

Curriculum Vitae (1998-2015)

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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, York University, Toronto, Canada, 1976.
MA Sociology, York University, Toronto, Canada, 1971.
B.Sc. Biology and Chemistry, Acadia University, Nova Scotia, Canada, 1969.

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Teaching Appointments

2009 – Provost Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, National University of Singapore

2004 January – present: Concurrently, Leader, Cultural Studies Research Cluster, Asia Research Institute, Professor, Department of Sociology, and (since 2008) Convener, PhD Programme in Cultural Studies in Asia and FASS Cultural Studies Minor Programme, National University of Singapore

2001- 2003: Coordinator, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore

2001- present: Professor, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

1995-2000: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

1985-1994: Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

1982-1984: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

1980-1982: Head, Social Research Section, Housing and Development Board, Singapore.

1973-79: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

Fellowships and Visiting Positions

2011 Macgeorge Visiting Speaker, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne, Victoria Australia

2009 March, Visiting Consultant, Humanities Programme, Baptist University of Hong Kong

2005 May Visiting Fellow, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Western Australia

2005 March Visiting Fellow, Centre for Research in Asian Governance, City University of Hong Kong.

2003 Inaugural Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Carolina Asia Centre, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2000 Sir Allan Sewell Fellowship, Key Centre for Cultural and Media Policy, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia

1999 Visiting Scholar, City University of Hong Kong.

1997 Visiting Professor, Faculty of Social Science, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi, Malaysia.

1997 Visiting Research Professor, Sociology of Development Research Centre, University of Bielefeld, Germany.

1996 Visiting Scholar, George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA.

1995 Visiting Research Fellow, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Murdoch, Western Australia.

1991-1992 Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship, Rockefeller Foundation, NY, USA.

Editorial Boards: Current

Co-Executive Editor *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* (London: Routledge).

Editorial Board Member,

The Sociological Quarterly (Official Journal of Midwest Sociological Association, USA)

Trans-Regional and-National Studies of Southeast Asia (Cambridge University Press)
South East Asia Research (SOAS)

Communication and Critical Cultural Studies (American National Communication Association/Routledge, 2012-2015)

Asian Studies Review (Australian Association of Asian Studies/Routledge)

Cultural Politics (London: Berg)
European Journal of Cultural Studies (London: Sage).
International Journal of Cultural Studies (London: Routledge)
Journal of East Asian Studies (Korea and US: Lynne Rienner Publishers).
Open Cultural Studies, Online journal (De Gruyter Open (www.degruyteropen.com)).

In Mandarin:

Taiwan: A radical quarterly
Routes: Journal of the Taiwan Association of Cultural Studies

Book Series:

New Directions in Comparative and International Education Book Series,
Bloomsbury Academic Publishing (2016).

Member, (with Prof. Meaghan Morris and Prof. Tony Bennett) Three-Person
Advisory Board, Australian Cultural Research Network, University of Queensland,
Australia (2007-2009).

Publications

Books: Author

- Forthcoming *Liberalism Disavowed: Communitarianism and State Capitalism in Singapore* (tentative title) Singapore: NUS Press; Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- 2012 *Structure, Audience and Soft Power in East Asian Pop Culture*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.
- 2003 *Life is Not Complete without Shopping*. Singapore: Singapore University Press (3 printings).
- 1997 *Public housing and Political Legitimacy: Stakeholding in Singapore*. London: Routledge (3 printings).
- 1995 *Communitarian Ideology and Democracy in Singapore*. London: Routledge.
- 1989 *The Golden Shoe: building Singapore's financial district*. Singapore: Urban Redevelopment Authority.

