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02/2022 – Associate Dean (Research & Postgraduate Programmes)  
07/2019 – 12/2023 Course Coordinator for Big Questions

Academic:

07/2024 – Professor of Geography  
01/2021 – 06/2024 Associate Professor of Geography  
07/2018 – 12/2020 Assistant Professor of Humanities  
03/2017 – 06/2018 Research Fellow

## EDUCATION

01/2009 – 04/2012 PhD in Geography, National University of Singapore  
09/2003 – 06/2006 BA (First Class Honours) in Geography, University College London

## HONOURS &amp; AWARDS

07/2020 – 06/2024 Lee Kong Chian Fellow, Singapore Management University  
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## PUBLISHED WORK

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Books & edited books:

3. Kong, L., **Woods, O.** and Tse, J.K.H. (eds) (2024) *Handbook of the Geographies of Religion*. Dordrecht: Springer.
2. Gomes, C., Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (eds) (2020) *Religion, Hypermobility and Digital Media in Global Asia: Faith, Flows and Fellowship*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

1. Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (2016) *Religion and Space: Competition, Conflict and Violence in the Contemporary World*. London: Bloomsbury.

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

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69. **Woods, O.**, Bunnell, T. and Kong, L. (2024) 'Island platforms and the hyper-terrestrialisation of Singapore's smart city-state', *Territory, Politics, Governance*, DOI: 10.1080/21622671.2024.2317211.
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65. **Woods, O.** (2024) 'Neoliberal shifts and strategies of religious adaptation in post-war Sri Lanka', *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 39(1): 69-86.
64. **Woods, O.** (2024) 'Topological spaces of embodied becoming: queens, queerness, and (infra)structural subterfuge in Singapore', *Journal of Gender Studies*, 33(4): 446-457.
63. **Woods, O.** (2024) 'No destination: queering mobility through the virtuality of movement', *Mobilities*, 19(2): 172-188.
62. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2024) 'The irreducible otherness of *desi* and desire in Singapore's *gurdwaras*: moral boundary-making in the shadows of a multicultural society', *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 47(6): 1258-1279.
61. **Woods, O.** (2024) 'The affective embeddings of *gacha* games: Aesthetic assemblages and the mediated expression of the self', *New Media & Society*, 26(2): 823-838.
60. Gao, Q., **Woods, O.**, Kong, L. and Shee, S.Y. (2024) 'Lived religion in a digital age: technology, affect and the pervasive space-times of "new" religious praxis', *Social & Cultural Geography*, 25(1): 29-48.

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54. **Woods, O.** (2023) 'Framing the Muslim subject, contesting the secular citizen: Tablighi Jamaat and the (trans)nationalisation of Islam in Singapore', *Global Networks*, 23(3): 599-615.
53. Gao, Q., **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2023) 'Squeezed out by the market, seeking strength in the network: Makeshift temples and the spatio-affective logics of survival in Singapore', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 48(2): 351-364.
52. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2023) 'The Partial Secularisms of Singapore's Muslim Minorities: Arbitrating Model Citizenship and (In)Complete Selves at the Margins', *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 113(3): 616-634.
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50. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2023) 'The demands of displacement, the micro-aggressions of multiculturalism: performing an idea of "Indianness" in Singapore', *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 46(1): 119-140.
49. **Woods, O.** (2022) 'Between the commons and the cosmos: the sacred politics of the BRI in Southeast Asia and beyond', *Area Development and Policy*, DOI: 10.1080/23792949.2022.2081586.
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46. **Woods, O.** (2022) 'Realising contingent religious subjects through relational spaces of missionary encounter', *Asia Pacific Viewpoint*, 63(2): 224-235.

