



# **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FEMINISM, GENDER AND LAW 2024**

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## SALUTATIONS FROM THE ICFGL 2024 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The University of Economics and Law, Vietnam National University - Hochiminh City, cordially invite you to the International Conference on Feminism, Gender, and Law 2024 (ICFGL 2024).

Following the success of ICFGL 2021, ICFGL 2024 is hosted by our university and sponsored by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Southeast Asia (RLS SEA). This conference aims to bring together scholars, activists, and policymakers from around the world to discuss and debate the latest research and developments in gender, feminism, and law. Traditional legal frameworks often assume a neutral and objective legal system. Feminist legal theory challenges this notion, arguing that law is inherently shaped by masculine perspectives and has historically perpetuated gender inequality. By examining the intersection of gender, law, and society, feminist legal theory offers a critical lens for understanding and transforming legal systems.

We are honoured to have distinguished keynote speakers:

- **Prof. Rosemary HUNTER**, Kent Law School, University of Kent, United Kingdom
- **Dr TRINH Thuc Hien**, University of Economics and Law, VNU-HCM, Viet Nam
- **Dr Emma PALMER**, Senior Lecturer, Griffith University, Australia
- **Assoc. Prof. Puja KAPAI**, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong China

Featuring esteemed keynote speakers and a diverse array of conference papers exploring topics such as feminist legal theory, women's access to resources and justice, property rights, motherhood, gender in transnational contexts, workplace equality, and gender-based violence, ICFGL 2024 is poised to make a substantial contribution to the field of feminist legal scholarship and practice.

ICFGL 2024 offers a unique opportunity to connect with leading scholars, policymakers, and practitioners in gender, feminism, and law. The network we build at the conference will foster our shared commitment to a more just and equitable world.

We are looking forward to your participation and contribution to the ICFGL 2024. Your expertise and insights will be invaluable to the conference's continuing success.

Thank you for joining us. We hope you have a meaningful and fruitful conference.

All the best,

Assoc. Prof. Lê Vũ Nam

Chairman of the ICFGL 2024 Organising Committee

The University of Economics and Law, Vietnam National University at Hochiminh City

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Rosemary Hunter**

University of Kent,  
the United Kingdom

She is Professor of Law and Socio-Legal Studies and Head of the Law School at the University of Kent, UK.

She commenced her academic career in Australia before moving to the UK in 2006. Her research interests are broadly in feminist legal theory and socio-legal scholarship, with a particular focus on family law and domestic violence, access to justice, and judging and the judiciary. Her edited books include *Choice and Consent: Feminist Engagements with Law and Subjectivity* (2007) and *Rethinking Equality Projects in Law: Feminist Challenges* (2008).

She was one of the founders of the international feminist judgments movement and co-organiser of the UK, Australian and Aotearoa/New Zealand Feminist Judgment Projects. She is also a founding editor of the online journal *feminists@law: an open access journal of feminist legal scholarship*. In 2022 she was made an honorary King's Counsel in the UK in recognition of her contributions to the law on domestic violence and family justice.



**Emma Palmer**

Griffith University,  
Australia

She is a member of the Griffith Asia Institute and Law Futures Centre at Griffith University.

Emma's research analyses how various, especially civil society, actors create and adapt international law norms in different contexts, particularly within Southeast Asia and in relation to gender issues and the role of the International Criminal Court. Emma has published three books: *Adapting International Criminal Justice in Southeast Asia: Beyond the International Criminal Court* (Cambridge University Press), *The Amicus Curiae and International Criminal Justice* (co-authored, Hart) and a co-edited collection, *Futures of International Criminal Justice* (Routledge) released in 2022.

She is currently co-authoring a manuscript on feminist principles and international law with Professor Susan Harris Rimmer (contracted with Edward Elgar). Emma was awarded her PhD from UNSW Law, where she received a Masters in Law and assisted two Australian Research Council projects, "Evaluating civil society participation before international criminal tribunals: the amicus curiae and the rights of the defence" (DP140101347) and "Combating sexual violence against women post-conflict through 'transformative' reparations: problems and prospects" (DP140102274), for which she worked on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia case study. Prior to academia, Emma was a senior investment analyst and has been admitted as a lawyer in New South Wales. She was a Director for Women's Legal Service NSW until 2023.

