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01/2009 – 04/2012 PhD in Geography, National University of Singapore  
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### PUBLISHED WORK

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#### Books & edited books:

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### Projects:

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| 2023 – 2024 | 'Education Infrastructures and Migrant Un/Belonging: Indian Students in Singapore', MOE Academic Research Fund (Tier 1, Partnerships Edition with the University of Toronto), S\$69,750. Principal Investigator. |
| 2022 – 2025 | 'Technocratic Regionalism in Southeast Asia: The Translational Politics of Smart City Knowledge Transfer', MOE Academic Research Fund (Tier 2), S\$653,978. Principal Investigator.                              |
| 2022 – 2025 | 'SPACE: Shaping Public Adaptive Capacity for Environmental Infectious Diseases', National Research Foundation Singapore, S\$3,846,150. Co-Investigator.  |
| 2020 – 2022 | 'Smart Cities in Global Comparative Perspective: Worlding and Provincializing Relationships', Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, C\$200,000. Co-Investigator.                            |
| 2019 – 2022 | 'New Religious Pluralisms in Singapore: Migration, Integration and Difference', MOE Academic Research Fund (Tier 2), S\$572,172. Principal Investigator.   |
| 2019 – 2022 | 'Infrastructures of Faith: Religious Mobilities on the Belt and Road', Collaborative Research Fund (Hong Kong), HK\$6,200,000. Collaborator.   |
| 2018 – 2019 | 'Making Smart Cities for All', SMU Capacity Building Fund, S\$275,000. Collaborator.   |
| 2017 – 2019 | 'Religion and Migration: Christian Integration and the (Un)Making of Communities', MOE Academic Research Fund (Tier 1, Category B), S\$77,439. Collaborator.   |
| 2009 – 2012 | NUS Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore, monthly stipend and full tuition fee waiver.   |

## INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & SYMPOSIA

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| 2025 | 'Infrastructures of Governance', discussant at the Law and Geography in Urban Asia workshop, Asia Research Institute, Singapore ( <i>delivered online</i> ). |
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<sup>1</sup> Approximate, given currency conversions.

- 2024 'The dengue crisis and the forging of ecological citizenship in Singapore', speaker at the symposium 'Cities in Crisis: Planning and Design, Governance, and Daily Life', speaker at The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 2024 'Lived religion in a digital age: technology, affect and the pervasive space-times of 'new' religious praxis', speaker at the Asia Research Institute, Singapore.
- 2024 'Growing Asia's Secondary Cities – Challenges and Opportunities', panellist at City Dialogues – Bangkok, Thammasat University, Thailand.
- 2023 'Infrastructural splintering along the BRI: Catholic political ecologies, more-than-material affects and the fractious futures of Sri Lanka's littoral spaces', speaker at the BRINFAITH Online Lecture Series, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (*delivered online*).
- 2023 'Global China in a Religious World', discussant at The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 2023 'Digital Futures', panellist at the Malaysian Futures Forum, Khazanah Research Institute, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2023 'The worlding and provincializing of Singapore as a "Smart Nation"', speaker at the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, SOAS, UK (*delivered online*).
- 2023 'Worlding and provincialising Singapore's "Smart Nation" initiative', speaker at the Urban Research Group Seminar Series, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (*delivered online*).
- 2023 'New Religious Pluralisms in Singapore: Understanding Social Diversity in a Complex World', speaker at the Home Team Research Community of Practice, Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore.
- 2022 'Infrastructural splintering along the BRI: Catholic political ecologies, more-than-material affects and the fractious futures of Sri Lanka's littoral spaces', speaker at The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (*delivered online*).
- 2022 'Expanding Boundaries: Christianity, Racism, and the Changing Socio-Religious Landscape with New Singaporeans', speaker at the SRP Executive Programme, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore.
- 2022 'Worlding and provincialising Singapore's "Smart Nation" initiative', speaker at the Urban Research Group Seminar Series, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (*delivered online*).
- 2021 'Entrepreneurial artistry in a digital age: grime's three pathways to power', speaker at the Music and Sonic Studies Seminar Series, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK (*delivered online*).
- 2021 'Reimagining World Cities', panellist at the Lien Centre for Social Innovation, Singapore (*delivered online*).