Editor

- 2012 (Co-edited with Anjali Roy) *Travels of Bollywood Cinema*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

- 2009 (Co-editor, Arndt Graf) *Port Cities in Asia and Europe*. London and New York: Routledge. Studies in the Modern History of Asia Series.
- 2008 (Co-editor, Koichi Iwabuchi) *East Asia Pop Culture: Analysing the Korean Wave*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.
- 2007 (Co-editor, Chen Kuan-Hsing) *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Reader*. London and New York: Routledge.
- 2007a *Elections as Popular Culture in Asia*. London and New York: RoutledgeCurzon (paperback, 2009)
- 2004 *Communitarian Politics in Asia*. London: RoutledgeCurzon (paperback edition, 2008)
- 2000 *Consumption in Asia: lifestyles and identities*. London: Routledge/Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Western Australia. (New Rich in Asia Series)
- 1999 *Singapore Studies II: Critical Surveys of the Humanities and Social Sciences*. Singapore: Singapore University Press

Journal Theme Issues

- 2017 Occupy Politics in East Asia. *International Journal of Cultural Studies*.
- 2014 Social Media and Cross-Border Cultural Transmission in Asia: state, industries, audiences. *International Journal of Cultural Studies* 17 (5) (with Sun Jung)
- 2012 American Pop Culture in Asia, *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* 13 (4).
- 2010 Violence in Contemporary Asian Cinema, *New Cinemas: Journal of Contemporary Film* 8 (1) (with Charles Leary)
- 2008 Cinematic Representation of Tropical Urban/City, *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 29 (1)
- 2008a Southeast Asia's Absence in Postcolonial Studies, *Postcolonial Studies* 11 (3)
- 2004 Facets of Islam, *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* 5 (3)

Journal Essays

- 2016 'Return to/of the political popular in Cultural Studies in Asia', *Situations* 9 (1): 1-19.
- 2015 'State-owned enterprises, state capitalism and social distribution in Singapore', *Pacific Review*, DOI: 10.1080/09512748.2015.1022587
- 2015a 'Financializing public housing as asset for retirement in Singapore', *International Journal of Housing Policy* 15 (1)27-42.
- 2014 'Navigating between limits: the future of public housing in Singapore', *Housing Studies* 29 (4): 520-533.
- 2012, 'Editorial introduction: American pop culture', *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* 13 (4): 1-10.
- 2012a, 'The regionalization of television and China', *Chinese Journal of Communication*, 5(1): 16-23.
- 2010, 'Disrupting Hegemonic Liberalism in East Asia', *boundary 2* 37(2): 199-216.
- 2009, 'Being Chinese under official multiculturalism in Singapore', *Asian Ethnicity*, 10 (3): 239-250.
- 2008 'Southeast Asia in Postcolonial Studies: an introduction', *Postcolonial Studies* 11 (3): 231-240.
- 2008a 'Tropics, city and cinema', *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 29(1): 1-7.
- 2008b 'Singapore in 2007: High wage ministers and the management of gays and aged', *Asian Survey* 68 (1): 55-61.
- 2007 'Political Culturalism, Representation and the People's Action Party of Singapore', *Democratization* 14(5): 911-927.
- 2007a 'Singapore in 2006: An irritating and irritated ASEAN neighbour', *Asian Survey* 67 (1): 206-212.
- 2006 'SARS epidemic and the disclosure of Singapore nation', *Cultural Politics* 2(1): 77-86.
- 2006a 'East Asian pop culture: consumer communities and politics of the national', *Studies in Broadcasting Culture* (Korea) 18 (1): 89-122.
- 2004 'Conceptualizing an East Asian Popular Culture', *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* 5: 200- 221.
(Translated into Korean and reprinted in Kim Soyoung (ed.) *Trans: Asian Screen Culture*, 2006; included in Michael Ryan (ed.) *Cultural Studies: An anthology*. Oxford: Blackwell, in press.)

