Data update for Vietnam economics research institutions as of October 2021

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Research data in Vietnam have been fragmented, and this is a long-standing fact. Although several universities repeatedly claim that they have been the leading players in economics research, actual data may not support their claims.

In a recent attempt, Dr. Le Van Ut of Ton Duc Thang University in Ho Chi Minh City compiled a data set to figure out Vietnamese scholars' internal capacity. Nonetheless, this report covers too large a spectrum that economics research has little weight. In fact, only one person represents the humanities and social sciences in Dr. Ut's 22-person lifetime achievement list, and only a handful in his 2021 most influential list [1].

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Rank	W.Rank	Institution	Score	Authors	Author shares
1	[1]	University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	1.51	17	14.2
2	[2]	Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research, Phenikaa University Hanoi, Viet Nam	3.31	11	10.15
3	[3]	Mekong Development Research Institute Hanoi, Viet Nam	3.38	10	8.85
4	[4]	Department of Social Sciences, Economics and Management, International School, Vietnam National University Hanoi, Viet Nam	3.95	6	2.56

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Perhaps, the only database available for comparing economics and management research institutions in terms of scientific impact is the IDEAS RePEc, one that has been managed and maintained by the Research Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, USA. The most recent update for Oct-2021 is out today [2]. The IDEAS provides rankings for both institutions and individual contributing authors as members of institutions. (The two rankings are given in the appendix of this short piece.)

There are two noteworthy observations while trying to learn from the IDEAS data.

Firstly, the list of the top 25% of economics research institutions in Vietnam as of October 2021 contains almost all well-known players in the field. The order is somewhat surprising, with the two perhaps most famous ones, i.e., Central Institution for Economic Management (CIEM) and National Economics University (NEU), being in the last two positions of the 14 best-performing institutions. The youngest player in the list (i.e., the Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research of Phenikaa University) has a very high position, No. 2, only behind the University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City (UEH).

Secondly, all the people who appear on Dr. Ut's 65-author list also belong to the IDEAS top-performing author list, e.g., Vo Xuan Vinh (top male) and Le Thai Ha (top female). And I trust that this fact is most probably not accidental. In other words, both data sets by Dr. Ut (Scopus and Web of Science) and IDEAS (RePEc) have been in handsome agreement.

For me, both data sets are very important because they provide insights from different viewing angles. In addition, their agreement can also unveil interesting understanding and reconfirm each other's value.

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---	[---]	Institute of Business Research, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	4.51	4	4
5	[7]	Foreign Trade University Hanoi, Viet Nam	5.65	10	8.89
6	[5]	University of Economics, University of Danang Danang, Viet Nam	6.06	26	25.9
7	[6]	Business and Economics Research Group, Ho Chi Minh City Open University Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	6.94	11	10.5
8	[9]	University of Economics and Business, Vietnam National University Hanoi, Viet Nam	9.01	5	4.9
---	[---]	School of Public Finance, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	9.3	4	3
9	[8]	School of Business and Management, RMIT University Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	9.31	6	6
10	[10]	School of Public Policy and Management, Fulbright University Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	9.59	1	0.95
11	[11]	Faculty of Economics and Public Management, Ho Chi Minh City Open University Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	10.31	8	7.5
12	[12]	Development and Policies Research Center (Depocen) Hanoi, Viet Nam	14.1	5	3.6
13	[13]	Central Institution for Economic Management (CIEM) Hanoi, Viet Nam	15.93	2	2
14	[14]	National Economics University Hanoi, Viet Nam	17.06	8	6.5