- 2021 'Singapore's Tablighi Jamaat community and the transnational politics of integrating (through) otherness', speaker at the Asia Research Institute, Singapore (*delivered online*).
- 2020 'Infrastructure's (supra)sacralising effects: Contesting littoral spaces of fishing, faith and futurity along Sri Lanka's Western coastline', speaker at The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (*delivered online*).
- 2020 'Affective cosmopolitanisms in Singapore: Dancehall and the decolonisation of the self', speaker at Singapore Management University, Singapore.
- 2020 'The power and the politics of embodying dancehall: Reconciling sonic affect and the religious self in Singapore', speaker at the Asia Research Institute, Singapore.
- 2019 'Global Urban Network Workshop', participant at the University of Toronto, Canada.
- 2019 'Parallels and paradoxes: New religious formations in response to the BRI in Sri Lanka', speaker at Singapore Management University, Singapore.
- 2019 'Infrastructural Geographies', speaker at The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 2018 'Parallels and paradoxes: New religious formations in response to the BRI in Sri Lanka', speaker at The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 2018 'Disjunctures of belonging and belief: Christian migrants and the bordering of identity in Singapore', speaker at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 2018 'Sonic Spaces, Spiritual Bodies: The Affective Experience of the Roots Reggae Soundsystem', speaker at Singapore Management University, Singapore.
- 2017 'The Geographies of Non-Religion', speaker at Guangzhou University, China.

#### CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 'New cartographies of more-than-human killing and control: The remapping of responsibility and the forging of ecological citizenship through mosquito cohabitation in Singapore', RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, UK.
- 2023 'Living with Mosquitoes in Singapore: Re-Animating the Urban Through and With Ecological Knowledges', SPACE Workshop, Paris, France.
- 2023 'The state-led platformisation of financial services: Frictionless ecosystems and the expansive logics of "smartness" in Singapore', RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, UK.
- 2023 'The illusory infrastructure of ink: Machinic bodies and epidermic affects in Singapore', AAG Annual Conference, Denver, USA.

- 2023 Panellist for ‘Digital (In)Justice in the Smart City’, AAG Annual Conference, Denver, USA.
- 2022 ‘The partial secularisms of Singapore’s Muslim minorities: Arbitrating model citizenship and (in)complete selves at the margins’, SSSR Annual Conference, Baltimore, USA.
- 2022 ‘The demands of displacement, the micro-aggressions of multiculturalism: Performing an idea of “Indianness” in Singapore’, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, Newcastle, UK.
- 2022 ‘The partial secularisms of Singapore’s Muslim minorities: Authoritarian space-times and the state-led structuring of citizenship at the margins’, AAG Annual Conference, New York, USA (*delivered online*).
- 2021 ‘Free bodies, segmented selves: Paradoxical spaces of dancehall culture in Singapore’, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, UK (*delivered online*).
- 2019 ‘Affective cosmopolitanisms in Singapore: Dancehall and the decolonisation of the self’, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, UK.
- 2019 ‘Creating alternative spaces of value in Singapore’s postsecular Christian landscape’, EASSSR Annual Conference, Hokkaido University, Japan.
- 2019 ‘Class(ify)ing Christianity in Singapore: Tracing the inter- and intra-spatialities of privilege and position’, AAG Annual Conference, Washington DC, USA.
- 2018 ‘Religious urbanism in Singapore: Competition, commercialism and compromise in the search for space’, NZASR and AASR Annual Conference, University of Auckland, New Zealand.
- 2018 ‘Christian inclusions, ethnic exclusions: Parallel spaces of migrant (dis)integration in Singapore’, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, Cardiff University, UK.
- 2018 ‘Fractured lives, newfound freedoms? The politics of religious seekership amongst Chinese migrants in Singapore’, EASSSR Annual Conference, Singapore Management University, Singapore.
- 2012 ‘Converting Disaster into Opportunity: Evangelical Christianity and the Politics of Salvation in Sri Lanka’, Asia Research Institute, Singapore.

## MEDIA

- 2021 Contributor on Singapore’s dancehall scene to the ‘Out There Without Fear Dialogues’ by Joelle Powe ([here](#)).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Postgraduate:

- 2022 – Instructor, College of Integrative Studies, Singapore Management University

- INTS703: Ways of Thinking About Asian Smart Cities (AY24/25)
- INTS706: Graduate Research Seminar for Asian Urbanisms (AY24/25)
- IDIS702: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study (AY22/23; 23/24; 24/25)

Guest Instructor, Executive Education, Singapore Management University

- EMBA: Smart Cities and Urban Innovation (June 2024)

### Undergraduate:

- 2018 – Instructor, College of Integrative Studies (previously Office of Core Curriculum), Singapore Management University
- COR3001: Big Questions: Wealth & Poverty (AY22/23)
  - COR3001: Big Questions: War & Peace (AY21/22)
  - COR3001: Big Questions: Global & Local (AY20/21)
  - COR3001/IDIS004: Big Questions: Happiness & Suffering (AY18/19; 19/20; 23/24)
  - COR2206/IDIS006: Digital Cultures (AY18/19; 21/22)
- 2017 – Guest Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University
- SOCG201: Social Stratification and Inequality (AY22/23)
  - SOCG109: Contemporary South Asian Societies (AY17/18)
- 2009 – 2011 Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore
- GE2221: Nature and Society (AY11/12)
  - GE2206: Geographies of Life and Death (AY10/11)
  - GE1101: Place, Environment and Society (AY09/10)
  - GE2225: Methods and Practices in Geography (AY08/09)

