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# Reflections on Change

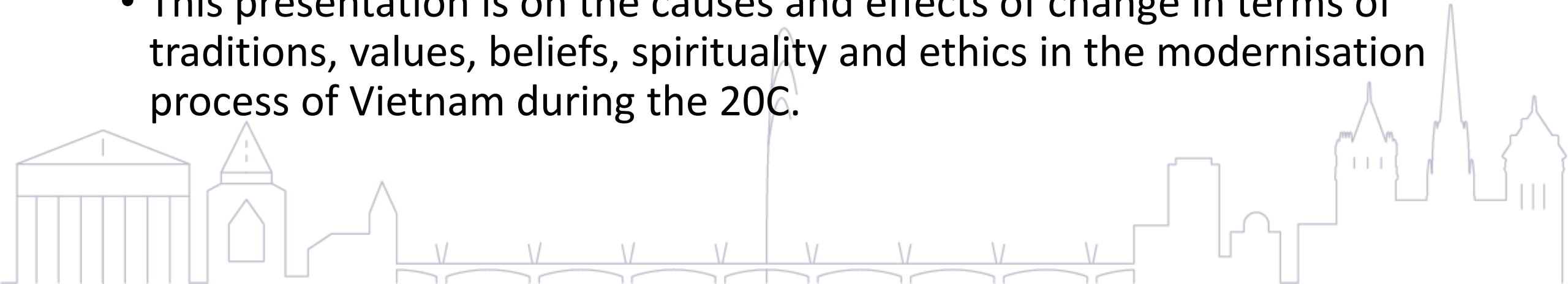
Transformative Power of Ethics education – A Case Study of Vietnam

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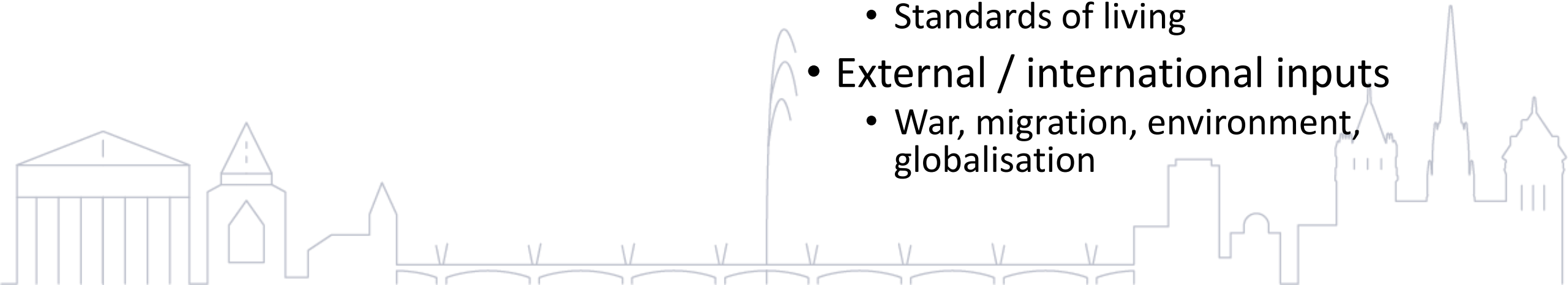
# Coping with Change

- Problem statement: throughout her long history, Vietnam has undergone many changes, some are adaptable, others are increasingly more complex due to the transition from a traditional agrarian economy to a modern nation-state through wars and disruptions.
- This presentation is on the causes and effects of change in terms of traditions, values, beliefs, spirituality and ethics in the modernisation process of Vietnam during the 20C.



