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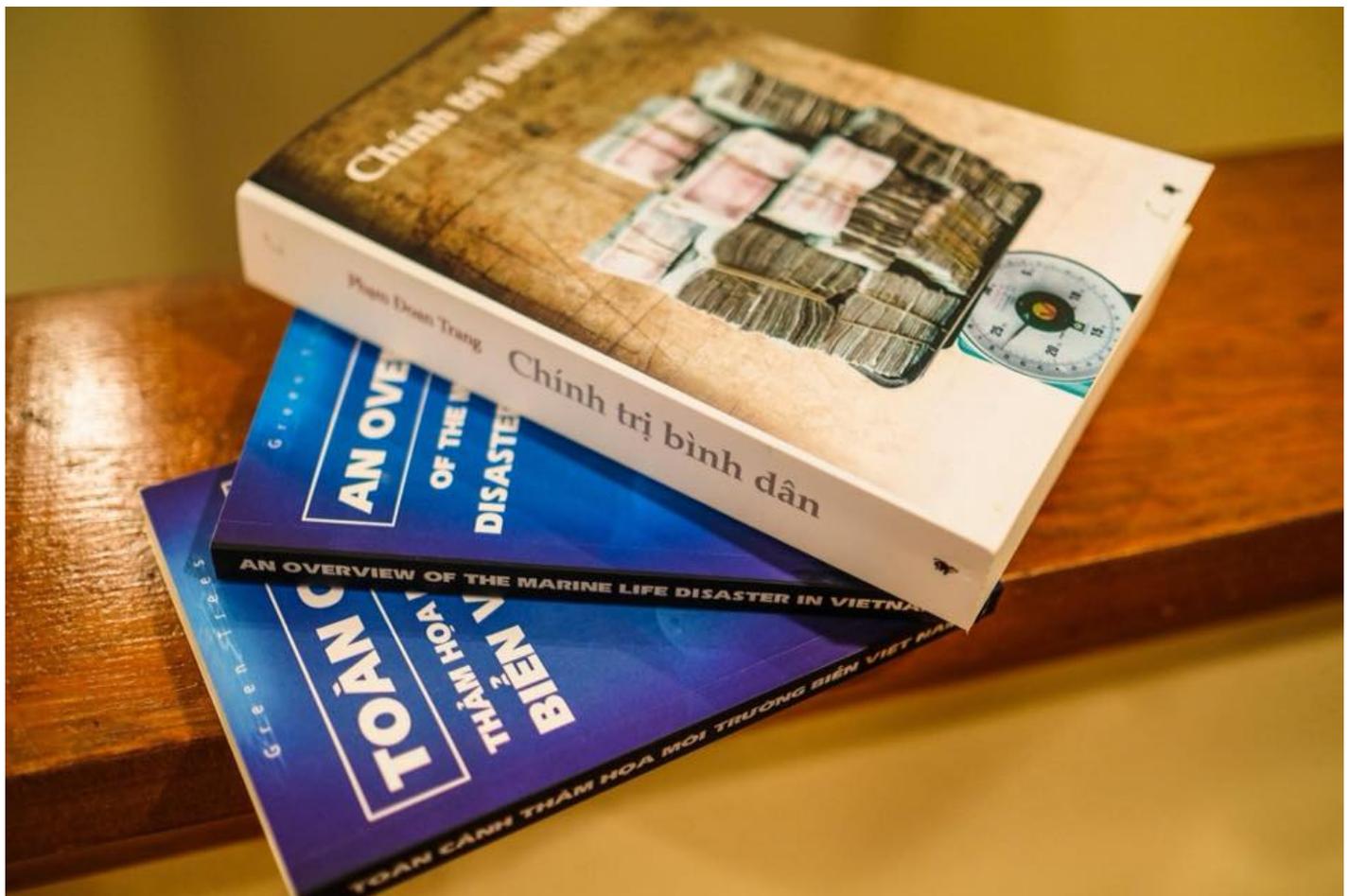
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Her detention comes as the world marked the International Women's Day.



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Pham Doan Trang

Doan Trang was also taken into custody last 24 February 2018 for 10 hours by security officers from the Ministry of Public Security. Based on news reports (<https://the88project.com/2018/02/25/activist-pham-doan-trang-faces-imminent-arrest-and-prosecution/>), Vietnamese authorities forcefully took her without an arrest warrant and was interrogated for publishing the book "Chính trị bình dân (Politics for the Masses)."

