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Overview

It is very interesting to examine the relationship between population changes and development in Vietnam. First, Vietnam's war ended three decades ago but the traumatic memory still lingers on. Second, Vietnam experienced a revolution from a socialist to a market-oriented economy. Third, Vietnam has also witnessed a rapid transition from an agricultural to an industrial economy. The paper by Bussarawan Teerawichitchainan concentrates on a contrasting figure of intergenerational patterns of transition to adulthood between the generations living through wars and those living under their shadows. The paper by Liem T. Nguyen focuses on the labour market, by examining specifically the major difficulties faced by migrants looking for a better job. The paper by Nguyen Tran Lam is concerned with issues on how development in Vietnam, in particular the Northern Mountainous Region, is structured and changed during the globalisation era.

The panel also contributes to a better understanding on the relationship between population and development in Bangladesh. The paper by Kazi Mariful Islam focuses on the macro-relationship between population policies and other national development policies such as health and poverty reduction policies. The paper by Saiful Islam is concerned with indigenous people who are often exploited, discriminated and dominated by the majority, the Bengali, in North-western Bangladesh.