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The Chair Collège de France at USTH in Vietnam is pleased to invite you to a cycle of lectures by **Professor Philippe DESCOLA** from Collège de France in Hanoi and Hồ Chí Minh City

**How anthropology will help scientists intertwine nature and society to better address the Earth system disequilibrium of Anthropocene?**

**Wednesday, April 17th**  
(14h00 - 16h30)

@ USTH Hanoi  
Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology  
18 Hoàng Quốc Việt, Nghĩa Đô, Cầu Giấy, Hà Nội

**Thursday, April 18th**  
(09h00 - 12h30)

@ USSH Hanoi  
336 Nguyễn Trãi, Thanh Xuân, Hà Nội  
Room 304, Block E

**Thursday, April 25th**  
(08h00 - 11h30)

@ USSH Hồ Chí Minh City  
10-12 Dinh Tien Hoang, Dist 1, Hồ Chí Minh City  
(18h30 - 20h00)

@ IDECAF Hồ Chí Minh City  
31 Thái Văn Lung, Quận 1,  
Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh City





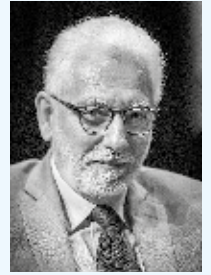
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**Philippe Descola** initially specialized in the ethnology of Amazonia under the supervision of Claude Lévi-Strauss, focussing on how native societies relate to their environment. He has published extensively on his field research with the Achuar of Ecuador and on the comparative analysis of the relations between humans and nonhumans, including images. He is Professor of Anthropology at the Collège de France and a Director of Studies at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris. Among his books in English are *In the Society of Nature*, *The Spears of Twilight*, *Beyond Nature and Culture*, *The Ecology of others*. He was awarded the Gold Medal of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, the highest scientific distinction in France. Philippe Descola is a fellow of the British Academy and a foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



**Steering committee:** Dr. Frédéric Thomas (IRD-USTH), Dr. Tran Dinh Phong (USTH), Dr. Emmanuel Pannier (IRD), Pr. Nguyen Van Suu (USSH), Dr. Lam Minh Chau (USSH Hanoi), Prof. Huynh Ngoc Thu (USSH Hồ Chí Minh City), Ms. Vy Cao (EPHE), Dr. Andrew Hardy, Dr. Olivier Tessier (EFEO)

## Program

**Hanoi, Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**14h00 - 16h30**

@ USTH Hanoi: *Bridging global environmental sciences and anthropology of nature*  
USTH 18 Hoàng Quốc Việt, Nghĩa Đô, Cầu Giấy, Hà Nội, Room 502, 5th floor, A21 Building

- Welcome remarks: Dr. Tran Dinh Phong, USTH Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer
- **Prof. Philippe Descola, *In the Society of Nature: An Anthropological Approach to Environmental Issues***
- Dr. Stan B H Tan-Tangbau, Human and Non-Human Actors in Ethnographic Research: Bridging the Sciences and the Arts
- Dr. Frédéric Thomas, Descola's Anthropology of nature and Latour's Sociology of science

**Hanoi, Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**09h00 - 12h30**

@ USSH Hanoi: *Schools, influences, and trends in environmental anthropology in Vietnam from cultural ecology to anthropology of nature*

USSH 336 Nguyễn Trãi, Thanh Xuân Trung, Thanh Xuân, Hà Nội, Room 304, Block E

- Welcome remarks: Prof. Phạm Quang Minh, Rector of USSH and Dr. Alexis Drogoul from IRD
- **Prof. Philippe Descola, *Ontological pluralism: examples form Amazonia and South East Asia***
- Dr. Nguyễn Công Thảo and Dr Phạm Cam Van, Some approaches to the study of human environment relations in Vietnam
- Dr. Đinh Hồng Hải, *Urbanization and symbolic ecology in Hanoi, old quarters and new City*
- Dr Frédéric Thomas, *Ontologies of nature in Vietnam through French colonial anthropology*

**Hồ Chí Minh City, Thursday, April 25**

**08h00 - 11h30**

@ USSH Hồ Chí Minh City: *Anthropology and community development in theory and practice from cultural ecology to anthropology of nature*

USSH Hồ Chí Minh City, 10-12 Dinh Tien Hoang, Dist 1, Hồ Chí Minh City

- Welcome remarks: Huynh Ngoc Thu - Dean of the Faculty of anthropology (USSH HCM City) and Dr. Olivier Tessier (EFEO)
- **Prof. Philippe Descola, *Ontological pluralism: examples form Amazonia and South East Asia***
- Prof. Le Thanh Sang, *Land use right and women status*
- Dr. Trương Thị Thu Hằng, *Local perception of human-ecology interconnection in agricultural production in the Central Highlands of Vietnam*
- Dr. Nguyen Quang Dung, *Complementarity between human and nature: adaptive local knowledge in a protected area of northern Thailand*
- Dr. Christian Culas, *Complementarity between human and nature: adaptive local knowledge in a protected area of northern Thailand*

**Hồ Chí Minh City, Thursday, April 25**

**18h30 - 20h00**

@ IDECAF Hồ Chí Minh City:

*The Art of Composing Worlds in the Era of the Anthropocene*

IDECAF, 31 Thái Văn Lung, Quận 1, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh City

- **Lecture by Prof. Philippe Descola *The Art of Composing Worlds in the Era of the Anthropocene***

