal of Linguistics* 22(1), 165–196. (ESCI, Scopus) [https://doi.org/10.6519/TJL.202401_22\(1\).0007](https://doi.org/10.6519/TJL.202401_22(1).0007)
- Phan, Trần & W.-T. Dylan Tsai. Verb raising, covert modality and flip-flop constructions in Vietnamese: a comparative perspective. *Taiwan Journal of Linguistics* 22(1), 135–163. (ESCI, Scopus) [https://doi.org/10.6519/TJL.202401_22\(1\).0006](https://doi.org/10.6519/TJL.202401_22(1).0006)
- 2023 • Phan, Trần. Trinity in unity: asking *what*, *how* and *why* with *sao* in Vietnamese. *Taiwan Journal of Linguistics* 21(2), 133–179. (ESCI, Scopus) [https://doi.org/10.6519/TJL.202307_21\(2\).0004](https://doi.org/10.6519/TJL.202307_21(2).0004)
- 2022 • Phan, Trần & W.-T. Dylan Tsai. Surprise-denial/disapproval *what*-questions in Vietnamese: a comparative perspective. *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (JSEALS)* Special Publication 9, 168–191. (Scopus)
- Liao, Y.-L. Irene, Trần Phan & T.-H. Jonah Lin. An antisymmetry approach to post-nominal modification in Vietnamese. *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (JSEALS)* Special Publication 9, 213–221. (Scopus)
- Tsai, W.-T. Dylan & Trần Phan. On the optionality of verb raising: a view from flip-flop sentences in Chinese and Vietnamese. *Nanzan Linguistics* 17, 189–202.
- 2017 • Phan, Trần. Sự tương tác của các ý nghĩa thể và kết cấu vị từ chuỗi chỉ chuyển động có hướng trong cách dùng tiếng Việt của một số người Mỹ gốc Việt [Aspectual interactions and directional serial verb constructions in the use of Vietnamese by Vietnamese Americans]. *Ngôn ngữ* [Language Journal] 2(333), 56–71. (ISSN: 0866-7519)
- 2014 • Phan, Trần. Về bốn ẩn dụ ý niệm trong thơ Nguyễn Bính [On four conceptual metaphors

in Nguyen Binh's poetry]. Ho Chi Minh City University of Education Journal of Science 63(97), 34–45. (ISSN: 2734-9918)

Books & Book Chapters

- 2021 • Dur, Ngọc Ngân (ed.), Dương, T. Hồng Hiếu, Tăng, T. Tuyết Mai & Phan Trần. *Vietnamese for Foreigners 3 (Tiếng Việt cho người nước ngoài 3)*. Ho Chi Minh: University of Education Publishing House. (ISBN: 978-604-309-329-2)
- 2019 • Hoang, Dung & Tran Phan. Gender in Vietnamese. In N. Duffield, T. Trinh & T. Phan (eds.), *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Vietnamese Linguistics* (Studies in Language Companion Series, 211), 253–273. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing. (Scopus)
- Phan, Trần. Vietnamese as a heritage language: a preliminary study on linguistic characteristics of Vietnamese Americans. In T. Engelbert (ed.), *Vietnamese Studies in Vietnam and Germany: New Contributions to Vietnamese Linguistics*, 15–44. Universität Hamburg: Publikationen der Hamburger Vietnamistik. (ISBN: 978-3-946953-01-2)

Unpublished Manuscripts

- Phan, Trần & W.-T. Dylan Tsai. (Not) in search of reason, cause, and purpose: *Why*-expressions in Vietnamese. Ms., National Tsing Hua University.
- Phan, Trần & W. Roger Liao. Two types of scalar *even*: evidence from Vietnamese and Mandarin Chinese. Ms., National Tsing Hua University & Academia Sinica.
- Phan, Trần & C.-T. Tim Chou. Simulative plurality in Vietnamese and its typological implications. Ms., National Tsing Hua University & National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University.
- Dur, Ngọc Ngân & Trần Phan. Handbook of Vietnamese Prepositions and Conjunctions (*Sổ tay dùng giới từ và liên từ tiếng Việt*). Ms., Ho Chi Minh City University of Education & National Tsing Hua University.