- 2003 'Maintaining housing values under the condition of universal homeownership', *Housing Studies* 18(3):765-780.
- 2003a 'Multiculturalism as instrument of social control in Singapore', *Race and Class*.
- 2003b (with Yeo Wei Wei) 'Singapore cinema: Eric Khoo and Jack Neo – critiques from the margin and the mainstream', *Inter Asia Cultural Studies* 4(1): 117-125.
- 2001 'Pop Culture China', *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 22(2): 113-121. (Inaugural Lecture of the SJTG Lecture Series)
- 2000 'Public housing residents as clients of the state', *Housing Studies* 15:45-60.
- 1999 'Bodies in shopping centres: displays, shapes and intimacies', *UTS Review* 5:114-28.
- 1999a 'Global economy/immature polity: current crisis in Southeast Asia', *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 23 (4): 782-795.
- 1999b 'Asian values discourse and the resurrection of the social', *positions: east Asian culture critique* 7(2): 297-316.
- 1998 'World Cities: globalisation and the spread of consumerism: a view from Singapore'. *Urban Studies* 35: 981-1000.
- 1998a 'Asian Values: Restraining the logic of capitalism?' *Social Semiotics* 8 (2/3): 215 – 226.
- 1994 'Arrested development: democratization in Singapore', *Third World Quarterly* 15 (4): 655-668.
- 1993 'Singapore: democracy, ethnicity and development', *Ethnic Studies Report*, 11 (2): 143-161.
- 1993a 'Beyond formal structures: democracy in Singapore', *Asia Studies Review*, 17 (1): 96-106.
- 1992, 'Confucianisation in modernizing Singapore', *Social Welt*, 8: 249-269.
- 1991 'Modernism and the vernacular: transformation of public space in Singapore', *Journal of Architecture and Planning Research*, 8 (3):
- 1991a 'Race relations and public housing policy in Singapore', *Journal of Architecture and Planning Research*, 8 (4): 343-354.
- 1991b 'Not depoliticized but ideologically successful: public housing programme in Singapore', *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 15: 24-41.

1990, 'Steps to becoming a fashion consumer in Singapore', *Asia Pacific Journal of Management*, 1: 31-47.

1988, (and Aline K. Wong), 'Catching up with development: the Singapore experience', *Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 31 (1): 209-222.

1988a, 'Adjusting religious practices to different house forms in Singapore', *Architecture & Comportment*, 4 (1) 3-25.

1983, 'Reopening ideological discussion in Singapore: a new theoretical direction', *Southeast Asian Journal of Social Science*, 11: 31-45.

1985, 'Pragmatism of the People's Action Party government in Singapore: a critical assessment', *Southeast Asian Journal of Social Science*, 13: 29-46.

1980, 'The structure of contemporary sociological theory: a Foucaultian view', *American Sociologist*, 15 (2): 82-93.

1979, 'Describing a national crisis', *Human Studies*, 2 (1): 47-61.

1979a 'Democracy as textual accomplishment', *The Sociological Quarterly*, 20 (4): 541-548.

1978, 'Sociology and the linguistic distance: a comment', *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 5 (2): 172-190.

1997, 'Delineating a Marxist interest in ethnomethodology', *American Sociologist*, 12 (1): 24-32.

1974, 'On the commitments of ethnomethodology', *Sociological Inquiry*, 44 (4): 241-256.

1974a, 'On roles, rules and interpretive understanding', *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 4 (1) 71-87.

Chapters in Books

2016 'Forward: Rethinking consumption in economic recessionary East Asia' in Fran Martin and Tania Lewis (eds.) *Lifestyle Media in Asia: consumption, aspiration and identity*. London: Routledge; pp. 1-12.

2015 'Taking the street out of street food;', in Lily Kong and Vineeta Sinha (eds.) *Food, Foodways and Foodscapes: culture, community and consumption in post-colonial Singapore*. Singapore: World Scientific Press, pp.23-40.

2015a 'That imagined space: nostalgia for kampungs', in Tejaswini Niranjana, Wang Xiaoming and Nitya Vasudevan (eds.) *Genealogies of the Asian Present: situating Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*. Hyderabad, India; pp. 307-331.