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1	[2]	Cuong Viet Nguyen Department of Social Sciences, Economics and Management, International School, Vietnam National University , Hanoi Mekong Development Research Institute , Hanoi	1.42
2	[3]	Xuan Vinh Vo Institute of Business Research, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City , Ho Chi Minh City	2.49
3	[4]	Quan Hoang Vuong Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research, Phenikaa University , Hanoi	5.11
4	[8]	Thai-Ha Le School of Public Policy and Management, Fulbright University Vietnam , Ho Chi Minh City	5.86
5	[14]	Nguyen Phu Ha University of Economics and Business, Vietnam National University , Hanoi	6.71
6	[15]	Thuy Thu Nguyen Foreign Trade University , Hanoi	6.99
7	[6]	Duc Hong Vo Business and Economics Research Group, Ho Chi Minh City Open University , Ho Chi Minh City	8.2
8	[9]	Canh Phuc Nguyen School of Public Finance, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City , Ho Chi Minh City	8.53
9	[17]	Anh Ngoc Nguyen Development and Policies Research Center (Depocen) , Hanoi	11.53
10	[12]	Tuyen Quang Tran Department of Social Sciences, Economics and Management, International School, Vietnam National University , Hanoi	11.82
11	[13]	Thanh Dinh Su School of Public Finance, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City , Ho Chi Minh City	11.85
12	[23]	Tung Lam Dang University of Economics, University of Danang , Danang	12.45
13	[7]	Toan Luu Duc Huynh University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City , Ho Chi Minh City	12.9
14	[21]	Kien Le Faculty of Economics and Public Management, Ho Chi Minh City Open University , Ho Chi Minh City	12.92
15	[26]	Tung Duc Phung Mekong Development Research Institute , Hanoi	14.09
16	[1]	Duc Khuong Nguyen Department of Social Sciences, Economics and Management, International School, Vietnam National University , Hanoi	15.27
17	[18]	Tung Manh Ho Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research, Phenikaa University , Hanoi	19.02
18	[29]	Anh Duc Dang Central Institution for Economic Management (CIEM) , Hanoi	19.17
19	[24]	My Tra Nguyen Faculty of Economics and Public Management, Ho Chi Minh City Open University , Ho Chi Minh City	19.56
20	[10]	Ho Manh Toan Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research, Phenikaa University , Hanoi	20.46

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21	[19]	Linh Hoang Vu Vietnam National University	20.99
22	[25]	Tuan Van Nguyen Faculty of Economic and Business Administration, Dalat University, Dalat	22.1
23	[35]	Vu Hoang Nam Foreign Trade University, Hanoi	22.74
24	[36]	Huy Nguyen Anh Pham School of Business and Management, RMIT University Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City	25.2
25	[16]	Shahaboddin Shamshirband Sr.	26.74
26	[41]	Thi Thu Tra Pham School of Business and Management, RMIT University Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City	27.4
27	[33]	Hong Kong To Nguyen Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research, Phenikaa University, Hanoi	28.29
28	[43]	Dat Thanh Nguyen University of Economics, University of Danang, Danang	28.31
29	[30]	Quoc Trung Tran Foreign Trade University, Hanoi	29.12
30	[22]	Minh Ha Nguyen Business and Economics Research Group, Ho Chi Minh City Open University, Ho Chi Minh City	29.81
31	[38]	Long Thanh Giang Institute of Public Policy Management (IPPM), Hanoi	30.19
32	[28]	Ly Dai Hung Vietnam Institute of Economics, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi	30.46
33	[20]	Hoang Minh Nguyen Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research, Phenikaa University, Hanoi	30.74
34	[42]	Thai Vu Hong Nguyen School of Business and Management, RMIT University Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City	32.35
35	[52]	Nhat Duc Nguyen FPT School of Business (FSB), FPT University, Hanoi	33.73
36	[31]	Thang Van Nguyen Asia Pacific Institute of Management, National Economics University, Hanoi	33.99
37	[46]	Trung Xuan Hoang	34.11
38	[44]	Binh Nguyen Thanh School of Business and Management, RMIT University Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City	34.63
39	[40]	La Viet Phuong Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research, Phenikaa University, Hanoi	36.16
40	[47]	Tuan Huu Tran College of Economics, Hue University, Hue City	36.22
41	[37]	Thu-Trang Vuong Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research, Phenikaa University, Hanoi	38
42	[45]	Shahab Shamshirband Sr. Department of Management of Sciences and Technology Development, Ton Duc Thang University, Ho Chi Minh City	38.31
43	[54]	Selim Ergun School of Business and Management, RMIT University Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City	40.48
44	[48]	Man Dang University of Economics, University of Danang, Danang	41.12
45	[55]	Chuc Dinh Nguyen Institute of Regional Sustainable Development, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi	41.47
46	[39]	Anh The Vo Business and Economics Research Group, Ho Chi Minh City Open University, Ho Chi Minh City	42.31
47	[32]	Quy Khuc University of Economics and Business, Vietnam National University, Hanoi	42.41

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