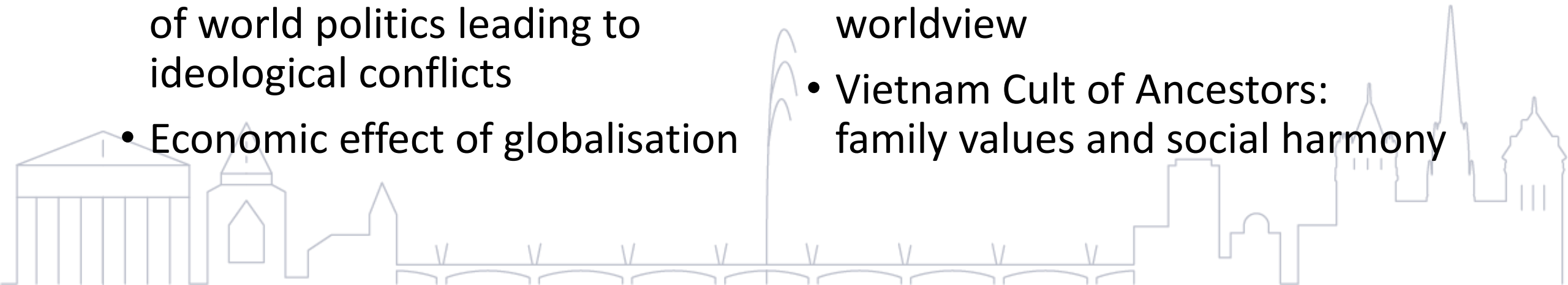
# Reflections on Change - Impacts

- Impact on personal transformation
- Impact on social transformation
- Impact on international integration
- Internal / domestic inputs on personal/society
  - Culture
  - Language
  - Society
  - Education
  - Standards of living
- External / international inputs
  - War, migration, environment, globalisation



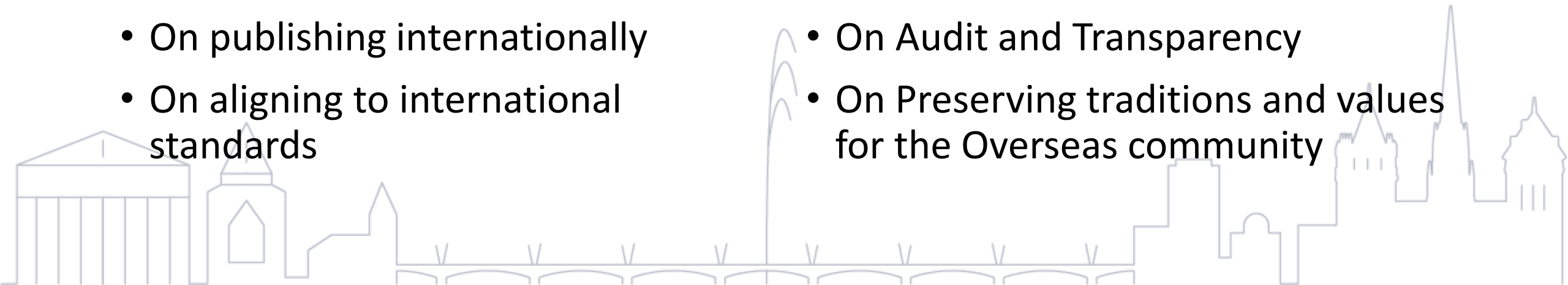
# Dynamics of Change affecting values education

- Spiritual dimensions: values deriving from the 3-Traditions
- Social disruptions due to war, main source of transformation
- Political schism due polarisation of world politics leading to ideological conflicts
- Economic effect of globalisation
- Taoist way of life: the « Tao » values and practices
- Confucian Virtues: Social hierarchy and determinism
- Buddhist wisdom: the Mid-way worldview
- Vietnam Cult of Ancestors: family values and social harmony



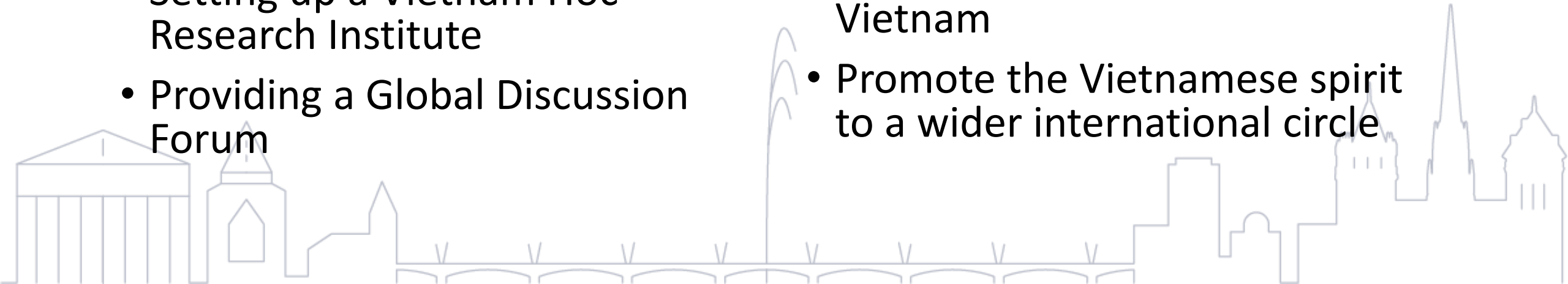
# Voices of teachers – bridging the gap

- On cultivating own behavior with Eastern values
- On enhancing life skills
- On teaching critical thinking
- On applying STEM in VN
- On publishing internationally
- On aligning to international standards
- On Vietnam and ASEAN Charter
- On Erasmus and HE in Vietnam
- On Sustainable Development
- On Crime Prevention through Ethics Education
- On Audit and Transparency
- On Preserving traditions and values for the Overseas community



