

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name: Lan Anh Thi Nguyen

Nationality: Vietnamese

Year of birth: 1976

PRESENT POSITION

- Vice-President, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam
 - Associate Professor of International Law, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam
 - Arbitrator nominated by Viet Nam under Annex VII of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (since 15 May 2020)
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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD in International Law, University of Bristol, United Kingdom
 - LLM in International, European and Commercial Law, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
 - LLB, Hanoi Law University, Viet Nam
 - BA in International Relations, Institute for International Relations, Viet Nam
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THE LAW OF THE SEA AND INTERNATIONAL ADJUDICATION

Dr. Nguyen has more than twenty years of professional experience in international law, with a focus on the law of the sea, dispute settlement, and ocean governance.

In 2020, she was nominated by the Government of Viet Nam as an arbitrator under Annex VII of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). In 2024, she acted as Counsel for Viet Nam before the International Court of Justice in the advisory proceedings on Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change.

She advises the Government of Viet Nam on maritime delimitation issues, dispute settlement procedures and negotiations related to the South China Sea disputes. She also provides expert opinion on Vietnamese legislation relating to the implementation of UNCLOS and other legislation relating to national marine spatial planning, natural disaster management and water resources.

DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

From 2018 to 2021, Dr. Nguyen served as Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of Viet Nam in the United Kingdom, with responsibilities including legal and multilateral affairs.

She regularly took part in United Nations and UNCLOS-related processes, including Meetings of States Parties, the UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, UN Ocean Conference, sessions of the Preparatory Commission for the BBNJ Agreement. She also participated in meetings of the Asian - African Legal Consultative Organisation. Between 2023-2025, she was Vice-President of the Asian Society of International Law.

TEACHING, SCHOLARLY AND OTHER RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Nguyen teaches international law and the law of the sea for over two decades at the Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam, including courses attended by government officials and practitioners. She has also been convener of and speaker at numerous international and regional conferences, workshops and seminars relating to law of the sea and ocean governance since 2009.

She has authored and edited numerous publications, including peer-reviewed articles on UNCLOS, maritime disputes, and international dispute settlement.