Vietnam’s relationship with China and diasporic Chinese people is unique in Southeast Asia. In no other country are the connections between Chinese and local people and governments as old, as complex, or as intimate as in Vietnam. Yet in many important respects, the details of this ongoing relationship remain poorly understood by researchers, largely because of the dominant influence of nationalist political agendas and research priorities reflecting them.

The international workshop “Vietnam, China and Chinese in Vietnam: New Research on Chinese in Vietnam, Past and Present” will challenge the enveloping Vietnamese nationalist discourse that has simplified and stereotyped “the Chinese” in Vietnam, and begin to revitalise scholarly understanding of the field.

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