# Building a Vietnam Hoc Study Programme

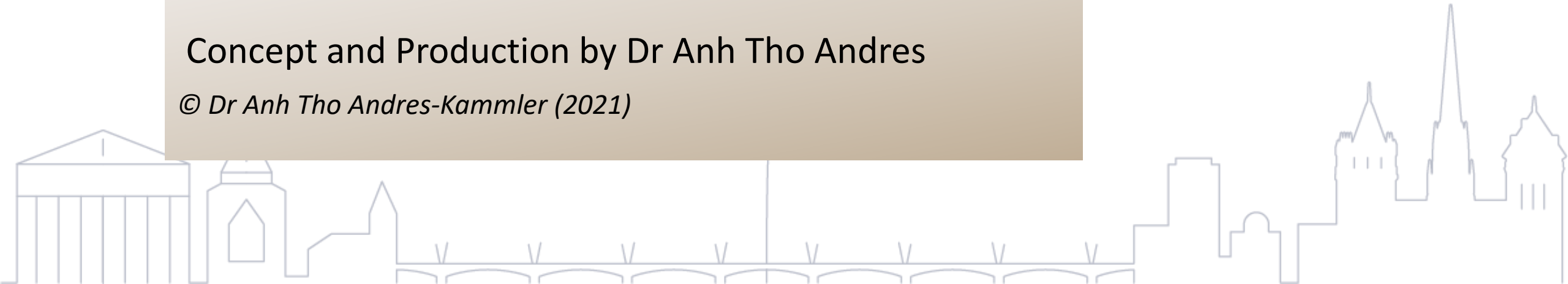
- Research Objectives: Criteria for a values-based education
- Output: a Vietnam Ethics Series Collection for Vietnamese Studies
- Setting up a Vietnam Hoc Research Institute
- Providing a Global Discussion Forum
- Revive Vietnamese spiritual and ethical values for harmony and peace
- Integrate the diaspora Vietnamese scholars to the mainstream education inside Vietnam
- Promote the Vietnamese spirit to a wider international circle



# Building a Vietnam Hoc Collection

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A Research on  
Education, Cultures  
and Ethics in  
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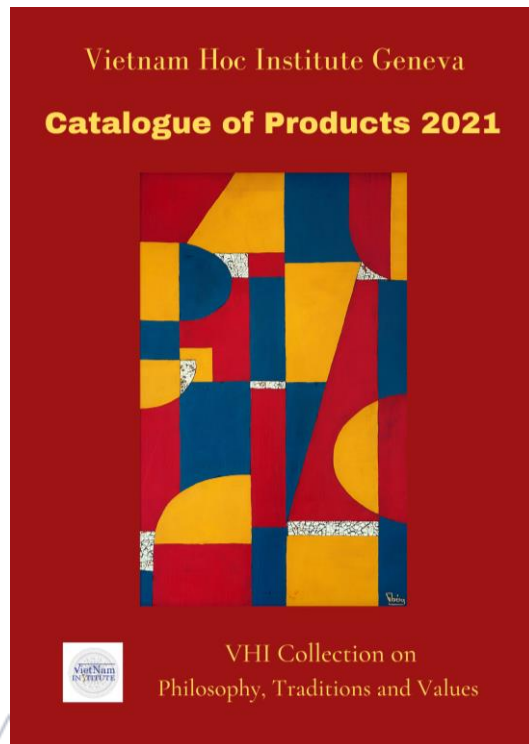
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# Why Ethics Matters?



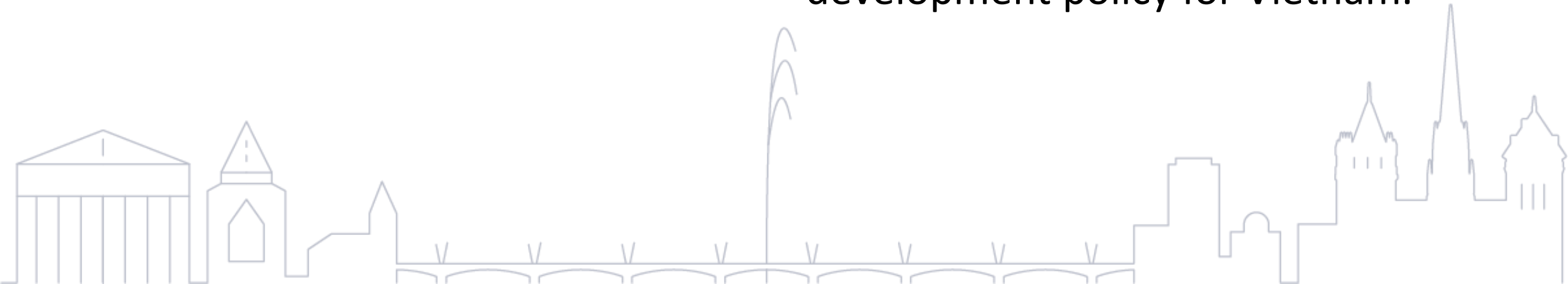
- *Ethics is a part of the belief system of a culture.*
- *Applied ethics are developed through codes of ethics according to organizations own culture.*
- *Applying Ethics in Higher Education is key for sustainability.*

