

# ABSTRACT

## Incorporating Vietnam into a World History Course

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The Council on International Education Exchange's first International Faculty Development Seminar in Vietnam appealed to me because of its applicability to the world history course. My goals in world history include offsetting the view that countries exist only when covered by the American media and depicting people in all countries as actors in historical events.

The CIEE seminar suggested several topics appropriate to these goals. Vietnam's place in the world revolutionary tradition, the Vietnamese response to the French presence, Ho's activities outside of Vietnam, and Vietnamese resistance during World War II are examples. The seminar introduced me to the perspectives of individual Vietnamese, including a former secretary to Ho Chi Minh, and to materials which I might otherwise have missed.

In short, this experience provided stimulating perspectives and practical applications with which to enliven a world history course.