- 2015 'Singapore: growing wealth, poverty avoidance and management', in Yusuf Bangura (ed.) *Developmental Pathways to Poverty Reduction*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan for UN Research Institute for Social Development, pp. 201-229.
- 2015a 'Korean pop culture: emergent genre of East Asian pop culture?', in Mary J. Ainslie and Joanne B.Y. Lim (eds.) *The Korean Wave in Southeast Asia: consumption and cultural production*. Kuala Lumpur: SIRD, pp. 175-192.
- 2014 'Inter-referencing Southeast Asia: absence, resonance and provocation', in M. Huotari, J. Ruland and J. Schlehe (eds.) *Methodology and Research Practice in Southeast Asian Studies*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 273-288.
- 2013 'Planned demi-monde and its aestheticisation in Singapore', in Jeroen De Kloet and Lena Scheen (eds.) *Spectacle and the City: Chinese urbanities in art and popular culture*. Amsterdam: University of Amsterdam Press, pp. 27-42.
- 2012 'Doing pop culture studies in East Asia', in Zawawi Ibrahim (ed.) *Social Science and Knowledge in a Globalizing World*. Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Social Science Association, pp.323-344.
- 2012a 'Global capitalism, middle class and the shape of the new mega cities of the region', in Richard Robison (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of Southeast Asian Politics*. London: Routledge, pp. 200-210.
- 2012b 'Delusional desire: soft power and television drama' in Nissim Otmazgin and Eyal Ben-Ari (eds.) *Popular Culture and the State in East and Southeast Asia*. London: Routledge, pp. 65-81.
- 2011 'Singapore as model: planning innovations, knowledge experts' in Ananya Roy and Aihwa Ong (eds.) *Worlding Cities: Asian experiments and the art of being global*. Oxford: Blackwell, pp.29-54.
- 2011a 'East Asian Pop Culture' in Felicia Chan, A. Karpovich and Xin Zhang (eds) *Genre in Asian Film and Television*. London: Palgrave, pp.222-245.
- 2010 'Group rights and democracy in Southeast Asia' in Yin-wah Chu and Siu-lun Wong (eds.) *East Asia's New Democracies: deepening, reversal, non-liberal alternatives*. London: Routledge, pp. 227-245.
- 2010a 'East Asian Pop Culture: its circulation, consumption and politics' in Michael Dutton (ed.) *Re-Orienting Global Communications*. Champaign-Urbana: University of Illinois Press, pp. 220-239.
- 2009 'The influence of communitarian politics' in Mark Beeson (ed.) *Contemporary Southeast Asia* (Second Edition). Basingstoke: Macmillan Palgrave, pp. 111-124.
- 2009a 'Eclipse of the port: cultural industry and the next phase of economic development of Singapore' in Arndt Graf and Chua Beng Huat (eds.) *Port Cities of Asia and Europe*. New York and London: Routledge, pp. 190-204.

2008 'Conceptualizing an East Asian popular culture' in Michael Ryan (ed.) *Cultural Studies: An anthology*. Oxford: Blackwell.

2008a 'East Asian Pop Culture: layers of communities' in Kim Youna (ed.) *Media Consumption and Everyday Life in Asia*. New York: Routledge, pp. 99-113.

2008b 'Placing Singapore in East Asian Pop Culture' in Shiraishi Takashi and Pasuk Phongpaichit (eds.) *The Rise of the Middle Class in Southeast Asia*. Kyoto: Kyoto University Press, pp.282-302.

2008c 'Transnational and transcultural circulation and consumption of East Asian television drama' in Christophe Jaffrelot and Peter van der Veer (eds.) *Patterns of Middle-Class Consumption in India and China*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

2008d 'Culture and the arts: intrusion in political space' in Lian Kwen Fee and Tong Chee Kiong (eds.) *Social Policy in Post-Industrial Singapore*. Leiden: Brill, pp. 225-245.

2007 'Emerging issues in development welfarism in Singapore' in James Lee (ed.) *The Crisis of Welfare in East Asia*. Boulder, Colorado: Lexington Books.

2007a 'Structure of identification and distancing in watching East Asian television Drama' in Chua Beng Huat and K.Iwabuchi (eds.) *East Asian Pop Culture: Analysing the Korean Wave*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.

2007b 'Political election as popular culture' in Chua Beng Huat (ed.) *Elections as Popular Culture in Asia*. London and New York: RoutledgeCurzon.

2006 'Gossip about stars: newspapers and Pop Culture China' in Wanning Su (ed.), *Media and Chinese Diaspora: community, communication and commerce*. London: RoutledgeCurzon, pp. 75-90.

2006a 'Values and development in Singapore' in Lawrence E. Harrison and Peter L. Berger (eds.) *Developing Cultures: case studies*. New York and London: Routledge, pp.101-118.