# Ethics Education for Sustainability

## **Collection VHI20215001**

*Textbooks and Resources in  
Humanities Studies*

includes works on global issues related to Education and how ethical and spiritual practices can be integrated as key components for a sustainable human resources development policy for Vietnam.

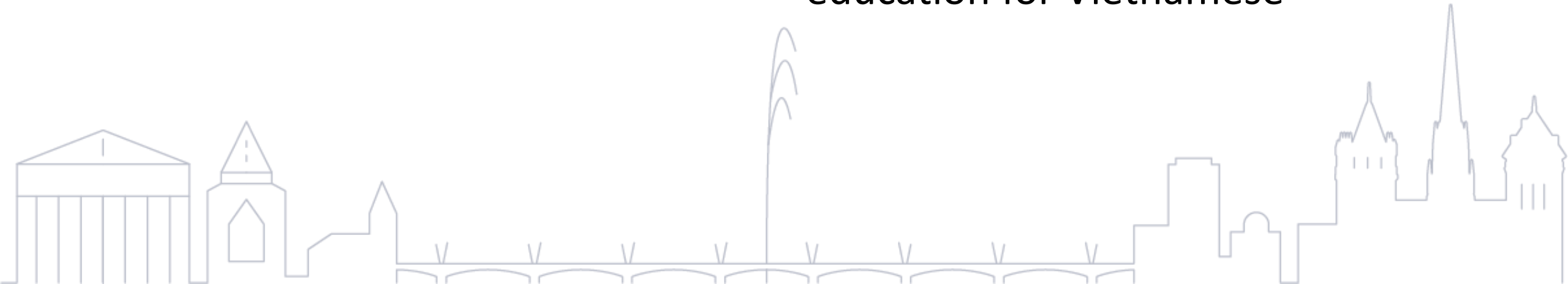


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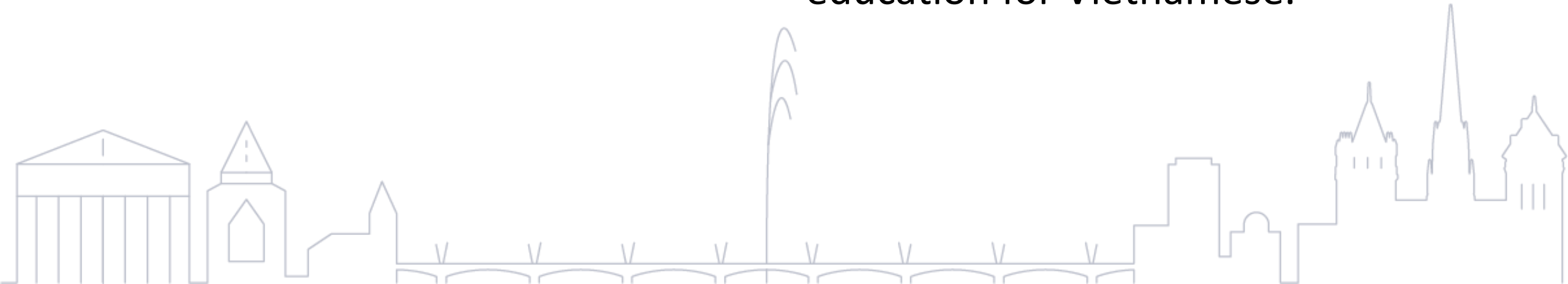


