

Successful Strategic Research Grant (SRG) Projects

Project Title: Hospital Autonomy in Vietnam - Phase 2

Brief Abstract:

Building on original research carried out by the author and researchers at Vietnam's Institute of Health Strategy and Policy in 2006-07, the proposed study permit the first in-depth longitudinal assessment of hospital autonomization in Vietnam. The baseline study was conducted in 14 hospitals and found that autonomization was transforming hospitals' management and financial functions, though in highly varied ways and with uncertain implications for the quality and accessibility of care. While autonomization produced promising results in some areas, it raised question as to the merits of autonomization as has been practiced in Viet Nam, particularly given widely noted weakness in health sector governance. This second round of SRG support {first round is project no. 7004317) will permit investigation of the effects of autonomization in an additional five hospitals over a ten year period (bringing the total number to eight) in the first study in Vietnam of its kind.

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Biography:

Dr Jonathan D. London is a scholar of comparative political economy with interests in the political and institutional determinants of welfare, stratification, and vulnerability and the political economy of development. A leading analyst of Vietnam, his recent publications include *Politics in Contemporary Vietnam* (Palgrave 2014) and articles in such leading journals as *Social Science & Medicine*, and *The Annual Review of Political Science*.