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## ABSTRACT 2/2025

### **1. Tran Hong Thu: *Some Cultural Issues in the Development of Vietnam's Mainland Border Areas***

**Abstract:** *The article summarises, analyses, and evaluates several cultural issues in the development of Vietnam's mainland border regions. These encompass the transformation and fading of ethnic cultures, the obstruction posed by culture to economic development, and the rise in social vices and instability. Based on these analyses, the article proposes several recommendations to preserve, develop, and utilise culture as a resource for socioeconomic development and the protection of political security in Vietnam's border regions.*

**Keywords:** *Culture, development, Vietnam's mainland border areas.*

### **2. Nguyen Cong Thao: *Development Cannot Come from a Half: Social Norms or Burdens for Ethnic Minority Women***

**Abstract:** *The article focuses on analysing certain social norms for women that remain fairly widespread among numerous ethnic minority groups. These are expectations and demands related to the duties and responsibilities that women ought to undertake within the family and community spheres. Regardless of their form, these norms exert a considerable influence on women's status. Drawing on research findings from four ethnic communities – Bru-Van Kieu, Ta-oi (Pa Co group), Nung, and Hmong – the article demonstrates that certain norms towards women impose additional obligations upon them, diminish their opportunities to engage in decision-making within the family and community, and restrict their prospects for social integration.*

**Keywords:** *Social norms, ethnic minority women, gender prejudice.*

### **3. Nguyen Thi Tuyet Mai: *Spontaneous Labour Migration of Bru-Van Kieu Women in Quang Binh Province: Analysis from Gender and Cultural Perspectives***

**Abstract:** *From a cultural and gender perspective, this article analyses the spontaneous labour migration activities of Bru-Van Kieu women in Quang Binh Province. The article highlights profound gender inequality in labour migration opportunities, where women are frequently constrained by traditional gender roles, stereotypes regarding virtue, and family responsibilities, while men are encouraged to migrate as a manifestation of responsibility. Factors such as low educational levels, lack of skills, and the absence of gender-sensitive policies further exacerbate barriers for women. The article also contributes to elucidating how socio-cultural factors and gender norms shape the migration behaviour of ethnic minority women.*

**Keywords:** *Bru-Van Kieu, labour migration, gender barrier, Quang Binh.*

### **4. Vu Thi Hai Ha: *Khmer People's Labour Migration with Hunger Eradication and Poverty Reduction in Tinh Bien Town, An Giang Province***

**Abstract:** Since around 2010, to address the problem of hunger and poverty and diversify livelihoods, labour migration has become a movement within the Khmer community in Tinh Bien Town, An Giang Province. Alongside cross-border labour migration, the movement towards major cities and inland industrial centres to seek employment has emerged as a new livelihood strategy for the Khmer people here. Although certain limitations persist, this strategy has swiftly demonstrated its effectiveness in tackling employment issues, enhancing income, improving living standards, and thereby contributing substantially to poverty alleviation efforts in the locality. Based on fieldwork findings and prior scholarly research, this article clarifies the role of labour migration in hunger eradication and poverty reduction in the Khmer community in Tinh Bien Town, An Giang Province in recent years.

**Keywords:** Labour migration, hunger eradication and poverty reduction, Khmer people, Tinh Bien, An Giang.

#### **5. Nguyen Thu Trang, Le Thi Mui: Social Assistance to Ensure Social Security for Ethnic Minority Migrant Workers in Some Industrial Zones of Bac Ninh Province**

**Abstract:** Amidst robust industrial development, Bac Ninh Province has attracted a significant number of migrant workers from rural and mountainous areas, including many ethnic minority workers. Ensuring social assistance for workers in industrial zones, particularly ethnic minority migrants, is essential to guarantee social security and labour equality. Based on fieldwork findings from several industrial zones in Bac Ninh Province, this article analyses the current state of social assistance for ethnic minority workers, the achievements attained, as well as issues yet to be addressed. On this basis, the study proposes several recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of social assistance efforts, supporting ethnic minority workers in their integration and development process today.

**Keywords:** Social assistance, labour migration, ethnic minorities, industrial zones, Bac Ninh.

#### **6. Nguyen Truong Giang: Obstacles in Accessing Education, Healthcare, and Social Welfare for Hmong Children in Thuan Chau District, Son La Province**

**Abstract:** The article focuses on analysing several obstacles faced by Hmong children in Co Tong Commune, Thuan Chau District, Son La Province. These difficulties arise from various aspects of the children's lives, including healthcare, education, and social welfare. The article also identifies the reasons behind these challenges and proposes some interventions to address the difficulties encountered by children in the study area.