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**Puja Kapai**

University of Hong Kong

Puja Kapai is a multi-award-winning researcher, academic and community justice advocate. She is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law and Convenor of the Women’s Studies Research Centre at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). Her expertise lies in international human rights law, minority rights, and intersectional legal studies, focusing on the rights of marginalised communities. Puja’s work has influenced policy and law reform in Hong Kong on racial equality and gender-based violence. Her comprehensive reports on the Status of Ethnic Minorities in Hong Kong 1997-2014 and the intersectional challenges experienced by ethnic minority victims of domestic violence broke new ground in putting these issues on the map in HK. In 2018, she published the first qualitative study examining the phenomenon of forced marriages in HK while in 2019, she did an in-depth study on identity, belonging and aspirations of ethnic minority youth in Hong Kong and the first study on the prevalence of unconscious bias in Asia.

Her work and recommendations have been presented to the HK Legislative Council, the Poverty Commission, the UN Human Rights Committee, Committee on Rights of the Child, CEDAW Committee and Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, leading to key concluding observations and shifts in policy implementation.

Puja is a frequent Keynote Speaker and was recently invited to speak on minority girls in education at the UN Forum on Minority Issues in 2019 and on hate speech at the UN Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Minority Issues in 2020. She has presented her work before UN treaty bodies and the UN Forum on Minority Issues and was appointed as a research consultant in respect of the 30th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Minorities. In recognition of her contributions to advancing pluralism, inclusion and equality and the impact of her work inside and outside the classroom, Puja received the International Women of Courage Award 2015, the Faculty of Law’s Outstanding Teaching Award in 2016, HKU’s Knowledge Exchange Award 2017, the American Chamber of Commerce’s Professional Woman of the Year Award 2019 and the 2021 Global Pluralism Award.



**Trinh Thuc Hien**

University of Economics and Law,  
Vietnam

Dr. Trinh Thuc Hien is a Vice Dean and a lecturer in law at the Faculty of Economic Law, University of Economics and Law, Vietnam National University - Ho Chi Minh City (UEL). She received her legal training at Lancaster University, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, and the Ho Chi Minh City University of Law. Her research interests include feminist legal theory, Vietnamese case law, forest carbon and forestry law. She has served as a Project Content Manager for the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung South Hanoi Office-funded project "Implementation of Feminist Legal Theory" since 2021. She was previously a Consultant for the Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (DFCD)-funded project "Blue Carbon Project in the Mekong Delta: Law and Policy Review" and has worked on numerous projects to develop forest carbon projects in Vietnam. Her latest publication is the book "Toward Vietnamese Feminist Judgments".

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

TIME GMT+7	CONTENT	SPEAKERS
<b>Opening Room: UEL Space</b>		
7:45	<b>Registration</b>	
8:10	<b>Opening remarks</b>	
	Welcome from the University of Economics and Law, VNU-HCM, Viet Nam	Assoc. Prof. LE Vu Nam <i>Vice President University of Economics and Law VNU-HCM, Viet Nam</i>
	Welcome from Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung Hanoi Office	Mr. Stefan MENTCHEL <i>Director Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Hanoi Office</i>
	<b>Group photos</b>	
<b>Morning Plenary Session Room: UEL Space</b>		
8:40	Feminist lawmaking	Prof. Rosemary HUNTER <i>Kent Law School, University of Kent, United Kingdom</i>
9:00	Integrating feminist legal theory into Vietnamese law	Dr. TRINH Thuc Hien <i>University of Economics and Law VNU-HCM, Viet Nam</i>
9:20	<b>Discussion</b>	Moderator: Assoc. Prof. DUONG Kim Anh <i>Vietnam Women's Academy, Vietnam</i>
9:40	<b>Tea break</b>	
<b>Parallel Morning Panel Sessions</b>		