45. **Woods, O.** (2022) 'From roadman to royalties: Inter-representational value and the hypercapitalist impulses of grime', *Crime, Media, Culture*, 18(3): 412-429.
44. **Woods, O.** and Donaldson, J. (2022) 'Haptic heritage and the paradox of provenance within Singapore's cottage food businesses', *Food, Culture & Society*, 25(2): 237-253.
43. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2022) 'Aestheticized temples, rationalized affects: sacred modernities and the micro-regulation of Hinduism in Singapore', *Journal of Cultural Geography*, 39(2): 182-200.
42. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2022) 'Class(ify)ing Christianity in Singapore: Tracing the interlinked spaces of privilege and position', *City*, 26(2-3): 373-384.
41. Kong, L., **Woods, O.** and Zhu, H. (2022) 'The (de)territorialised appeal of international schools in China: Forging brands, boundaries and inter-belonging in segregated urban space', *Urban Studies*, 59(1): 242-258 [shortlisted for *Urban Studies Best Article 2022*].
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33. Gao, Q., **Woods, O.** and Cai, X. (2021) 'The influence of masculinity and the moderating role of religion on the workplace well-being of factory workers in China', *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(12): 6250.
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28. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Affective cosmopolitanisms in Singapore: Dancehall and the decolonisation of the self', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 46(1): 135-148.
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26. **Woods, O.** and Shee, S.Y. (2021) "'Doing it for the 'gram'": The representational politics of popular humanitarianism', *Annals of Tourism Research*, 78: 1-11.
25. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Forging alternatively sacred spaces in Singapore's integrated religious marketplace', *cultural geographies*, 28(1): 109-122.
24. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'The territoriality of teams: Assembling power through the playing of Pokémon Go', *Mobile Media & Communication*, 9(3): 405-421.
23. De Silva, M., **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2020) 'Alternative education spaces and pathways: Insights from an international Christian school in China', *Area*, 52(4): 750-757.
22. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2020) 'Fractured Lives, Newfound Freedoms? The Dialectics of Religious Seekership among Chinese Migrants in Singapore', *Asian Studies Review*, 44(4): 652-670.
21. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2020) 'New cultures of care? The spatio-temporal modalities of home-based smart eldercare technologies in Singapore', *Social & Cultural Geography*, 21(9): 1307-1327.
20. Lee, J.Y., **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2020) 'Towards more inclusive smart cities: Reconciling the divergent realities of data and discourse at the margins', *Geography Compass*, 14(9): 1-12.
19. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2020) 'Parallel Spaces of Migrant (Non-)Integration in Singapore: Latent Politics of Distance and Difference within a Diverse Christian Community', *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 41(3): 335-354.
18. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2020) 'The spatial subversions of global citizenship education: Negotiating imagined inclusions and everyday exclusions in international schools in China', *Geoforum*, 112: 139-147.
17. **Woods, O.** (2020) 'The digital subversion of urban space: power, performance and grime', *Social & Cultural Geography*, 21(3): 291-313.
16. **Woods, O.** (2020) 'Subverting the logics of "smartness" in Singapore: Smart eldercare and parallel regimes of sustainability', *Sustainable Cities and Society*, 53: 1-7.

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14. Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (2019) 'Disjunctures of belonging and belief: Christian migrants and the bordering of identity in Singapore', *Population, Space and Place*, 25(6): 1-10.
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12. **Woods, O.** (2019) 'Religious urbanism in Singapore: Competition, commercialism and compromise in the search for space', *Social Compass*, 66(1): 24-34.
11. Ma, L., **Woods, O.** and Zhu, H. (2019) 'Restoration of an ancestral temple in Guangzhou, China: Re-imagining history and traditions through devotion to art and creation', *cultural geographies*, 26(1): 141-149.
10. Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (2018) 'Smart eldercare in Singapore: Negotiating agency and apathy at the margins', *Journal of Aging Studies*, 47: 1-9.
9. **Woods, O.** (2018) 'Spaces of the Religious Economy: Negotiating the Regulation of Religious Space in Singapore', *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 57(3): 531-546.
8. Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (2018) 'Mobile bodies, (im)mobile beliefs? Religious accord and discord as migratory outcomes', *Social Compass*, 65(2): 149-167.
7. **Woods, O.** (2018) 'Strategies of salvation: Evangelical Christian praxis and sites of degradation in Sri Lanka', *Asia Pacific Viewpoint*, 59(1): 34-46.
6. Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (2018) 'The ideological alignment of smart urbanism in Singapore: Critical reflections on a political paradox', *Urban Studies*, 55(4): 679-701.
5. **Woods, O.** (2018) '(Re)producing Buddhist hegemony in Sri Lanka: advancing the discursive formations of self-Orientalism, religious (im)mobility and "unethical" conversion', *Religion*, 48(2): 215-235.
4. **Woods, O.** (2013) 'Converting Houses into Churches: The Mobility, Fission and Sacred Networks of Evangelical Christian House Churches in Sri Lanka', *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 31(6): 1062-1075.
3. **Woods, O.** (2013) 'The spatial modalities of evangelical Christian growth in Sri Lanka: evangelism, social ministry and the structural mosaic', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 38(4): 652-664.
2. **Woods, O.** (2012) 'Sri Lanka's Informal Religious Economy: Evangelical Competitiveness and Buddhist Hegemony in Perspective', *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 51: 203-219.
1. **Woods, O.** (2012) 'The geographies of religious conversion', *Progress in Human Geography*, 36(4): 440-456.

