

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Personal Particulars**

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### **Academic/Professional Qualifications**

Degree/Diplomas : BA (Hons) (First Class) NUS, 1986  
MA NUS, 1989  
PhD Cambridge, 1992

### **Appointments in University**

Present Appointment : Professor of History  
President, Yale-NUS College, 1 July 2017 to present

Previous Appointments : President Designate, Yale-NUS College, 1 May to 30 June 2017  
Executive Vice-President (Academic Affairs), Yale-NUS College, October 2014 to 30 April 2017  
Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, June 2008 to April 2015  
Vice Provost (Student Life), January 2010 to December 2014  
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, from January 2004 to December 2009  
Head, Department of History, from January 2001 to December 2003  
Vice-Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, from June 2001 to June 2003  
Acting Head, Department of History, January 2000 to December 2000  
Sub-Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, 1994 to 1999  
Deputy Head, Department of History, June 1998 to June 1999  
Acting Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, from July 2004 to August 2006, and from April 2007 to May 2008

## **Academic Awards**

- Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)' 6<sup>th</sup> S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore
- British Academy Visiting Professor, 2003 (attached to Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, University College London)
- Moncado Prize, 2001, (for outstanding essay published in the Journal of Military History), Society of Military History, USA
- Overseas Commonwealth Fellowship and Visiting Fellow at Wolfson College and Centre for South Asian Studies, Cambridge University, 1999
- Teaching Excellence Award, National University of Singapore, 1992, 2000
- Shell Medal in History, NUS, 1986
- Straits Steamship Book Prize, 1985

## **Professional Activities**

Member, NUS Press Senior Advisory Committee

Vice President, The Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society

Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore)

Member, International Editorial Board, India Review (USA)

Member, International Editorial Board, International Journal of Punjab Studies (US)

Member, Editorial Board, Modern Asian Studies (Cambridge)

## **Public/Social Service**

Chairman, National Collections Advisory Panel, National Heritage Board

Deputy Chairman, Management Board, Institute of South Asian Studies

Member, Social Science Research Council, Ministry of Education

Honorary Chairman, National Museum Board

Member, Academic Research Panel, National Heritage Board

Member, Founders' Memorial Committee, National Heritage Board

Member, Singapore Bicentennial Advisory Panel

Member, Indian Heritage Centre Advisory Board

Member, Board of Governors, St Gabriel's Foundation

Member, Catholic Junior College School Management Committee

Member, Singapore Institute of International Affairs Council

Member, Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre Academic Advisory Committee

Member, Management Board, Asia Research Institute

Member, Panel of Advisors, Young Sikh Association (Singapore)

## **Research/Publications**

Present Research Interests:

- India and Southeast Asia
- History of Singapore
- The Cold War and South Asia

## List of Publications

### Books/Monographs Authored

1. Tan, T Y, *Singapore Khalsa Association*, Singapore: Times Books International, 1988.
2. Tan, T Y and E S C Lee, *Beyond Degrees: The Making of the National University of Singapore*, Singapore: Singapore University Press, 1996.
3. Tan, T Y and Gyanesh Kudaisya, *The Aftermath of Partition in South Asia*, London: Routledge, 2000 and 2002.
4. Tan, T Y, *The Garrison State Military, Government and Society in Colonial Punjab*, New Delhi: SAGE, 2005.
5. Tan, T Y, *Creating Greater Malaysia: Decolonization and the Politics of Merger*, Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Publications, 2008.
6. Tan, T Y, C G Kwa and D Heng, *Singapore: A 700-Year History - From Early Emporium to World City*, Singapore, 2009.
7. Tan, T Y, D Heng, C G Kwa and P Borschberg, *Singapore: Seven Hundred Years – A History of Singapore*, Singapore, 2019.
8. Tan, T Y, *The Idea of Singapore: Smallness Unconstrained*, Singapore, 2019.