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10:00	<p><b>Panel 1 (English with Simultaneous Interpretation):</b>  <b>Feminist law: Vision and implication</b></p> <p><b>Room: Room: UEL Space</b></p>	<p>Moderator:          Assoc. Prof. Tran Thang Long  <i>HCMC University of Law, Vietnam</i></p>
	The contribution of feminist legal theory to the analysis of gender stereotypes	<p>Elena GHIDONI</p> <p><i>Discussant: PHAM Quoc Loc</i></p>
	Legal epistemology versus epistemology of feminist judgment projects. The case of Poland.	<p>Lidia M. RODAK</p> <p><i>Discussant: TRINH Thuc Hien</i></p>
	Gender Equality, Neoliberalism, and the Law: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Vietnam's 2006 Gender Equality Law	<p>PHAM Quoc Loc &amp; LE Quang Binh</p> <p><i>Discussant: Lidia M. RODAK</i></p>
	Mainstreaming gender into policy and law: From theory to practice	<p>DUONG Kim Anh</p> <p><i>Discussant: TRAN Thang Long</i></p>
10:00	<p><b>Panel 2 (Vietnamese):</b>  <b>Women's access to resources and justice</b></p> <p><b>Room: B2.202</b></p>	<p>Moderator:          Dr. VU Kim Hanh Dung  <i>University of Economics and Law          VNU-HCM, Viet Nam</i></p> <p>Dr. LE Nguyen Gia Thien  <i>University of Economics and Law          VNU-HCM, Viet Nam</i></p>
	Challenges and prospects for legal reform on feminism in Vietnam	<p>VO Cong Khoi</p> <p><i>Discussant: NGUYEN Thi Binh</i></p>
	Empowering women through access to financial services in the digital economy	<p>LE Thi Thao</p> <p><i>Discussant: VO Cong Khoi</i></p>
	Law-making to support the enjoyment of rights and protect women against the impacts of climate change	<p>NGUYEN Thi Lan Anh &amp; NGUYEN Thi Binh</p> <p><i>Discussant: : NGUYEN Phuong Cham</i></p>

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	The intersection of health law and feminist legal theory: Patient choice and relational autonomy	<p>NGUYEN Thi Phuong Cham</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> LE Thi Thao</p>
	Ensuring women’s equitable access to medicines under TRIPs agreement	<p>VU Kim Hanh Dung &amp; PHAN Thi Huong Giang</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> LE Nguyen Gia Thien</p>
10:00	<p><b>Panel 3 (Vietnamese)</b></p> <p><b>Women in private law: A feminist critique</b></p> <p><b>Room: A.107</b></p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Thi Hong Nhung  <i>University of Economics and Law  VNU-HCM, Viet Nam</i></p>
	Vietnamese private international law from the lens of feminist legal theory	<p>NGUYEN Thi Hong Nhung &amp; NGO Minh Phuong Thao</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> NGUYEN Phan Khoi</p>
	Law on protection of women's rights and benefits when non – court divorce from the perspective of feminist legal theory	<p>NGUYEN Thi Vy Quy</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> NGUYEN Dinh Duc</p>
	A comparative study on termination of pregnancy under the laws of some countries	<p>HA Le Thuy &amp; LAM To Trang</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> NGUYEN Thi Kim Chung</p>
	Some gender issues view from the draft Law on Gender affirmation	<p>NGUYEN Phan Khoi &amp; NGUYEN Thi My Linh</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> HA Le Thuy</p>
	Customary law shaping gender power in the cultural behavior of the Raglai	<p>NGUYEN Tran Bao Trinh &amp; LE Anh Van</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> NGUYEN Thi My Linh</p>
11:45	<b>Lunch</b>	
<p><b>Afternoon Plenary Session</b></p> <p><b>Room: UEL Space</b></p>		