Book chapters & encyclopaedia entries:

26. Grimley, E., **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (Forthcoming) 'Agglomerating Faith(s): Religious Hubs, Religious Harmony and Spatial Challenges in Singapore', in Eade, J. and Tremlett, P. (eds) *Bloomsbury Handbook on Religion, Space and Place*. London: Bloomsbury.
25. **Woods, O.**, Lo, A. and Mah, B. (Forthcoming) 'Situating urban regeneration between private developmentalism and public erasure in Bangkok, Thailand', in Trigo, S., Andres, L. and Raco, M. (eds) *Routledge New Companion to Urban Regeneration*. London and New York: Routledge.
24. Shee, S.Y. and **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) 'Digital Social Geographies' in Di Felicianantonio, C. and Vanolo, A. (eds) *De Gruyter Handbook of Social Geographies*. Berlin: De Gruyter.
23. **Woods, O.** and Mah, B. (Forthcoming) 'Pentecostalism in Sri Lanka: Proselytisation, Buddhist Nationalism and the Contested Ethics of Engagement' in Wilkinson, M., Au, C., Haustein, J. and Johnson, T. (eds) *Brill's Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism Online*. Leiden: Brill.
22. **Woods, O.**, Kong, L. and Tse, J. (Forthcoming) 'The End of the Beginning for the Geographies of Religion?' in Kong, L., **Woods, O.** and Tse, J. (eds) *Handbook of the Geographies of Religion*. Dordrecht: Springer.
21. **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) 'Reflections on "Geography and Religions"' in Kong, L., **Woods, O.** and Tse, J. (eds) *Handbook of the Geographies of Religion*. Dordrecht: Springer.
20. **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) 'Reflections on "Veiled Meanings"' in Kong, L., **Woods, O.** and Tse, J. (eds) *Handbook of the Geographies of Religion*. Dordrecht: Springer.
19. **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) 'The Community Economics Shaping Alternative Spaces of Islamic Futurity in Singapore' in Kong, L., **Woods, O.** and Tse, J. (eds) *Handbook of the Geographies of Religion*. Dordrecht: Springer.
18. **Woods, O.**, Ruwanpura, K., Chan, L. and Mah, B. (Forthcoming) 'A debt to whom? The nature question in Sino-Sri Lankan development narratives' in Apostolopoulou, E., Wüig, A., Silver, J. and Cheng, H. (eds) *Grounding China's Belt and Road Initiative*. Bristol: Bristol University Press.
17. Yap, C. and **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) 'Embodying the illusion: Transcending and reconstituting the regulatory state through Singapore's drag scene' in Edward, M., Farrier, S. and Sterk, G. (eds) *Routledge Companion to Drag*. London and New York: Routledge.
16. Grimley, E., **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (Forthcoming) 'Home and Religion' in Stratford, E. and Walsh, K. (eds) *Routledge Handbook of Home*. London and New York: Routledge.
15. **Woods, O.**, Kong, L. and Lim, A. (Forthcoming) 'Sedimented surveillance in Southeast Asia's "smart" city-state: The case of Singapore' in Oberwittler, D. and Wickes, R. (eds) *The Handbook on Cities and Crime*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

14. **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) 'Religion' in Winders, J. and Ashutosh, I. (eds) *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Cultural and Social Geography*. Wiley-Blackwell.
13. **Woods, O.** (2024) 'Religion' in Cloke, P., Goodwin, M., Dombroski, K., Williams, A. and Qian, J. (eds) *Introducing Human Geographies*. London and New York: Routledge, DOI: 10.4324/9780429265853-33.
12. **Woods, O.** (2024) 'The Power and the Politics of Embodying Dancehall: Reconciling Sonic Affect and the Religious Self in Singapore' in Lorea, C. and Hackett, R. (eds) *Religious Sounds Beyond the Global North: Senses, Media and Power*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, pp. 233-246.
11. **Woods, O.** (2023) 'Volunteer tourism – 'doing it for the 'gram': Cambodia, Southeast Asia' in Lynes, A., Kelly, C. and Treadwell, J. (eds) *50 Dark Destinations: Crime and Contemporary Tourism*. Bristol: Policy Press, pp. 223-229.
10. **Woods, O.** (2023) 'Reimagining Smart Citizenship, Reconciling (Im)partial Truths: POFMA, Digital Data and Singapore's Smart Nation' in Mackinnon, D., Fast, V. and Burns, R. (eds) *Digital (In)justice in the Smart City*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, pp. 383-393.
9. **Woods, O.** (2022) 'Digital diasporas and the religious reproduction of 'home'' in Campbell, H.A. and Cheong, P. (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Digital Religion*. New York: Oxford University Press.
8. **Woods, O.** (2022) 'Space, Boundaries and Borders in the Study of Religion, Gender and Society' in Starkey, C. and Tomalin, E. (eds) *The Routledge Handbook of Religion, Gender and Society*. London: Routledge, pp. 136-148.
7. **Woods, O.** (2020) 'The Creation of Digitally-Mediated Christian Migrant Communities in Singapore' in Gomes, C., Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (eds) *Religion, Hypermobility and Digital Media in Global Asia: Faith, Flows and Fellowship*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, pp. 27-45.
6. Gomes, C., Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (2020) 'Introduction' in Gomes, C., Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (eds) *Religion, Hypermobility and Digital Media in Global Asia: Faith, Flows and Fellowship*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, pp. 11-24.
5. **Woods, O.** (2020) 'Religion' in Kobayashi, A. et al. (eds) *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Elsevier, pp. 397-401.
4. Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (2019) 'Geographical and demographic approaches to leaving religion' in Enstedt, D., Larsson, G. and Mantsinen, T.T. (eds) *Handbook of Leaving Religion*. Leiden: Brill, pp. 267-277.
3. **Woods, O.** (2018) 'Religion and Development' in McGregor, A., Law, L. and Miller, F. (eds) *The Routledge Handbook of Southeast Asian Development*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 250-260.