### Editorial Work on Books

1. Tan, T Y, Mark Frey and R. W Pruessen, eds., *The Transformation of Southeast Asia: International Perspectives on Decolonisation*, Armonk, New York: M E Sharpe, 2003.
2. Tan, T Y and Gyanesh Kudaisya, eds., *Partition and Post-Colonial South Asia: A Reader*, Afghanistan: Routledge, 2007. (Volume 1: History Writing, Violence, Borders; Volume 2: Gender, Minorities, Migrants and Volume 3: Identities, Geopolitics, Reconciliation).
3. Tan, T Y, eds., *Socio-Political and Economic Challenges in South Asia*, New Delhi: Sage, 2009.
4. Tan, T Y, eds., *South Asia. Societies in Political and Economic Transition*, New Delhi: Manohar, 2010.
5. Tan, T Y and S. D. Muni, eds., *A Resurgent China. South Asian Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2012.
6. Tan, T Y and M M Rahman, eds., *Diaspora Engagement and Development in South Asia*, London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013.
7. Rahman, M M, T Y Tan and Ahsan Ullah, eds., *Migrant Remittances in South Asia: Implications for Development*, Afghanistan: Palgrave Macmillan (UK), 2014.
8. Rahman, M M and T Y Tan, eds., *International Migration and Development in South Asia*, London and New York: Routledge (UK & USA), 2015.

9. Bhattacharya, A K, and T Y Tan eds., *Looking Ahead: India and Singapore in the new millennium - Celebrating 50 years of Diplomatic Relations*, New Delhi, 2016

#### **Journal Articles - International Refereed**

1. Tan, T Y, "Prelude to partition: Sikh responses to the demand for Pakistan, 1940-47". *International Journal of Punjab Studies*, 1, no. 2 (1994): 167-195. (India).
2. Tan, T Y, "Maintaining the military districts: Civil-military integration and district soldiers' boards in the Punjab, 1919-1939". *Modern Asian Studies*, 28, no. 4 (1994): 833-874. (United States).
3. Tan, T Y, "Assuaging the Sikhs: Government Responses to the Akali Movement, 1920-1925". *Modern Asian Studies*, Vol. 29, part. Part 3 (1995): 655-703. (United States).
4. Tan, T Y, "Punjab and the making of Pakistan: The roots of a civil-military state". *South Asia*, Vol. XVIII (Special Issue) (1995). (Australia).
5. Tan, T Y, "'Sir Cyril goes to India': Partition, boundary-making and disruptions in the Punjab". *International Journal of Punjab Studies*, 4, no. 1 (1997): 1-18. (India).
6. Tan, T Y, "An imperial home-front: Punjab and the First World War". *Journal of Military History*, no. 64 (2000): 371-410. (United States).
7. Tan, T Y, "Mobilisation, Militarisation and Malcontentment: Punjab and the Second World War". *South Asia*, 25, no. 2 (Special Issue on Essays in Honour of Professor D. A. Low) (2002): 137-151. (Australia).
8. Tan, T Y, "Surviving Globalisation: An Historical Perspective". *Commentary*, 18 (Special on Globalisation) (2002): 17-22. (Singapore).
9. Tan, T Y, "Port Cities and Hinterlands. A Comparative Study of Singapore and Calcutta". *Political Geography*, (2007). (United Kingdom).
10. Tan, T Y and C M See, "The Evolution of India-ASEAN Relations". *India Review*, 8, no. 1 (Jan-Mar 2009). (United Kingdom).

#### **Chapters in Books**

1. Tan, T Y, "The challenges of history". In *World of Humanities*, ed. Brenda Yeoh and Chua Beng Huat, 12-15. Singapore: Gifted Education Unit, Ministry of Education, 1994.
2. Tan, T Y, "India and Indians in the making of Singapore, 1819-1990"(with Andrew Major). In *Singapore-India Relations: A Primer*, ed. Assoc Prof Yong Mun Cheong, 1-20. Singapore: Singapore University Press, 1995.
3. Tan, T Y, "Punjab and the making of Pakistan: The roots of a civil-military state". In *Freedom, Trauma, Continuities*, ed. D A Low and Howard Brasted, 199-215. Studies in Contemporary South Asia. New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1998.
4. Tan, T Y, 'A Post-war history of the Asia-Pacific', Asia-Europe Foundation, Lund, 2000

