



## ***Policy Lessons for a post-COVID Recovery***

**Date: 7-8 March 2024**

**Venue: Asian Development Bank Institute,  
Kasumigaseki Building 8F, 3-2-5, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-6008, Japan**

**Organizers: ADBI & National Economics University**

### **DAY 1 - MARCH 7**

**12:00-13:00 Lunch**

**13:00-13:30 Registration**

**13:30-14:30 Opening Session**

13:30 – 13:40 Welcoming Remarks from ADB Institute: Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean \*Video

13:40 – 13:50 Welcoming Remarks from NEU: Bui Huy Nhung, Vice President

13:50 – 14:30 Keynote Speech (30-min online presentation & 10-min Q&A)

**Moderator: Peter Morgan (ADBI)**

Presenter: Jonathan Pincus, UNDP International advisor & Fulbright University (Viet Nam) professor \*Online

“Macroeconomic Policy Lessons from COVID-19 and Reflections on Viet Nam's Experience”

**14:30 – 14:50: Group Photo and Coffee Break**

**14:50-16:20 Session 1 – Macroeconomic issues**

**Chair: To Trung Thanh (National Economics University)**

14:50 – 15:20 Presenter 1: Tran Tho Dat, CFVG, National Economics University

“The Impact of COVID-19 on Vietnamese Gold Price Volatility”

Discussant: Hemachandra Padhan (Indian Institute of Management Sambalpur )

15:20 – 15:50 Presenter 2: Bach Ngoc Thang, Institute for Sustainable Development, National Economics University

“Inflation expectation and realized inflation in the post-Covid period in Vietnam”

Discussant: Nguyen Quoc Viet (Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research)

15:50 – 16:20 Presenter 3: Muhammad Ayub Mehar, Employers’ Federation of Pakistan

“Debt Financing and Tax Revenue in Post-COVID-19 Regime:

Economic Growth and Corporate Wealth in South Asian Countries” \*Online

Discussant: Fitri Handayani (BPS-Statistics Indonesia)

**16:20-16:30 Coffee Break**

**16:30-17:30 Session 2 – Trade Issues**

**Chair: Giang Thanh Long (National Economics University)**

16:30 – 17:00 Presenter 1: Nguyen Quoc Viet, Nguyen Thi Thoan, Bui Ha Linh, Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research

“Measuring impact of COVID-19 and government policy responses on trade flow:



- The case of ASEAN countries”  
Discussant: Bach Ngoc Thang (National Economics University)  
17:00 – 17:30 Presenter 2: Nguyen Bich Ngoc, National Economics University  
“Impacts of Covid-19 temporary trade measures on Vietnam’s trade efficiency with RCEP’s partners by Stochastic Frontier Gravity Model (SFGM)”  
Discussant: Peter Morgan (ADB I)

**18:00-19:30 Dinner**

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**DAY 2- MARCH 8**

**9:00-10:30 Session 3 – Firm performance and support**

**Chair: Peter Morgan (ADB I)**

- 9:00 – 9:30 Presenter 1: Duong Thi Chi, National Economics University  
“Firm performance and the role of provincial government in the COVID-19 pandemic era: Vietnamese listed companies’ analysis”  
Discussant: Muhammad Ayub Mehar (Employers’ Federation of Pakistan)  
\*Online
- 9:30 – 10:00 Presenter 2: Ta Van Loi, National Economics University  
“Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on logistics services in Vietnam: Recovery and development”  
Discussant: Nguyen Bich Ngoc (National Economics University)
- 10:00 – 10:30 Presenter 3: Fitri Handayani, BPS-Statistics Indonesia, Jakarta  
“Pandemic and SMEs Financing: The Role of Macroprudential Policy and Financial Development”  
Discussant: Le Thanh Ha (National Economics University)

**10:30-10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:15 Session 4: Digitalization**

**Chair: Tran Tho Dat (National Economics University)**

- 10:45 – 11:15 Presenter 1: Hemachandra Padhan, Indian Institute of Management Sambalpur, Dil Rahut, ADB Institute  
“Corporate Green Investment and Digital Finance on Growth Capacity: A study on Chinese Heavy Polluting Industries”  
Discussant: Nguyen Thi Hoa (DKD Vietnam Co., Ltd)
- 11:15 – 11:45 Presenter 2: Le Thanh Ha, National Economics University  
“Gauging the Interlinkage Level between Fintech and the Global Blue Economy Performance during the Post-COVID-19: New Findings from a Model-free Connectedness Approach”  
Discussant: Duong Thi Chi (National Economics University)
- 11:45 – 12:15 Presenter 3: Nguyen Thi Hoa, Nguyen Minh Khue, DKD Vietnam Co., Ltd  
“Does digitalization foster economic growth in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic?”  
Discussant: Muhammad Babar Shahzad, Pakistan Currency Exchange Company

**12:15-13:15 Lunch**

### **13:15-14:15 Session 5 – Small & medium enterprises (SMEs)**

**Chair: Dil Rahut (ADB Institute)**

- 13:15 – 13:45 Presenter 1: Muhammad Babar Shahzad, Pakistan Currency Exchange Company  
“Ensuring Sustainable Business performance of SMEs under uncertainty after COVID-19: The Role of Psychological Capital Beyond Social and Economic Resources”  
Discussant: Le Quoc Hoi (National Economics University)
- 13:45 – 14:15 Presenter 2: Le Quoc Hoi, Anh Duc Do & Dieu Linh Ha, National Economics University  
“The impact of the supply chain on the resilience of small and medium-sized enterprises after the Covid-19 pandemic: A case study of Community-Based Tourism Enterprises in rural areas of Vietnam”  
Discussant: Ta Van Loi (National Economics University)

### **14:15-15:15 Session 6: Health and Wellbeing**

**Chair: Le Quoc Hoi (National Economics University)**

- 14:15 – 14:45 Presenter 1: Peter Morgan, ADBI  
“Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Human Capital: Evidence from a Household Survey in Southeast Asia”  
Discussant: Bach Ngoc Thang (National Economics University)
- 14:45 – 15:15 Presenter 2: Long Thanh Giang, National Economics University  
“Factors contributing to differences in unmet healthcare needs among the Vietnamese older persons before and after the COVID-19 pandemic”  
Discussant: Nguyen Quoc Viet (Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research)

### **15:15-15:30 Coffee Break & setup tables/chairs for panel discussion**

### **15:30-16:30 Session 7 – Panel discussion**

**Moderator: Peter Morgan (ADBI)**

Topic: Policies to promote digitalization and support SMEs

Panelist 1: Dil Rahut (ADBI)

Panelist 2: Tran Tho Dat (National Economics University)

Panelist 3: Nguyen Quoc Viet (Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research)

Panelist 4: Fitri Handayani (BPS-Statistics Indonesia)

### **16:30-17:15 Closing Session**

- 16:30 – 16:45: Best paper award and Group Photo
- 16:45 – 17:00: Special Journal Issue: Le Quoc Hoi (National Economics University)
- 17:00 – 17:15: Closing Remarks: Dil Rahut (ADBI)