

Title: Colonial workers genealogy: The Vietnam workers under the French domination

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Abstract

This study aims to find primary resources about Indochina migrant workers during the French occupation for my dissertation with the title "**Imperial Labour Migrations: The Network of Bio-Political Logistics of the French Colonial Government in Indochina**".

My general assumption in the proposal is that Indochinese workers migrating abroad were not a spontaneous activity. They were organised, structured, and controlled by the colonial government that established linkages and put Indochinese people in the French imperial network's labour supply.

Thus, this field trip will explore the methods and practices of the French colonial government in organizing Indochinese migrant workers, mainly poor farmers in Tonkin and North Annam. They were brought to work on remote islands in the Pacific such as New Caledonia and the New Hebrides from 1891 under the indentured contract labour in the period from 3 to 5 years or brought to France to serve in the World Wars. Because of the delay of the labour recruiters, the world wars, especially the influence of the Indochina wars, their repatriation process was very slow and only completed in the late twentieth century. When they returned to Vietnam, they lived scattered, some of them have lived in Hanoi, Hai Phong and the provinces of Red River Delta region, while others migrated to the mountain area of North Vietnam such as Tuyen Quang and Lao Cai to settle down and live until now.

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