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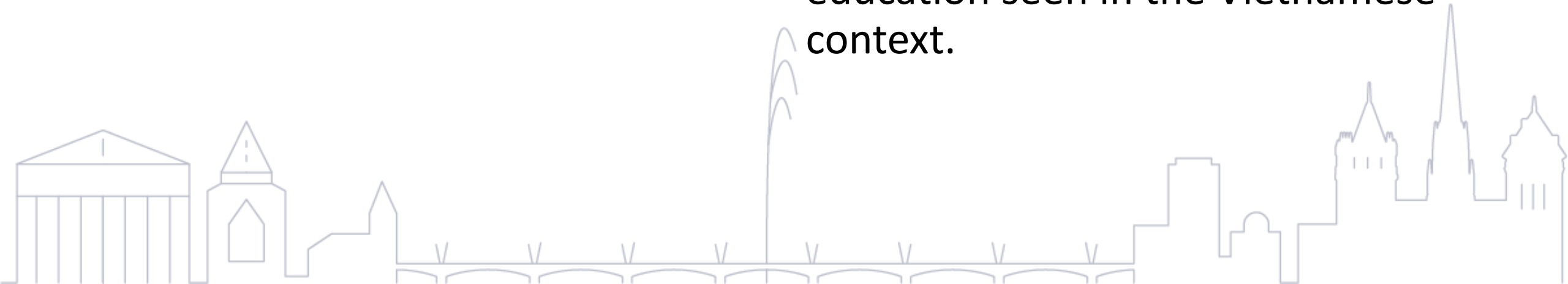


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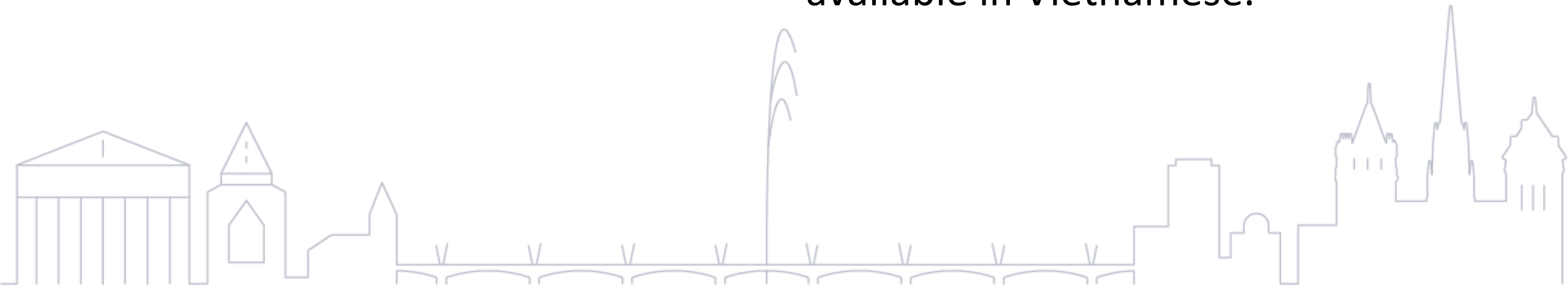


# Sharing Common Global values

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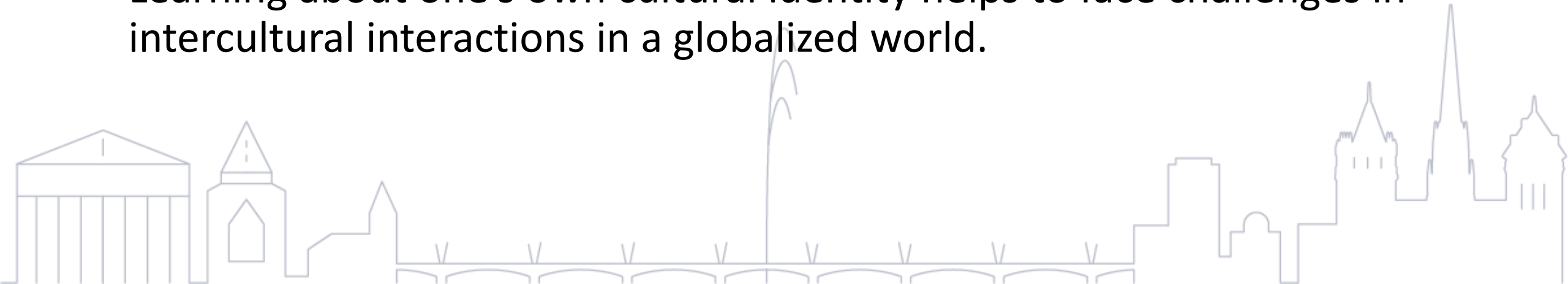


# Building a Vietnam Hoc curriculum

## Collection VHI20215006

Building a Vietnam Hoc Collection is about VHI mission: to provide learning resources on Vietnamese Studies that allow a better understanding of Vietnam - as a member of the ASEAN Community, as well as a part the United Nations Family.

Learning about one's own cultural identity helps to face challenges in intercultural interactions in a globalized world.





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