Refereed Presentations

- 2025 • Beyond the question: Deriving denial and disapproval in Vietnamese non-canonical interrogatives. At *6th International Workshop on Syntactic Cartography* (IWSC6). CUHK (Hong Kong), Oct. 31 - Nov. 1; with Dylan Tsai.
- On applicative constructions in Vietnamese and some Southern Chinese varieties. At *13th International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics* (ICAAL 13). Oct. 23-25; with Dylan Tsai & Xin-Tian Lau [Online presentation]
- Passive in Early Vietnamese grammars: a critical review. At *the 12th International Conference on Missionary Linguistics: Linguistic Encounters between Europe and Asia* (ICML-12). National Tsing Hua University (Hsinchu), Mar. 28-30.
- On the scales of EVENs: A view from Mandarin Chinese and Vietnamese. At *the 14th Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics* (TEAL-14). University of Southern California (LA), Mar. 18–20; with W. Roger Liao.
- Locative *wh* as negation in Vietnamese. At *the 14th Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics* (TEAL-14). University of Southern California (LA), Mar. 18–20; with W.-T. Dylan Tsai.
- 2024 • On three particle uses of verb-based *đi* in Vietnamese. At *the 12th International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics* (ICAAL12). Payap University (Chiang Mai), Oct. 23–25. [Online presentation]

- Disentangling scalarity from additivity: the many *even*'s of Vietnamese. At *the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society* (SEALS 33), National Tsing Hua University (Taipei), Jun. 15–17; with W. Roger Liao.
- Two types of scalar *even*: evidence from Vietnamese. At *The 14th Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia* (GLOW in Asia XIV), The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Mar. 6–8; with W. Roger Liao.
- 2023 • Every *where* all at once: Vietnamese *dâu* from a comparative perspective. At *The Fifth International Workshop on Syntactic Cartography* (IWSC 2023), Beijing Language and Culture University, Oct. 29–30; with W.-T. Dylan Tsai.
- Vietnamese bare reflexive and the blocking effect. At *The Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics 13* (TEAL-13), National Taiwan Normal University (Taipei), May 12–14; with C.-T. Tim Chou. [Poster]
- 2022 • (*Một cái*): a case of grammaticalization in Vietnamese. At *the 31st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society* (SEALS 31), The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Honolulu), May 18–20.
- 2015 • Vietnamese as a Heritage Language: A Preliminary Study on Linguistic Characteristics of Vietnamese Americans. At *International Conference on 'The Linguistics of Vietnam - 30 years of Renovation and Development'*, Academy of Social Sciences (Hanoi), Aug. 23.

Guest Lectures

- 2025 • *How*-expressions in Old Vietnamese. At *Seminar on Comparative Syntactic Studies of Modern and Classical Chinese*. Institute of Linguistics, National Tsing Hua University, Sep. 15.
- Comparative Syntax. At *Syntax II*. Institute of Linguistics, National Tsing Hua University, April 30.