2005 'The cost of community in ascribed community' in Will Kymlicka and He Baogang (eds.) *Multiculturalism in Asia*. London and New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 170-195.

2004 'Communitarianism without competitive politics in Singapore' in Chua Beng Huat (ed.) *Communitarian Politics in Asia*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 78-101.

2004a 'Communitarian politics in Asia' in Chua Beng Huat (ed.) *Communitarian Politics in Asia*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 1-24.

2004b 'Asia Values: Is an anti-authoritarian reading possible?' in Mark Beeson (ed.) *Contemporary Southeast Asia: Regional dynamics, national differences*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 98-117.

- 2003 'Housing provision and management of aspirations' in Ray Forrest and James Lee (eds.) *Housing and Social Change: East-West Perspectives*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 69-86.
- 2003a 'Singapore: multiracial harmony as public good' in Colin Mackerras (ed.) *Ethnicity in Asia*. London and New York: RoutledgeCurzon, pp. 101-107.
- 2003a 'Non-transformative politics: civil society in Singapore' in David C. Schak and Wayne Hudson (eds.) *Civil Society in Asia*. Aldershot: Ashgate, pp. 20-39.
- 2002 'Providing public spaces: Singapore and Taipei' in Sally Sargeson (ed.) *Collective Goods, Collective Futures in Asia*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 197-214.
- 2001 'Der Diskurs über asiatische Werte und die Wiederbelebung des Sozialen' in Klaus F. Geiger and Manfred Kieserling (eds.) *Asiatische Werte: Eine Debatte und ihr Kontext*. Münster: Verlag Westfälisches Dampfboot, pp. 89-102.
(German translation of 'Asian values discourse and the resurrection of the social')
- 2000a 'Imaginierte Räume und Kampung-Nostalgie', in Manfred Kieserling (ed.) *Singapur: Metropole im Wandel*. Frankfurt, Suhrkamp Verlag, pp. 202-230.
(German translation of 'That imaginary space: nostalgia for Kampung' in Brenda Yeoh and Lily Kong (eds.) *Portraits of Places: history, community and identity in Singapore*. Singapore: Times Editions, 1995 pp, 222-241.)
- 2000b 'Consuming Asians: ideas and issues' in Chua Beng-Huat (ed.) *Consumption in Asia: Lifestyles and Identities*. London: Routledge, pp.1-34.
- 2000c 'Singaporeans ingesting McDonald's' in Chua Beng-Huat (ed.) *Consumption in Asia: Lifestyles and Identities*. London: Routledge, pp.183-201.
- 2000 'The relative autonomies of state and civil society in Singapore', in Gillian Koh and Ooi Giok Ling (eds.) *State-Society Relations in Singapore*. Singapore: Oxford University Press, pp.62-76.
- 1999 'The attendant consumer society of a developed Singapore', in Linda Low (ed.) *Singapore: Towards a Developed Status*. Singapore: Oxford University Press.
- 1999a (with Tan Joo Ann) 'Singapore: Where the middle class sets the standard', in Michael Pinches (ed.) *Culture and Privilege in Capitalist Asia*. London: Routledge, pp.137-158.
- 1998 'State and society: ambling towards greater balance', in A.Mahizhnan and Lee Tsao Yuen (eds.) *Singapore: Re-engineering Success*. Singapore: Institute of Policy Studies/ Oxford University Press, pp.69-81.
- 1998a 'Culture, multiracialism and national identity in Singapore', in Chen Kuan Hsing (ed.) *Trajectories: Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*. London: Routledge, pp.186-205.