5. Tan, T Y, "Singapore: Civil-Military Fusion". In *Coercion and Governance: The Declining Political Role of the Military in Asia*, ed. Alagappa, Muthiah, 276-293. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2001.
6. Tan, T Y, 'Social Development in Post-War Asia', Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore, 2001.
7. Tan, T Y, "Sepoys and the Colonial State: Punjab and the Military Base of the Indian Army 1849-1900". In *British Raj and its Indian Armed Forces, 1857-1939*, ed. Prof P. S. Gupta, 7-44. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2002.
8. Tan, T Y, "The "Grand Design": British Policy, Local Politics, and the Making of Malaysia, 1955-1961". In *The Transformation of Southeast Asia: International Perspectives on Decolonisation*, ed. Marc Frey, Ronald W. Pruessen, Tan Tai Yong, 142-160. Armonk, New York: M. E. Sharpe, 2003.
9. Tan, T Y, "Sir Herbert Emerson". In *New Dictionary of National Biography*, comp. British Academy and Oxford University Press. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
10. Tan, T Y, "Government of British India". In *Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopaedia*. Santa Barbara: ABC - CLIO, 2004.
11. Tan, T Y, "Subhas Chandra Bose". In *Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopaedia*. Santa Barbara: ABC - CLIO, 2004.
12. Tan, T Y, "Indian National Army from Ang Kor Wat to East Timor". In *Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopaedia*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2004.
13. Tan, T Y, "Early Southeast Asian Maritime Trade and Historical Overview of Pre-colonial Singapore". In *Maritime Heritage of Singapore*, Singapore, 2005.
14. Tan, T Y, "The Indian Ocean - Arabs and Indian Traders". In *Maritime Heritage of Singapore*, Singapore, 2005.
15. Tan, T Y, "Early Entrepot Portal - Trade and Founding of Singapore". In *Maritime Heritage of Singapore*, Singapore, 2005.
16. Tan, T Y, "Singapore's Story: A Port City in Search of Hinterlands". In *Port Cities in Asia and Europe*, ed. Arndt Graf and Chua Beng Huat. London: Routledge, 2009.
17. Tan, T Y, "The Armed Forces and Politics in Singapore". In *The Political Resurgence of the Military in Southeast Asia. Conflict and Leadership*, ed. Marcus Mietzner. London: Routledge, 2011.
18. Tan, T Y, "The Cold War and the Making of Singapore". In *Cold War Southeast Asia*, ed. Malcolm H. Murfett, 132-164. Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2012.
19. Tan, T Y and M M Rahman, "Diapora engagement and development in South Asia – An Introduction". In *Diaspora Engagement and Development in South Asia*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.
20. Tan, T Y and K C Ho, "Evolution of the Social Security System in Singapore". In *Asset Building - Strategies and Innovations in Asia*, 87-102. China: Peking University Press, 2014.
21. Rahman, M M, T Y Tan and Dr Ahsan, "Migrant Remittances in South Asia: Introduction". In *Migrant Remittances in South Asia*. London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan (UK), 2014.

22. Tan T Y “Engaging China and India: Interests, Challenges and Opportunities” in *Rise of China and India, Implications for the Asia Pacific*. New Delhi: Manohar Press, 2014
23. Tan, T Y and K C Ho, "The Evolution of Singapore's Social Security System". In *Asset-Building Policies and Innovations in Asia*, ed. Michael Sherraden, Li Zhou, H.B Ku, Sou Deng and SB Wang. New York: Routledge, 2015.
24. Rahman, M M and T Y Tan, "International Migration and Development in South Asia - Introduction". In *International Migration and Development in South Asia*. London and New York: Routledge (UK & USA), 2015.
25. Tan T Y, “India-ASEAN Relations at Seventy”. In *Seven Decades of Independent India – Ideas and Reflections*, ed. Vinod Rai and Amitendu Palit. India: Penguin Random House, 2018
26. Tan T Y, “The Rise of Nationalism and the Anti-Colonial Movement in Singapore”. In *200 Years of Singapore and the United Kingdom*, ed. Tommy Koh and Scott Wightman. Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2019

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