Invited Talks & Non-refereed Presentations

- 2026 • Vietnamese *cho* beyond 'give': Word-order Change and Grammaticalization. At *Mapping Word Order: A Cartographic Perspective on Syntax*. Beijing Language & Culture U, Mar. 26-29. [Online]
- Mandarin *shì* and Vietnamese *là*: A tale of two complementizers. Invited talk at *Chinese Linguistics in Leiden (ChiLL) Lecture Series*. Leiden University, Feb. 18; joint work with Roger Liao.
- Applicative constructions as further evidence for a Mainland Southeast Asian Sprachbund? At *2026 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics* (ISVL-6). Ca' Foscari U of Venice, Feb. 26-27; with Xin Tian Lau and Dylan Tsai.
- Conditional evaluative constructions in Vietnamese. At *2026 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics* (ISVL-6). Ca' Foscari U of Venice, Feb. 26-27; with Alex Wimmer and Daniel Hole.
- From rhetorical attitude to high negative polarity: The diachronic syntax of Vietnamese *há* and *nào*. At *2026 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics* (ISVL-6). Ca' Foscari U of Venice, Feb. 26-27; with Barbara Meisterernst.
- Similitive plurality in Vietnamese and its typological implications. At *2026 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics* (ISVL-6). Ca' Foscari U of Venice, Feb. 26-27; with Tim Chou.
- 2025 • Marking finiteness with Vietnamese complementizer *là*. At *International Roundtable on*

- Comparative Syntax*. National Tsing Hua University, Oct. 19. [Flash talk]
- Canonical and non-canonical why-expressions in Vietnamese. At *2025 NTHU Linguistics Forum: Workshop on Syntax and Semantics*. National Tsing Hua University, May 12. [Invited talk]
 - On modal uses of tense markers in Vietnamese. At *2025 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics (ISVL-5)*. Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Jan. 30–31; with W.-T. Dylan Tsai.
 - Vietnamese *há* and Chinese *qǐ* in rhetorical questions: a diachronic syntax perspective. At *2025 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics (ISVL-5)*. Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Jan. 30–31; with Barbara Meisterernst.
 - Scalar EVENs in Vietnamese and Chinese. At the *Joint Research Colloquium in Syntax, Semantics and Pragmatics*. Institute of Linguistics, University of Stuttgart. Jan. 21. [Invited talk]
- 2024
- The scales of EVEN: A comparative study of Mandarin Chinese and Vietnamese. At *the 25th National Conference on Linguistics & the 13th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Taiwan*, National Tsing Hua University (Hsinchu), Oct. 19; with W. Roger Liao. [Invited talk]
 - Vietnamese *minh*: Attitudes, empathy and the blocking effect. At *the 15th Workshop on Formal Syntax and Semantics (FOSS-15)*. National Taiwan Normal University (Taipei), October 12–13; with C.-T. Tim Chou. [Invited talk]
 - In search of reason, cause, and purpose: *Why*-expressions in Vietnamese. At *2024 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics (ISVL-4)*. National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (Hsinchu), Mar. 16–17; with W.-T. Dylan Tsai.
 - Locative inversion in Vietnamese. At *2024 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics (ISVL-4)*. National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (Hsinchu), Mar. 16–17; with C.-T. Tim Chou.
- 2023
- Traversing the ‘where’ landscape: Vietnamese *dâu* beyond location. At *Workshop on the Syntax and Semantics of Austronesian and Southeast Asian Languages*, 2023 NTHU Linguistics Forum. National Tsing Hua University (Hsinchu), Nov. 10–11; with W.-T. Dylan Tsai. [Invited talk]
 - Vietnamese modal ĐƯỖC is only dynamic postverbally. At *2023 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics (ISVL-3)*. Konan University (Kobe), Mar. 17–19; with Barbara Meisterernst.
 - On the non-canonical uses of Vietnamese ĐẤU. At *2023 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics (ISVL-3)*. Konan University (Kobe), Mar. 17–19; with W.-T. Dylan Tsai.
- 2022
- The syntax and semantics of Vietnamese modal *được*: a diachronic and comparative account. At *2022 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics (ISVL-2)*. Konan University (Kobe), Mar. 19–20; with Barbara Meisterernst. [Online presentation]
 - On Vietnamese flip-flop constructions: a comparative perspective. At *2022 Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics (ISVL-2)*. Konan University (Kobe), Mar. 19–20; with W.-T. Dylan Tsai. [Online presentation]
- 2021
- Non-canonical *what*-questions in Vietnamese. At *A State-of-the-Fields Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics, Typology and Language Universals*. Harvard-Yenching Institute (Cambridge), Apr. 16–17; with W.-T. Dylan Tsai. [Online presentation]
 - An antisymmetry approach to post-nominal modification in Vietnamese. At *A State-of-the-Fields Workshop on Vietnamese Linguistics, Typology and Language Universals*. Harvard-Yenching Institute (Cambridge), Apr. 16–17; with Y.-L. I. Liao & T.-H. J. Lin. [Online presentation]