2. **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2017) 'Mobile cities, modelling policies: importing/exporting the Singapore 'model' of development' in Short, J. (ed) *A Research Agenda for Cities*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 206-217.
1. **Woods, O.** (2017) 'Cultural Politics' in Castree, N., Goodchild, M., Liu, W., Kobayashi, A., Marston, R. and Richardson, D. (eds) *International Encyclopedia of Geography: People, the Earth, Environment, and Technology*. Wiley, pp. 1-8.

#### Occasional papers & case notes:

4. **Woods, O.** and Mah, B. (2024) 'Reconciling the Costs of Sustainable Cities', SMU City Dialogues White Paper.
3. Shee, S.Y. and **Woods, O.** (2024) 'Rethinking the Inclusionary Potential of Religious Institutions: The Case of *Gurdwaras* in Singapore', *Interreligious Relations*, Issue 30 (July-December): 1-16.
2. Kong, L., **Woods, O.**, Cheah, S.M. and Bunnell, T. (2022) 'OneMotoring: Driving the digital transformation of vehicle services in Singapore', Singapore Management University (SMU-22-0018).
1. Kong, L., **Woods, O.** and Abdul Wahid, A. (2020) 'Countering Exclusivism, Promoting Inclusivism: The Way Forward for Singapore', *Interreligious Relations*, Issue 19 (August): 1-14.

#### Book reviews:

3. **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) 'Of Gods, Gifts and Ghosts: Spiritual Places in Urban Spaces' by Terence Heng, *SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia*.
2. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Transnational Religious Spaces: Religious Organizations and Interactions in Africa, East Asia, and Beyond' edited by Philip Clart and Adam Jones, *International Bulletin of Mission Research*, DOI: 10.1177/23969393211006400.
1. **Woods, O.** (2019) 'Experimental practice: technoscience, alterontologies, and more than social movements' by Dimitris Papadopoulos, *Social & Cultural Geography*, 20(5): 755-756.

#### RESEARCH FUNDING

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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

- 2024 ‘The remapping of responsibility and the forging of ecological citizenship through the dengue crisis in Singapore’, panellist at the symposium ‘Cities in Crisis: Planning and Design, Governance, and Daily Life’, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 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, 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
- IDISXXX: Ways of Thinking About Asian Smart Cities (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 (AY23/24)

### 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 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* UX Researcher, Meta]

### Research Associates:

2023 – 2024 Tricia TOK

### Research Assistants:

2023 – Barnabas MAH  
 2023 – Terence TAN Wei Jian  
 2022 – Emma GRIMLEY  
 2019 – 2021 Joanne HENG [Programme Executive, Viriya Community Services]  
 2019 – 2020 Acmal Zuheyr Iefan Bin ABDUL WAHID [Senior Analyst, RSIS, Nanyang Technological University]  
 2017 – 2023 SHEE Siew Ying [PhD candidate, 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

### Current PhD & MPhil advising:

2024 – Robin CHEE [PhD]  
 2023 – ZENG Ziheng [PhD]

### Current IM & ISM advising:

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]  
*Asian Studies Review* [2]  
*Australian Journal of Social Issues* [1]  
*Behaviour & Information Technology* [1]  
*British Educational Research Journal* [1]  
*Cultural Dynamics* [1]  
*cultural geographies* [7]  
*Digital Geography and Society* [1]  
*Electronic Commerce Research* [1]  
*Emotion, Space and Society* [2]  
*Energies* [1]  
*Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* [1]  
*Environmental Politics* [1]  
*Ethnic and Racial Studies* [1]  
*Frontiers in Sports and Active Living* [1]  
*Gender, Place & Culture* [1]  
*Geoforum* [4]  
*Geography Compass* [2]  
*Housing, Theory and Society* [2]  
*Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* [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* [3]  
*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 Urban Affairs* [1]

*Journal of Urban Technology* [2]  
*Land* [1]  
*Mobile Media & Communication* [1]  
*New Media & Society* [2]  
*Pacific Affairs* [1]  
*Palgrave Communications* [1]  
*Poetics* [1]  
*Political Geography* [2]  
*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 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:

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]

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.  
 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

#### 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.