**Keywords:** Children, Hmong people, healthcare, education, social welfare.

**7. Le Thi Mui, Nguyen Thanh Trung: *Social Connectivity via the Internet and Social Media amongst Ethnic Minority Workers in the Context of Industrialisation and Modernisation***

**Abstract:** *In the context of globalisation, the internet and social media have become an indispensable part of social connectivity among ethnic minority workers. This article analyses the current state of social connectivity through the internet and social media among ethnic minority workers in several industrial zones in the Red River Delta, and the impacts of this connectivity on their lives and work, encompassing both positive and negative aspects. On this basis, the article proposes some suggestions to promote the positive aspects of social connectivity through social media, assisting ethnic minority workers in integrating into the developing industrial environment today and contributing to the nation's overall development.*

**Keywords:** *Social connectivity, internet, social media, ethnic minorities, industrial zones.*

**8. Phạm Thị Cẩm Vân: *Mental Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Some Social Groups in Ho Chi Minh City***

**Abstract:** *This study analyses qualitative data demonstrating the mental impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on several social groups, such as grassroots officials directly supporting residents in pandemic prevention efforts, individuals quarantined at medical facilities or self-isolating at home, business owners, and teachers. The article clarifies the characteristics and nature of the mental impacts on these different social groups and identifies the reasons for such differences. The article is based on fieldwork findings in Ward 13, District 5, Ho Chi Minh City in 2024.*

**Keywords:** *COVID-19 pandemic, mental impacts, social groups, Ho Chi Minh City.*

**9. Le Đức Hạnh: *Catholicism in Kon Tum: Integration to Preserve and Promote Cultural Heritage Values***

**Abstract:** *Since the mid-19th century, Western missionaries began disseminating Catholicism in Kon Tum, Vietnam. Initially, they encountered numerous difficulties due to language barriers, differences in faith and culture, and conflicts between traditional polytheistic beliefs and the monotheistic faith of Catholicism. However, through various methods, Western missionaries integrated Catholicism with the cultures of local ethnic groups across domains such as language, music, lifestyle, and ancestor worship, thereby forming a new Catholic culture strongly imbued with local elements in the ethnic minority region. This cultural integration in Kon Tum, in particular, and more broadly in the Central Highlands, constitutes a process of preserving and promoting the cultural values of the ethnic communities' heritage in this area.*

**Keywords:** *Catholicism, integration, heritage preservation, culture, Kon Tum.*

**10. Lai Thi Ngoc Ho: *The Dua Tpeng Festival of Khmer People in Loc Khanh Commune, Loc Ninh District, Binh Phuoc Province: Current Status and Preservation Solutions***

*Abstract: The Dua Tpeng Festival, held in Loc Khanh Commune, Loc Ninh District, Binh Phuoc Province, is a form of communal cultural activity of the Khmer people. It not only bears profound spiritual significance, reflecting their bond with nature, prayers for abundant harvests, and a prosperous life, but also serves as an occasion to strengthen solidarity. The festival includes activities such as rituals to harvest aquatic resources from the pond, folk dancing and singing, organising communal meals, etc., thereby creating a vibrant atmosphere and connecting the community. Nevertheless, current socio-economic transformations and urbanisation processes are posing numerous challenges to preserving this festival, requiring solutions to increase community participation, governmental support, and public awareness of its heritage value.*

*Keywords: Dua Tpeng Festival, Khmer people, solutions, preservation, Binh Phuoc Province.*

**11. Vu Truong Giang: *The Role of Prestigious People in Ethnic Minority Areas During the Renovation Period***

*Abstract: Prestigious people – such as village elders, hamlet chiefs, lineage heads, religious dignitaries, shamans, sorcerers, and officials within the political system – are exemplary individuals with good morals, possessing the ability and experience to handle community affairs, and are acknowledged, trusted, and revered by the people. Based on clarifying the Vietnamese Communist Party and State’s evolving recognition of prestigious people, this article analyses their role in ethnic minority areas across specific domains and offers suitable proposals to enhance their roles within the context of the current Renovation (Đổi Mới) period.*

*Keywords: Prestigious people, ethnic minorities, Renovation period.*