

HUYNH GIA BAO

Independent Researcher & Educator | Vietnam National Service Veteran

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OBJECTIVE

Independent researcher and educator in Ho Chi Minh City, and Vietnam national service veteran (mandatory military service under Vietnamese law, 2023–2025 — not U.S. military veteran status). Building two ongoing cross-disciplinary research programmes spanning political theory, comparative history, bioethics, and AI governance, conducted as an open, timestamped human–AI collaborative practice. Currently formalizing this work through Arizona State University coursework ahead of returning to full-time study. Prior to national service, sustained work across logistics, sales, and education ran in parallel with independent research; those roles were interrupted by service and subsequently resumed upon discharge. Consistent follow-through, self-directed time management, and the discipline to carry multiple responsibilities simultaneously — before and after service — define the working method throughout.

CORE SKILLS

- Research, analytical & long-form writing
- Curriculum design & individualized instruction
- Political theory & institutional analysis
- Cross-functional coordination & stakeholder comms
- Comparative and premodern Chinese/Sinographic historical research
- Logistics & inventory operations
- Human–AI collaborative research methodology
- Self-directed project & time management
- Vietnamese (native) · English (professional)

EDUCATION

Arizona State University — Universal Learner Courses (independent enrollment)2026–Present

- Current coursework: INR 194, Introduction to Global Affairs; POS 110, American Government and Politics

Arizona State University — TESOL Professional Certificate

Saigon University — English Language Linguistics — paused, degree not completed

Hoang Hoa Tham High School, Binh Thanh DistrictGraduated 2020

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Longevity Asymmetry Corpus & Phylogenetic Closure Corpus2022–Present

- Two ongoing, self-directed research programmes on political legitimacy, institutional design, and AI governance, built through an explicit human–AI collaborative methodology emphasizing falsifiability and dated, checkable evidence rather than speculation.
- The corpus's foundations were laid independently from 2022 to mid-2025 through sustained reading in political theory, institutional history, and philosophy of technology, with formal writing beginning January 2026. Publication began deliberately in June 2026, following Anthropic's "When AI Builds Itself" (June 4, 2026), whose documentation of active recursive self-improvement gave the corpus's premise the empirical anchor it had lacked.
- A paper testing a published AI-governance legitimacy framework by Erman & Furendal (Stockholm University) against longevity biopolitics generated direct correspondence with the framework's authors.
- 160+ working papers, timestamped and archived as an ongoing research record on Zenodo, PhilPapers, and PhilArchive; indexed on ORCID (0009-0008-2372-5852) and Google Scholar. Work spans political philosophy, bioethics, AI governance, institutional theory, and comparative history.
- A parallel comparative-history line within the corpus tests how political legitimacy and institutional memory survive conquest, succession crisis, and regime failure — anchored in premodern Chinese dynastic history and the Sinographic order's imprint on Vietnamese state formation, and tested against comparative cases from Tudor England and the Papacy to Cromwell's Commonwealth, the French Republic, and the Mexican Revolution.
- Selected papers: "The Office He Never Held" (Song Jiaoren, Cromwell's Commonwealth, the French Republic, and Madero's Mexico on how institutional memory survives defeat); "The Hua-Yi Mistranslation" (Ming succession, Qing legitimacy, and Nguyễn Vietnam's own protectorate over Trấn Tây Thành, 1834–1841); "Borrowed Legitimacy" (the Tang dynasty's protectorate system through the UN's transitional administration in East Timor); "Not a Divisible Good" (testing an AI-governance legitimacy framework against longevity biopolitics); "Sovereignty Was Never Pure" (a reflection on ASU's Introduction to Global Affairs, Module 1).
- A third, applied line adapts Bowlby's attachment theory to human–AI relationships, tested against OpenAI's 2025–2026 GPT-4o retirement ("Statelessness"; "The Separation That Doesn't Register").

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NAB Innovation Centre Vietnam — Intern2026–Present

- Support cross-functional project work within NAB Vietnam's innovation centre on a digital banking delivery initiative, coordinating with People & Culture and innovation teams and applying the same structured evidence-gathering and written synthesis built through independent research.

IvyPrep Education — Tutor, Grades 6–12Oct 2025–Present

- Deliver individualized English instruction, tracking each student's progress and adjusting materials to close specific skill gaps.
- Communicate regularly with parents and guardians on student progress and learning plans, and combine academic tutoring with attentive, one-on-one mentorship.

Vietnamese Mandatory Military Service (Nghĩa vụ quân sự)2023–2025

- Completed full-term mandatory national service under Vietnamese law (Luật Nghĩa vụ quân sự). Sustained performance under structured command, unit coordination, and operational discipline across the full two-year service period.
- Service interrupted concurrent civilian roles at SPX Express and UOB Telesales; both were resumed upon discharge in 2025.

SPX Express — Warehouse Supervisor / Logistics Coordinator2022–2023 | 2025–2026

- Managed daily warehouse inventory accuracy and stock flow across the morning shift, and coordinated dispatch logistics and staff scheduling to keep operations on schedule.
- Role began in 2022, was interrupted by mandatory military service (2023–2025), and resumed upon discharge — maintaining continuity with the same team and operational responsibilities.

UOB — Telesales Collaborator (freelance)2022–2023 | 2025–2026

- Independently managed outbound sales calls and client outreach on a self-directed schedule, with no fixed supervision structure.
- Role began in 2022, was interrupted by mandatory military service (2023–2025), and resumed upon discharge.

VUS (Vietnam USA Society) — English Teacher2022–2023

- Delivered evening English instruction to primary and secondary students during the transition from Saigon University into full-time work at SPX and UOB, prior to national service.

British Council — Teaching Assistant, Grades 3–9Dec 2020–2022

- Supported classroom instruction and administrative tasks, with monthly parent contact, concurrent with Saigon University enrollment.

VOLUNTEER

Vietnam Scholarship Foundation — Scholarship assessment & home-visit evaluations across multiple provinces.

SELECTED ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- “The Papal Ceiling” — deposition and the structural limits of papal coercive power, 1076–1588 · Zenodo preprint, Aug 2026
- “Confession Without Allegiance” — Mary I and religious sovereignty in Tudor England, 1553–1558 · Zenodo preprint, Aug 2026
- “Five Thousand Years Without Exit” — Nam Đế, Sojunghwa, and the grammar of a Sinographic trap · Zenodo preprint, Aug 2026
- “The Half-Life of a Founding Sin” — legitimacy inheritance and dynastic usurpation · Zenodo preprint, Aug 2026
- “殞 (Borrowed from the Dead)” — loyalist self-killing from Yamen to Numantia, Masada, and Okinawa · Zenodo preprint, Jul 2026
- “Sun Quan’s Unremembered Necessity” — Eastern Wu and the Jiangnan refuge after Yongjia · Zenodo preprint, Jul 2026
- “Epistemic Dependence at Machine Speed” — Kitcher, Hardwig, and human–AI research collaboration · Zenodo preprint, Aug 2026
- “The Literature Before the Mechanism” — a ten-discipline review of the Longevity Asymmetry Corpus · Zenodo preprint, Jul 2026

REFERENCES

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