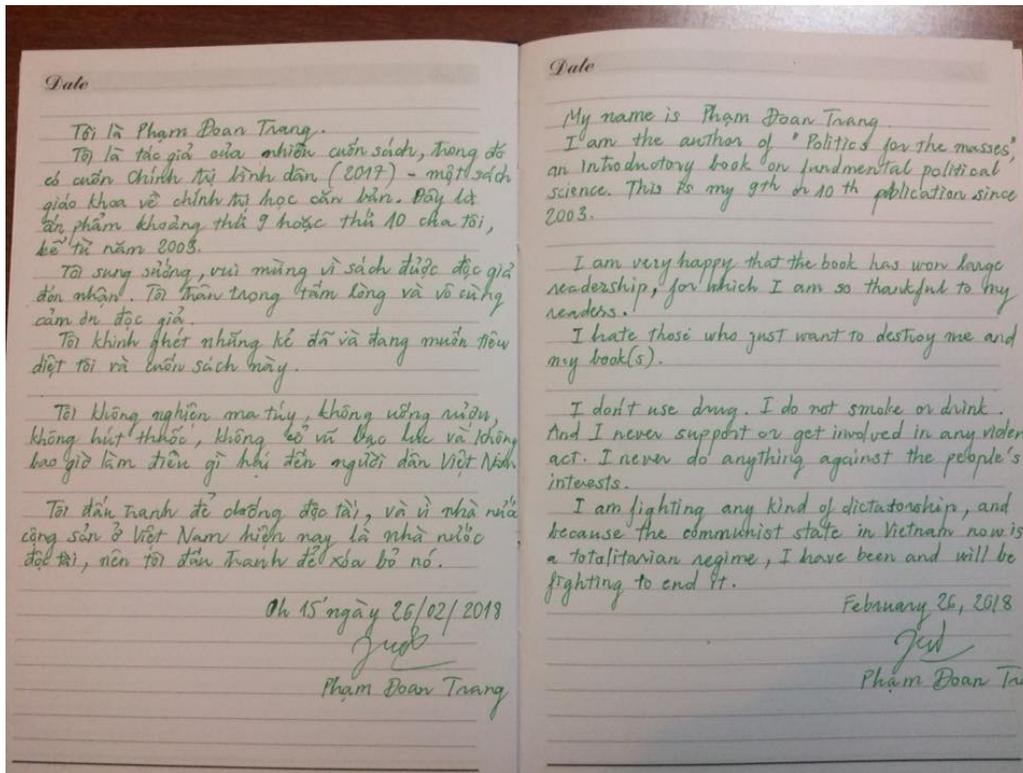
She was also arrested in November 2017 (<https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/case/pham-doan-trang-arrested-after-meeting-eu-delegation-hanoi>) after meeting the European Union Delegation to discuss human rights issues in Vietnam.

In an interview with Asia Times (<http://www.atimes.com/article/talkin-reformation-vietnam/>), she said: "I don't know why they hate me and my book so much. After all, it's just a textbook." The book discusses basic political concepts of democracy in Vietnamese language.

"The problem for us is that a communist police state like Vietnam dislikes its people to broaden their political awareness and their participation in macro affairs," she said.

She wrote a Facebook post (<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10156438462063322&set=a.10153539242513322.1073741829.641613321&type=3&theater>) on 26 February 2018: "I am fighting any kind of dictatorship, and because the communist state in Vietnam

now is a totalitarian regime, I have been and will be fighting to end it.”



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Doan Trang worked for online newspaper VnExpress, *Pháp luật Thành phố Hồ Chí Minh* (The Law in Ho Chi Minh city newspaper), and VietnamNet. She was detained in 2009, beaten in 2015, taken in 2016, and again detained in 2017 for her activism. She continues to write on her [personal blog](http://www.phamdoantrang.com) (<http://www.phamdoantrang.com>) and contribute for Vietnam Right Now, an independent news website.

In press freedom indices, Vietnam has been classified as “not free” by Freedom House and ranked 175th out of 180 countries by Reporters Without Borders.

There are 165 men and women, who have been targeted by the criminal justice system for peacefully exercising their civil and political rights and are currently in detention or imprisoned — according to [Now!Campaign](https://www.vietnampocs.com/database) (<https://www.vietnampocs.com/database>), a coalition of human rights organizations.

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