### SUPERVISION (PLACEMENT)

#### Research Fellows:

- 2022 – Prerona DAS
- 2020 – 2021 GAO Quan (Assistant [*now* Associate] Professor, Sun Yat-Sen University)
- 2018 – 2019 Menusha DE SILVA (Lecturer, National University of Singapore)
- 2018 – 2019 Jane Yeonjae LEE (Research Associate, Kyung Hee University; *now* Lead User Experience Researcher, Meta)

#### Research Associates:

- 2023 – 2024 Tricia TOK (Assistant Manager, Singapore Management University)

#### Research Assistants:

- 2025 – Liyana DONEVA
- 2022 – Emma GRIMLEY<sup>2</sup>
- 2023 – 2024 Barnabas MAH (Planner [Active Mobility], LTA)

<sup>2</sup> Winner of the SMU Research Staff Excellence Award in 2024.

- 2023 – 2024 Terence TAN Wei Jian (MSocSci candidate in Geography, National University of Singapore)
- 2019 – 2021 Joanne HENG (Programme Executive, Viriya Community Services)
- 2019 – 2020 Acmal Zuheyr Iefan Bin ABDUL WAHID (Research Assistant in Sociology, Nanyang Technological University; *now* Senior Analyst, RSIS)
- 2017 – 2023 SHEE Siew Ying (PhD candidate in Geography, Durham University)

#### SSRC Graduate Research Fellowships:

- 2024 – 2026 SHEE Siew Ying, Durham University, Geography
- 2023 – 2025 Al LIM, Yale University, Anthropology

#### Marie S. Curie Global Fellowships:

- 2024 – 2026 Silvia OMENETTO, Sapienza University (Italy), Geography

#### PhD supervision:

- 2024 – Robin CHEE (PhD)
- 2023 – ZENG Ziheng (PhD)

#### IM & ISM supervision:

- 2024 – Karis SOH (ISM)
- 2024 – Jermaine SEE (IM)
- 2022 – Arif Ahmad WOOZEER (ISM)

#### External advising:

- 2024 – Edgardo CLARO (PhD), Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (Mexico)

### ACADEMIC SERVICE

#### Editorial:

- 2024 – Member, Editorial Board, *Belonging*
- 2020 – Member, Editorial Board, *Transitions: Journal of Transient Migration*
- 2022 – 2024 Member, Editorial Board, *Political Geography Open Research*
- 2021 – 2023 Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Human Dynamics (Digital Impacts)*
- 2021 – 2023 Member, Editorial Board, *Religions*

#### Journal peer review:

- 2013 – *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies* (1)
- Antipode* (1)
- Area* (4)
- Asia Pacific Education Review* (1)
- Asia Pacific Viewpoint* (2)
- Asian Studies Review* (2)
- Australian Journal of Social Issues* (1)
- Behaviour & Information Technology* (1)



*Belonging* (2)  
*British Educational Research Journal* (1)  
*Cities* (1)  
*Cultural Dynamics* (1)  
*cultural geographies* (7)  
*Digital Geography and Society* (1)  
*Electronic Commerce Research* (1)  
*Emotion, Space and Society* (2)  
*Energies* (1)  
*Energy Research & Social Science* (1)  
*Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* (1)  
*Environmental Politics* (1)  
*Ethnic and Racial Studies* (1)  
*European Journal of Cultural Studies* (1)  
*Frontiers in Sports and Active Living* (1)  
*Gender, Place & Culture* (1)  
*Geoforum* (5)  
*Geopolitics* (1)  
*Geography Compass* (2)  
*Housing, Theory and Society* (2)  
*Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* (1)  
*Information, Communication & Society* (1)  
*International Journal of Heritage Studies* (3)  
*International Journal of Intercultural Relations* (3)  
*International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (1)  
*International Journal of Urban Sciences* (1)  
*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* (4)  
*Journal of Asia Pacific Communication* (1)  
*Journal of Asian Architecture and Building Engineering* (1)  
*Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* (1)  
*Journal of Contemporary Christianities in Context* (1)  
*Journal of Contemporary Religion* (2)  
*Journal of Cultural Geography* (3)  
*Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (5)  
*Journal of Humanistic Psychology* (1)  
*Journal of Planning Literature* (1)  
*Journal of Population and Social Studies* (1)  
*Journal of Technology in Human Services* (1)  
*Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (1)  
*Journal of Urban Affairs* (2)  
*Journal of Urban Technology* (3)  
*Land* (1)  
*Mobile Media & Communication* (1)  
*Mobilities* (1)  
*New Media & Society* (2)  
*Pacific Affairs* (1)  
*Palgrave Communications* (1)  
*Poetics* (1)  
*Political Geography* (2)  
*Politics, Religion & Ideology* (1)  
*Progress in Human Geography* (1)

