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## Profile

Senior lecturer at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva; Director of the Executive Master in Asian Affairs (IHEID, EPFL, University of Geneva); Asian Academic Coordinator of the International Executive Master in Development Studies (IHEID, Asian Institute of Technology).

Dr. Dormeier Freire earned a Ph.D. in development studies at the University of Geneva. As a sociologist, he is mainly working on educational transformations with a special focus on skills development, internationalization of education, social inequalities, education-employment relations, educational choices and dropouts in emerging countries such as Vietnam and Indonesia. He is currently working on family role in educational and training choices in Southeast Asia and on dropouts school returnees. He is a member and former scientific collaborator of the Working Group for International Cooperation in Skills Development and NORRAG (Network for Policy Research, Review and Advice on Education and Training). He is a scientific board member of the Institute for Research on Educational Development (Vietnam).

## Fields of Expertise

- ✦ Education and training policies, educational analysis, skills development,
- ✦ Knowledge society, knowledge networks,
- ✦ Social inequalities,
- ✦ Methods in social sciences,
- ✦ Governance, decentralization.

## Education

### PH.D., 2005

Ph.D. in Development Studies at the Graduate Institute of Development Studies (IUED)-Social Sciences, University of Geneva. Title: *Knowledge Sharing and Industrial Development: Observation of engineers' social networks in an Indonesian high-tech enterprise (PT INTI)*. Jury: Prof. Jean-Luc Maurer (Supervisor, IUED), Prof. Michel Carton (IUED), Prof. Gilbert Probst (HEC, University of Geneva), Dr. Jean-Yves Martin (Institute for Research in Development, IRD, Paris, France), Dr. François Raillon (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, EHESS, Paris, France).

### BACHELOR AND MASTERS, 1994 - 1997

Bachelor and Master Degrees, Social Sciences, University of Geneva. Master Degree, University of Geneva and Graduate Institute of Development Studies, Geneva.

### AWARDS, 2002

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Ph.D. Fellowship award for prospective researchers.

## Scientific Activities

### SELECTED ACADEMIC PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- ✦ A. Dormeier Freire, C. Gironde, Lê Ngu Binh, *Travail, Emploi et Ressources Humaines au Viêt Nam: 15 ans de Rénovation* [Work, Employment and Human Resources in Viêt Nam: 15 Years of Renovation], in N. Hennaff, J.-Y. Martin (Eds), « Observatoire de l'emploi et des ressources humaines au Vietnam » [Human Resources and Employment Observatory], IRD-Karthala, Paris, 2003.
- ✦ A. Dormeier Freire, J.-L. Maurer, *Le dilemme de la décentralisation en Indonésie* [The Decentralization Dilemma in Indonesia], *Revue Archipel*, No 64, EHESS-CNRS, Paris, 2003, pp. 255-287.

- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, N. Henaff, J.-Y. Martin, *Doi Moi et globalisation, vers un accroissement des inégalités en matière d'éducation au Viêt Nam ?* [Doi Moi and Globalization: Growing Social Inequalities in the Education Sector in Viêt Nam?], RUIG-Défi Social du Développement, Genève, 2004.
- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, Vu Bich Thuy, *How Do National and International Actors Interact in Skills Development Strategies? The Analysis of Vietnam under Doi Moi (1986-2004)*, IUED, Collection Etudes Courtes, No9, Genève, 2006.
- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, J.-Y. Martin, N. Henaff, *Vietnam: Décentralisation et disparités dans l'offre éducative* [Vietnam: Decentralization and Disparities in the Public Education Supply], in C. Comelieu and *alii*, "Le défi social du développement: Globalisation et Inégalités" [Social Challenge of Development: Globalisation and Inequalities], IUED-Karthala, Collection DéveloppementS, Paris, 2006.
- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, M. Hufty, V. Neumann, P. Plagnat (Eds), *Jeux de Gouvernance, Regards et Réflexions sur un Concept* [Governance Games: Views and Analyses of a Concept], IUED-Karthala, Collection "DéveloppementS", Paris, 2007.
- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, P. Plagnat, *Gouvernance et relations économiques: les cas de la Corée du Sud et de l'Indonésie à la lumière de la crise* [Governance and Economics: the Case of South Korea and Indonesia in the Light of the Asian Financial Crisis], in « Jeux de Gouvernance, Regards et Réflexions sur un Concept », A. Dormeier Freire, M. Hufty, V. Neumann, P. Plagnat (Eds), IUED-Karthala, Collection DéveloppementS, Paris, 2007.
- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, *The Motorbikes against Ho Chi Minh? Or the Consumption Icons of a Social Transformation in Vietnam*, The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies, Vol. 27, No1, pp. 67-87, 2009.
- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, Luna Iacopini. *Quelle éducation pour qui ? Privatisation et évolutions des inégalités sociales au Vietnam* [What Education and for Whom? Privatization and Social Inequalities Trends in Vietnam]. In A. Akkari, J.-P. Payet (Eds). 'Transformation des systèmes éducatifs dans les pays du Sud. Entre globalisation et diversification', Coll. Raisons Educatives, De Boeck, Paris, 2010.
- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, *WTO Accession, Socioeconomic Transformations and Skills Development Strategies in Vietnam*. In J. London (Ed) 'Education in Vietnam', Vietnam Update Series, Australian National University, ISEAS, Singapore, 2011.
- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, Hong Trinh Giang, *Family Role in Vocational Education Choices, A Case Study in Vietnam*. International Studies in Sociology of Education, 22 (12), 2012.