- 1998b 'Racial-Singaporeans: absence after the hypen', in Joel S. Kahn (ed.) *Southeast Asian Identities: Culture and politics of representation in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, pp. 28-50.
- 1998c 'Invading state control: global broadcast communication in Southeast Asia', in Kevin Robins (ed.) *Programming for People: From Cultural Rights to Cultural Responsibilities*. Newcastle: University of Newcastle and European Broadcasting Union.
- 1997, 'Between economy and race: the Asianization of Singapore', in Ayse Öncü and Petra Weyland (eds.), *Space, Culture and Power: new identities in globalizing cities*. London: Zed Books, pp. 23-41.
- 1997a, 'Singapore: management of a city-state in Southeast Asia; in Jurgen Ruland (ed.) *The Dynamics of Metropolitan Management in Southeast Asia*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, pp. 207-224.
- 1996, 'Culturalization of economy and politics in Singapore', in Richard Robison (ed.) *Pathways to Asia: the politics of engagement*. St. Leonards, NSW, Australia: Allen and Unwin, pp. 87-107.
- 1994, 'Singapore' in Norm Mahmood (ed.) *Rethinking Political Development in Southeast Asia*. Kuala Lumpur: University of Malaya Press, pp. 115-124.
- 1992, 'Fashion shopping in Singapore', in Rob Shields (ed.) *Lifestyle Shopping*. London: Routledge, pp.114-135.
- 1992a, 'Planning the built environment', in Linda Low and Toh Mun Heng (eds.) *Public Policies in Singapore: changes in the 1980s and future signposts*. Singapore: Times Academic Press, pp. 334-351.
- 1992 b, '(and N.J. Edwards) Editorial introduction, *Public Space: design, use and management*', Singapore: Singapore University Press, pp. 1-10.
- 1992c, 'Encoding the political in public buildings', in Chua Beng Huat and N.J. Edwards (eds.) *Public Space: design, use and management*', Singapore: Singapore University Press, pp. 55-68.
- 1991, 'Singapore 1990: celebrating the end of an era', in *Southeast Asian Affairs 1991*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, pp. 253-266.
- 1989, 'The business of living in Singapore', in K.S. Sandhu and Paul Wheatley (eds.) *Singapore: Management of Success*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, pp. 1003-1021.
- 1985, (et. al.) 'Resettling a Chinese village' in A.K. Wong and S. Yeh (eds.) *Housing a Nation: 25 years of public housing in Singapore*. Singapore: Housing and Development Board, pp.335-347.

1982, 'Singapore in 1981: problems in new beginnings' in *Southeast Asian Affairs 1982*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, pp. 315-335.

1981, 'Chit fund: failure of a large rotating credit association', in G. Hainsworth et.al. (eds), *Southeast Asia: women, changing social structure and cultural continuity*. Ottawa: Ottawa University Press, 119-134.

Conference Papers:

Keynote Address

2017 'Reflections on institutionalizing a transnational Cultural Studies', Keynote Address, Public Symposium on New Directions in Transpacific Cultural Research, Inaugural event of the Institute of Transpacific Cultural Research, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, Feb 9-10.

2016 'State violence, social memory and the ethics of remembrance and forgiveness in East Asia'. 2016 Situations International Conference War, Violence, and Memory: Remembrance, Representation, and Commemoration of Crimes against Humanity in Asia; Yonsei University, Jeju Island, Korea, 20-21 October, 2016.

2016a 'Unintended consequences of pragmatic language engineering: English as official language in Singapore'. Conference on 'Cultural Engineering in Postmodern Era', English Department, Faculty of Humanities, Diponegoro, Semarang, Indonesia, Sept 21.

2016 'Developing Inter-Asia Cultural Studies: history, epistemology and substantive focus'. 70th Anniversary of the Faculty of Cultural Studies, Gajah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 24-25 February 2016.

2015 'Return to/of the Political Popular in Cultural Studies in Asia', 17th Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, Shue Yan University, Hong Kong, 5 December.

2015a 'Inter-referencing Asia as Method', Workshop on 'Bridges to Southeast Asia: perspectives from the Ateneo;', Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, Philippines, 27th February.

2014 'Unintended consequences of bilingual education policy in Singapore', 20th Annual International Conference of the Taiwan Sociology of Education Association, National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, 16-17 May.

2012 'Researching a Regional Media/Pop Culture Formation', Keynote address, International Conference on Media and Communication, 'Rethinking Multiculturalism: Media in multicultural society', Universitas Muhammadiyah, Yogyakarta, 7-8 November 2012.

2012a 'Disrupting Liberal Assumptions in Urban Development', Keynote address, 2nd International Conference on Territorial Encounters, Future Cities Lab, ETH Zurich, 10-11 September 2012.