*Social & Cultural Geography* (4)  
*SAGE Open* (1)  
*Science, Technology and Society* (1)  
*SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* (1)  
*Sustainability* (1)  
*Technological Forecasting and Social Change* (1)  
*Territory, Politics, Governance* (2)  
*The Geographical Journal* (1)  
*The Journal of Men's Studies* (1)  
*The Lancet Regional Health – Western Pacific* (1)  
*The Professional Geographer* (2)  
*Tourism Geographies* (1)  
*Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* (6)  
*Transitions: Journal of Transient Migration* (2)  
*Urban Geography* (2)  
*Urban Planning* (1)  
*Urban Studies* (5)  
*Visual Studies* (1)

Book manuscript review:

2022 – Routledge (2)  
 2021 – Bloomsbury Academic (1)

External grant review:

2024 Marsden Fund, Royal Society of New Zealand (1)  
 2019 Singapore Ministry of Education Social Science Research Thematic Grant (1)

External examination (individual-level):

2025 Department of Geography, Durham University (PhD)  
 2022 School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University (MA)  
 2022 School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford (PhD)  
 2022 Department of Geography, University of Hong Kong (PhD)

External examination (programme-level):

2024 – 2028 Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies, University of Hong Kong

Conference & session organisation:

2024 Co-organiser (with Professor Colin McFarlane) of the workshop *The Urbanisation Challenge in Asia: The Pasts, Presents and Futures of Densification, Contraction and Sprawl*, Singapore Management University, Singapore.

2024 Co-organiser of the symposium *Learning to Belong in the City*, Singapore Management University, Singapore.

2022 Co-organiser of the workshop *Migration, Thriving and Belonging*, SMU-University of Toronto.

- 2022 Co-convenor (with Professors Byron Miller, Tim Bunnell and Lily Kong) of the workshop *Smart Cities in Global Comparative Perspective: Worlding and Provincializing Relationships*, Asia Research Institute, Singapore.
- 2022 Co-organiser (with Professor Lily Kong) of the roundtable *New Religious Pluralisms in Singapore*, Singapore Management University, Singapore.
- 2022 Co-organiser (with Professor David A. Palmer) of the workshop *The Sacred Dimensions of the BRI's "Infrastructural Commons"*, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 2019 Co-convenor (with Dr Menusha de Silva) of the session *Alternative Spaces of Learning*, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, UK.
- 2019 Co-convenor (with Dr Jane Yeonjae Lee) of the session *Realizing the value of interdisciplinary research: How can critical theory be 'applied' to smart cities?* AAG Annual Conference, Washington DC, USA.
- 2018 Lead of the Singapore organising committee and session chair for *Religiosity, Secularity and Pluralism in the Global East*, EASSSR Annual Conference, Singapore Management University, Singapore.

Selected university-level committees & service:

- 2024 – University Research Committee (URC)
- 2021 – 2024 University Research Evaluation Committee (UREC)
- 2021 – 2023 Strategic Hiring Committee
- 2020 – 2022 SMU Futures Thinking Group
- 2019 – 2022 SMU Cities Research Cluster
- 2020 – 2021 SMU Strategic Priority Expert Panel (Digital Transformation)

Selected school-level committees & service:

- 2021 – Chair, School & Research Evaluation Committees for promotion, reappointment, and tenure review
- 2021 – Chair, Dean's Evaluation Committee
- 2021 – 2023 Chair, CIS Search and Hiring Committee
- 2020 – 2023 Chair, Speakers & Seminars Committee
- 2020 – 2023 Member, CIS Second Major/D3 Committee
- 2020 – 2023 Prinsep Street Residences Mentor

Local co-ordination & guest lecturing for study missions to Singapore:

- March 2023 The University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong), China Development Studies
- July 2019 International Christian University (Japan), Ethnographic Research Methods
- May 2019 University of Calgary (Canada), Overseas Field School in Geography

Other service:

- 2020 Peer reviewer for Faculty Teaching Forum

- 2020 Core Curriculum teaching demonstration for SMU's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Open House
- 2020 Core Curriculum teaching demonstration for IB Day @ SMU

#### INDUSTRY SERVICE

- 2024 – Executive Committee Member, Urban Land Institute Singapore

#### CONSULTANCY

- 2020 – 2021 Research advisor for Temasek Foundation's "Project Stay Safe"

#### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- 2016 – 2017 Senior Research Consultant, Decidedly, London, UK
- 2010 – 2016 Researcher, Asian Strategies, Singapore
- 2007 – 2008 Marketing Executive, Citi, Singapore
- 2006 – 2007 Account Manager, SDC Consulting, Singapore

#### REFERENCES

Available upon request.