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13:15	Feminist principles for international law: Gendered experiences and tensions	Dr. Emma PALMER <i>Senior Lecturer Griffith University, Australia</i>
13:40	Understanding and addressing forced marriages: The indispensability of an intersectional feminist framework	Assoc. Prof. Puja KAPAL <i>Faculty of Law, University of Hongkong Hongkong China</i>
14:00	<b>Discussion</b>	Moderator Associate Prof. Nguyen Ngoc Dien <i>University of Economics and Law VNU-HCM, Viet Nam</i>
14:20	<b>Tea break</b>	
<b>Afternoon Parallel Panel Sessions</b>		
14:40	<b>Panel 4: (English with Simultaneous Interpretation)</b> <b>Gender in the transnational context: A Feminist Analysis</b>  <b>Room: UEL Space</b>	Moderator: Dr. Emma PALMER <i>Senior Lecturer Griffith University, Australia</i>
	Globalization, transnational powers and gender justice: A socialist feminist perspective	NGUYEN Truong Anh Tram  <i>Discussant: Sukayna EL-ZAYAT</i>
	Gendered Violence as a Weapon of War: A Feminist Analysis of International Responses in the Case of Bosnia	Sukayna EL-ZAYAT  <i>Discussant: Emma Palmer</i>
	The evolution of feminist thought in Vietnam during the French colonial period	DANG Cong Cuong & TRAN Thi Dieu Ha  <i>Discussant: NGUYEN Phuong Dung &amp; VU Truc Hanh</i>
	Ensuring the rights of women migrant workers through transitional justice: A case study of Vietnamese women migrant workers	NGUYEN Phuong Dung & VU Truc Hanh  <i>Discussant: NGUYEN Truong Anh Tram</i>

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14:40	<b>Panel 5 (Vietnamese)</b> <b>Gender equality at the workplace</b>  Room: B2.202	Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Doan Thi Phuong Diep <i>University of Economics and Law VNU-HCM, Viet Nam</i>
	Deconstructing the 'man' of law for gender equality: A critique in Vietnam labour law	DOAN Thi Phuong Diep & DANG Hoang Minh  Discussant: NGUYEN Thi My Linh
	Laws on ensuring the working environment of female migrant workers in Vietnam	TRAN Thi Le Hang  Discussant: DANG Hoang Minh
	The impact of Vietnam's social security law on gender equality - approach from the perspective of feminist legal theory	DOAN Thi Phuong Diep & DANG Hoang Minh  Discussant: NGUYEN Phan Khoi
	Contesting employment discrimination against transgender women in Vietnam: An intersectional feminist approach to labour regulations reform	NGUYEN Thi Xuan Mai  Discussant: DOAN Thi Phuong Diep
14:40	<b>Panel 6 (Vietnamese)</b> <b>Gender-based violence</b>  Room: A.107	Moderator: Assoc. Prof. NGO Huu Phuoc <i>University of Economics and Law VNU-HCM, Viet Nam</i>
	Legal protection for women as victims of criminal acts - Research from the act of secret recording and photographing in public places	ĐO Qui Hoang & LE Thi Mai  Discussant: NGUYEN Nam Trung
	The Legalization of Prostitution in Vietnam: A Multifaceted Approach to Protecting Women	NGUYEN Thi Bao Anh  Discussant: Thai Thi Tuyet Dung
	Sanctions for sexual harassment in the workplace against female workers in Vietnam - Theory and practice	NGUYEN Thi Ngoc Uyen & THAI Thi Tuyet Dung  Discussant: NGUYEN Thi Bao Anh
	Applying feminist legal theory in ensuring the rights of "transgender women" in criminal proceedings	NGUYEN Nam Trung  Discussant: NGUYEN Thi Ngoc Uyen

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	Feminist legal theory and application to the case of obstetric violence against women	<p>NGUYEN Dinh Duc, CHAU Thi My Tien &amp; LE Thi Cam Linh</p> <p><i>Discussant: LAM To Trang</i></p>
<p><b>Closing</b>                  Room: UEL Space</p>		
16:30	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<p>Mr. Stefan MENTCHEL  <i>Director                  Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Hanoi Office</i></p> <p>Dr. TRINH Thuc Hien  <i>University of Economics and Law                  VNU-HCM, Viet Nam</i></p>