2012b Conceptualization and Reference and Cultural Studies in Asia, Keynote at the Conference of "Critical Connections: Forum on Cultural Studies in Asia and Beyond", Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 16 March 2012.

2011 Conceptualization and Reference n Cultural Studies in Asia, Keynote at the Conference of "Cultural Studies and Its Discontents: Reconsidering Cultural Studies for the Twenty-First Century", English Language and Literature Association of Korea, Onyang, Korea, 17-19 November.

2011 'Regionalization of Media Industry and Pan-Asian Identity Formation', Public Lecture, Voices Series 2: Media, Politics and Identity in Contemporary Southeast Asia, Centre for the Study of Communication and Culture, Nottingham University (Malaysia), Kuala Lumpur, 5 November.

2011a 'Pop Culture and 'Soft Power' Competition in East Asia', Keynote Address, Symposium: Theatre and Performance in the Asia-Pacific: Regional Modernities in the Global Era. School of Culture and Communications, University of Melbourne, 26-28 September.

2011b '[Regionalization of media industry and identities in Asia](#)', International Conference on Asian Identities – Trends in the globalized world', Center for Academic Services, Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok, Thailand 10-11 February.

2011c Chua, B H, "Referencing Singapore in Asian Urbanism". East Asian Architectural Culture International Conference, 12 – 14 May, Department of Architecture, NUS, Singapore.

2010 'Global capitalism, middle class and the shape the new mega cities of the region', International Conference on Civic Spaces, University of Indonesia and University of British Columbia, Depok, Jakarta, Indonesia, 4 August.

2009 'Disrupting liberalism in East Asia', International Conference on Contemporary Indonesia, Gajah Mada University, Yogyakarta, 2 December.

2009a 'Social science knowledge production in/out of Asia', Keynote address, Asian Graduate Forum, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 15 July 2009.

2009b 'Asian Pop Culture: national, regional and global', Keynote address, Workshop, 'From Bollywood to LA: the travels of South Asian cinemas', Asia Research Institute, NUS, 9-10 February.

2008 'Disrupting Hegemonic Liberalism in East Asia', Keynote address, International Conference on 'Globalization: cultures, institutions and socioeconomics', Chinese University of Hong Kong – Washington University, Hong Kong 12-13 December.

2008a 'Communication and Regulation of Culture in East Asia', Keynote address, International Conference, 'Production and Regulation of Culture in East Asia', Institute of East Asian Studies, Sungkonghoe University, Seoul, Korea, 28th June.

2007 'From Small Objects to Cars: Consumption Expansion in East Asia' Keynote Address, International Workshop on Globalizing Lifestyles between McDonaldization and Sustainability: The case of the new middle classes. University of Bremen, Germany, 4-5 October

2007a 'East Asian Pop Culture: An Assessment of the Field', Keynote Address, Conference on Studies in Transnational Cultural Flows, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan, 24 March 2007.

2007b 'Expanding Consumer Culture in Asia', Keynote Address, International Workshop, Plastic Prosperity: credit cards, consumption and debt in Indonesia, SMERU Research Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia, 10 January.

2004, 'Universal homeownership, housing market and social welfare', Keynote address, International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development. Singapore, December 9-11.

2003, 'Multiculturalism in Island Southeast Asia: contra liberalism', Keynote address, 7th Annual Conference for Postgraduate Students. Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia, November 6-7.

2002, 'Multiculturalism in Island South-East Asian', Keynote address, 3rd International Conference of the Journal Anthropology Indonesia, Bali, 16-19 July.

2001, 'The Absence of Europe in the Asian Popular Sphere', Keynote address, Workshop on 'Asia in Europe, Europe in Asia', organized by Department of English Language and Literature, Institute of Asian Research, National University of Singapore and International Institute of Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden/Amsterdam, Singapore 7-8 December.

1998, 'Taking Asia out of Asian Values discourse', keynote address, Conference on Globalising Cultural Studies, 25-26 June, Pacific Asia Cultural Studies Forum, Goldsmith College, UK.