*Forthcoming Peer Reviewed Articles:*

- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, L. Iacopini, *Family Role in Educational Choices: Western Assumptions? Evidences from Vietnam*, To be published, 2012.
- ✂ A. Dormeier Freire, Thi Bao Chinh, *Non-formal Education for Dropouts? Policies and Case Study in Vietnam*, To be published 2012.

**MAIN RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- ✂ 1999: Hanoi, *Human Resource Observatory*, joint research project by IRD (Institut de recherche pour le développement), World Bank, SDC (Swiss Development Cooperation Agency), IUED, Ministry of Labour Vietnam.
- ✂ 2002-2003: Geneva International Academic Network, *Social Challenge of Development*, Joint project GIDS, University of Geneva, University of Lausanne, United Nation Research Institute for Development (UNRISD).

✂ 2000-2001-2002: Jakarta, Bandung, *Knowledge Sharing and Industrial Development: Observation of engineers' social networks in an Indonesian high-tech enterprise (PT INTI)*.

✂ 2004-2006: Hanoi, *How Do National and International Actors Interact in Skills Development Strategies? The Analysis of Vietnam under Doi Moi (1986-2004)*, joint project SDC, IHEID, AITCV (Asian Institute of Technology Centre in Vietnam).

*In preparation:*

✂ Why do Asian Students Decide to Study in Swiss Universities? Family Role in Asian Students Higher Education Choices and Mobility (in collaboration with Universities of Geneva and Fribourg).

#### TEACHING

✂ 2005 to 2011: IMAS seminar: "State and Society: Decentralization and Governance in Southeast Asia", with Prof. Scott Fritzen (National University of Singapore) in 2005, and Prof. Edsel Sajor (Asian Institute of Technology, AIT) in 2006.

✂ 2005 to 2011: IMAS seminar: "Methods for Social Sciences: The Research Methodology", with Prof. Willi Zimmerman (AIT).

✂ 2008 to 2011: IMAS seminar: "The Social Inequalities Debate in Education and Employment", jointly organized with Dr. Patrick Belser (ILO).

#### SELECTED CONFERENCES (2007-2011)

✂ 28,29 November 2007: Australian National University, Canberra, Vietnam Update. Paper presented: *WTO Accession, Socio-economic Transformations Skills Development Strategies in Vietnam: What's next?*

✂ 24 April 2008: Network for Policy Research, Review and Advice on Education and Training, Geneva. Paper presented: *International Cooperation and Education in Vietnam*.

✂ 5,6,7 December 2008: 3rd International Conference on Vietnamese Studies, Hanoi. Paper presented: *Twenty Years of Doi Moi Reforms in the Education Sector: Between Successes and Uncertainties*.

✂ 11,12 December 2008: Vietnam, East Asia and Beyond, Southeast Asia Research Center, City University of Hong Kong. Paper presented: *New Generation of Global Challenges for Education and Skills Systems in Vietnam?*

✂ 24 February 2009: University of Geneva. Paper presented: *Internationalisation de l'éducation au Viêt Nam: Enjeux et Débats [Internationalization of Education in Viêt Nam: Challenges and Debate]*.

✂ 11 August 2009: South East Asian Ministries of Education Organization, 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Board and International Conference, Nha Trang, Vietnam. Paper Presented: *Swiss Quality Assurance and Accreditation System in Higher Education: Perspectives and Discussions for Southeast Asia*.

✂ 18 February 2010: Journées Raisons Educatives. Paper presented: *Quelle education pour qui? La privatisation et les evolutions des inégalités sociales au Vietnam [What education for whom? Privatization and Evolution of Social Inequalities in Vietnam]*.

✂ 19 February 2010: European Education Doctoral School (University of Geneva). Paper presented: *Methods and Investigations Techniques in Educational Research: Examples from Southeast Asia*.

✂ 5 May 2011: Center for Asian Studies (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) Annual Colloquium. Paper presented: *The Role of*

*Education in Industrial Transition: The case of Vietnam.*

✂ 17,18,19,20 August 2011: Shanghai International Conference in Social Sciences, Fudan University. Paper presented: *Family Role in Educational Choices: Western Assumptions? Illustrations from Vietnam.*