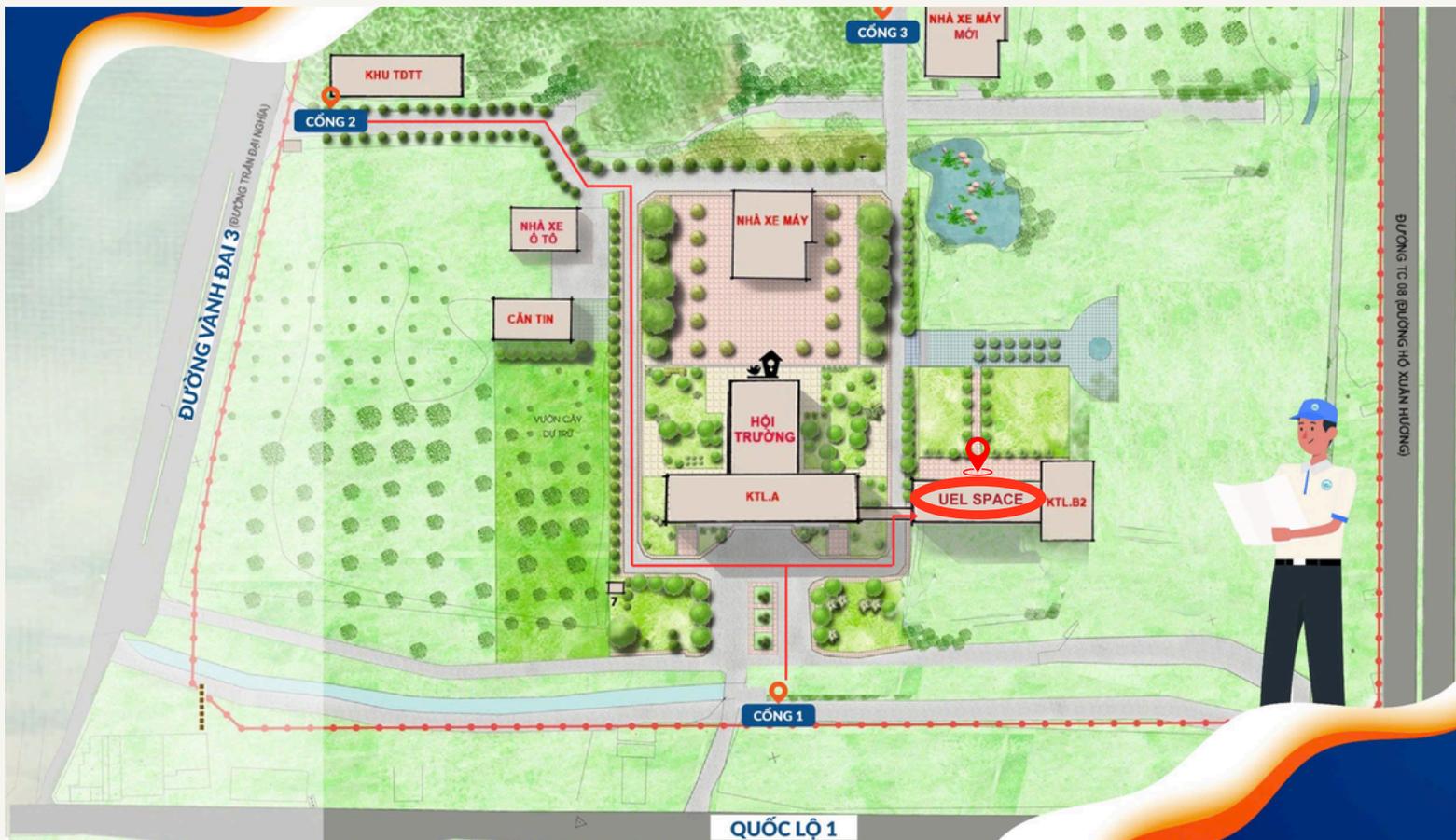
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7	Dr.	Emma PALMER	Griffith University, Australia
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9	Dr.	LAM To Trang	Open University HCMC
10	Dr.	LE Anh Van	Thai Binh Duong University
11	Ms.	LE Thi Cam Linh	University of Economics and Law, VNU-HCM
12	Ms.	LE Thi Mai	Hanoi University of Law
13	Dr.	LE Thi Thao	University of Law, Hue University
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