Invited Conference Presentations

2016 "Thinking about youth and politics in recessionary Asia", Public Lecture, Institute of East Asian Studies, Songkonghoe University, Seoul, Korea, 24 October.

2015 "The reality of Singapore society", Conference on The Legacy of Lee Kuan Yew and the Future of Singapore, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University, 31 October.

2015b "Financialization of public housing as asset in Singapore", Symposium on 'Speculative City', University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 6-7 March.

2014 "Keeping communism alive in Singapore", Workshop on Performative Publics and Global Modernities in Asia, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Barcelona, 3-4 November.

2014a "The Vicissitude of Hokkien in Post-Independence Singapore", 10th International Conference on Taiwanese Language and Its Teaching, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, 25-26 October.

2012 "Asia as points of reference". Australian Social Sciences in the Asian Century, Annual Symposium 2012, Australian Academy of Social Sciences, Canberra 19 November.

2010 "On the contradiction of liberal multiculturalism". Topics in Critical Theory: a literary criticism symposium, 17 - 18 Jun, Dept of English, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong.

2010a "Preserving Spaces for the Demi-monde in Singapore". International Conference on Spectacle and the City, 4 - 6 Jun 2010, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

2009 "Spatial Expressions of Political Hegemony with Liberalizing Culture in City - state, Singapore". Incheon International Conference for Urban Humanities, 19 – 21 Oct, Incheon University, Incheon, South Korea.

2008 'Recent panorama of popular cultures in Southeast Asia', paper presented at International Seminar on 'Seeing Southeast Asia Anew: Cinema, popular culture and political change', Jogja Asian Film Festival 2008, Yogyakarta, Indonesia 12 August.

2008a 'Group rights and democracy in Southeast Asia', paper presented at the Conference on 'The Experiment with Democracy in East and Southeast Asia: Two Decades After', Centre for Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong, 2-3 May.

2008b 'Pop culture formation across East Asia in the 21st century: Hybridization or Asianization, a proposal', Workshop for Korea-ASEAN Academic Conference, 29-31 March, Jeonju, Korea.

2008a 'Singapore as model', paper presented at the International Workshop on Inter-referencing Asia: Urban Innovations and the Art of Being Global, Social Science Research Council (NY), Dubai, 21-24 February.

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2002, 'Civil Society in a One-Party Dominant State: Singapore', presented at the conference on Civil Society and Democratic Governance in East Asia. Sejong Institute, Korea, Jeju Island, Korea, July 29-30.

2002a, 'Power of Image/Narrative and Global Hegemony of US?', presented at conference on Globalization, War, Media and Cultural Studies, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, 11-12 July.

2002b, 'Constrained NGOs and Arrested Democratization in Singapore', presented at the Nongovernmental Organizations and the Nation in a Globalizing World, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 21-22 June.

2002c, 'Globalization, Asia and Art Making', presented at Conference on Site + Sight: Translating Cultures. Organized by Earl Lu Gallery, LaSalle-SIA College of the Arts, Singapore, 15 June.

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2000 'Taiwan's Present/Singapore's Past Mediated by the Hokkien Language', paper presented at the Workshop on Intra-Asia Cultural Traffic, University of West Sydney, Sydney, Australia, 24-27 February.

1999 'Providing public spaces: Singapore and Taipei', presented at Conference on Shaping Common Futures: Case Studies of Collective Goods, Collective Activities in East and Southeast Asia, 7-9 October, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Western Australia.

1999a 'Economic Crisis and Democracy in Southeast Asia', presented at Conference on Challenges to Asian Democracy in the 21st Century: Setting the Agenda for the Democracy Forum for East Asia, 13-14 July, Sejong Institute and International Forum for Democratic Studies, Seoul, Korea.

1999b 'Politics by default: theatre in Singapore', presented at Conference on Humanities, Arts and Public Cultures in Two Hemispheres, 5-7 July, Key Centre for Cultural and Media Policy, Griffith University, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

1998 'Bodies in shopping complexes: displays, shapes and intimacies', presented at Conference on Body and Culture, 14-15 August, Kalam Foundation, Jakarta, Indonesia

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