- 2016 • Ferdinand de Saussure's 'Course in General Linguistics': the central issues. At the *Conference in Honor of the 100th Year of Ferdinand de Saussure's 'Course in General Linguistics'*. HCMC Union of Science & Technology Associations (Ho Chi Minh), Dec. 22.
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Awards, Honors & Grants

- 2nd-place Award, *Ph.D. Thesis of the Year* (Linguistic Society of Taiwan) 2024
 - Grant for Attending International Conferences (NSTC & NTHU) 2022-2025
 - Student International Visiting Scholarship (NTHU) 2023
 - International Graduate Student Scholarship (NTHU) 2018–2023
 - SEALS 31 Travel Award (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa) 2022
 - Academic Excellence Award for Postgraduates (HCMUE) 2014
 - Academic Excellence Award for Undergraduates (HCMUE) 2011
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Services

- Ad-hoc Reviewer. *International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics* (2026), *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* (2025, 2026); *Languages* (2024, 2025); *Journal of Southeast Asian Linguistics Society* (2022).
 - Session Chair. *Mapping Word Order: A Cartographic Perspective on Syntax*, BLCU, March 2026. *The Fifth International Workshop on Syntactic Cartography*, BLCU, Oct. 2023.
 - Chair cum Commentator. *Tsing Hua Students Workshop on Linguistics 2022*, Session on Syntax, Semantics & Pragmatics, NTHU (Hsinchu), Dec. 12, 2022.
 - Deputy Secretary cum Treasurer. *Ho Chi Minh City Linguistics Society*, 2016–2018.
 - Organizing Committee Member. *Conference on Cao Xuân Hạo and Vietnamese Linguistics*, Ho Chi Minh Union of Science and Technology Associations (HCMUSTA), Dec. 23, 2017.
 - Organizing Team Member. *Conference on Research and Teaching of Language Arts in School Setting: From Tradition to Modernity*, HCMUE, Apr. 28, 2017.
 - Organizing Committee Member. *Conference in Honor of the 100th Year of Ferdinand de Saussure's 'Course in General Linguistics'*, HCMUSTA, Dec. 23, 2016.
 - Coach cum Facilitator. *2015 Fulbright Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Summer School* (U.S. Mission to Vietnam as co-host), Ho Chi Minh, Aug. 3–14, 2015.
 - Organizing Team Member. *Conference on Teaching Language Arts in The Context of Fundamental and Comprehensive Innovation of General Education*, HCMUE, Apr. 25, 2014.
 - Language Coordinator cum Chaperone. *Vietnam Loyola's Summer English Language Learning Program*, Loyola University Chicago (Chicago), Jul. 1–30, 2013.
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Professional Affiliations

- *Linguistic Society of Taiwan*, 2024–present
 - *International Association of Syntactic Cartographic Studies (Macao)*, 2021–present
 - *International Scholars of Vietnamese Linguistics*, 2021–present
 - *Ho Chi Minh City Linguistics Society*, 2016–present
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Additional Information

- Language Skills: *Vietnamese* (Native), *English* (Fluent), *Mandarin Chinese* (Advanced), *German* (Pre-Intermediate); *Nôm Script* (Advanced)
 - Software Skills: ELAN, Praat, Audacity
 - Certificate of Completion: *The TEFT Assessment (Test of English-for-Teaching)*, 2016
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References

References available upon request.