

THE DYNAMICS OF STATE AND SOCIETY, FORMAL AND INFORMAL, URBAN AND RURAL AT THE PERI-URBAN HANOI

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Abstract:

The presence of people-led development alongside state-led formal development has been discussed as an important characteristic of Vietnam's urbanization. It was argued that people-led development by individuals and households were important drivers of Vietnam's early phases of urbanization. Now, more than a decade later, we can testify to the persisted co-existence of 'informal' initiatives at the side of state-led projects in many Vietnamese cities. This phenomenon provides a complex and interesting case for analysis of state and society relationship as well as the relationship between formality and informality in Vietnam's urban development. This research elaborates and expands upon the notion of state-led versus people-led urbanization proposed by McGee and emphasizes the role of 'informal' initiatives, not only in housing and urban space production, but also in the shaping of urban and housing policies. Using the case of 'informal', 'spontaneous' development bordering a gated community at the peri-urban Hanoi, the research explores the dynamics formal and informal, urban and rural, state and society. The research highlights the synergies and tensions between state projects and spatial practices of individuals and groups, particularly those of the urban poor. The research is based on policies document analysis and qualitative interviews with businesses actors on Nguyen Hoang Ton Street and residents in Xuan dinh village adjacent to Ciputra.

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