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APPOINTMENTS

Singapore Management University, College of Integrative Studies

Administrative:

12/2023 –	Director, SMU Urban Institute
08/2023 –	Pillar Lead, Urban Life
05/2023 – 11/2023	Interim Director, SMU Urban Institute
02/2022 –	Associate Dean (Research & Postgraduate Programmes)
07/2019 – 12/2023	Course Coordinator for Big Questions

Academic:

01/2021 –	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 & AWARDS

07/2020 – 06/2024	Lee Kong Chian Fellow, Singapore Management University
2005	Sir William Meyer Essay Prize, University College London

PUBLISHED WORK

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Books & edited books:

3.   Kong, L., **Woods, O.** and Tse, J.K.H. (eds) (Under contract) *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:

68.   **Woods, O.** (2023) 'The illusory infrastructure of ink: Machinic bodies and epidermic affects in Singapore', *Emotion, Space and Society*, DOI: 10.1016/j.emospa.2023.100991.

67.   **Woods, O.** (2023) 'Neoliberal shifts and strategies of religious adaptation in post-war Sri Lanka', *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, DOI: 10.1080/13537903.2023.2271768.

66.   Shee, S.Y., **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2023) 'When planetary cosmopolitanism meets the Buddhist ethic: Recycling, *karma* and popular ecology in Singapore', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, DOI: 10.1111/tran.12654.

65.   **Woods, O.**, Bunnell, T. and Kong, L. (2023) 'The state-led platformisation of financial services: Frictionless ecosystems and an expansive logic of "smartness" in Singapore', *Geoforum*, DOI: 10.1016/j.geoforum.2023.103849.

64.   **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2023) '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*, DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2023.2243326.

63.   **Woods, O.**, Bunnell, T. and Kong, L. (2023) 'Insourcing the smart city: assembling an ideo-technical ecosystem of skills, talent, and civic-mindedness in Singapore', *Urban Geography*, DOI: 10.1080/02723638.2023.2233353.

62.   **Woods, O.** (2023) 'Gamified bodies and the illusory meaning of muscle', *Gender, Place & Culture*, DOI: 10.1080/0966369X.2023.2214339.

61.   **Woods, O.** (2023) 'Topological spaces of embodied becoming: queens, queerness, and (infra)structural subterfuge in Singapore', *Journal of Gender Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/09589236.2023.2213643.

60.   **Woods, O.** (2023) 'No destination: queering mobility through the virtuality of movement', *Mobilities*, DOI: 10.1080/17450101.2023.2200147.

59.   **Woods, O.** (2023) '"Sissy that walk": the queer kinaesthetics of mobility-through-difference', *Continuum*, 37(4): 494-506.

58.   **Woods, O.** (2023) 'Reading is fun-da-*mental*: queering queer "safe" spaces within drag culture', *Feminist Media Studies*, 23(6): 2514-2529.

57.   **Woods, O.** (2023) 'Forging a more masculine self online: demonstrating skill and sovereignty in the playing of first-person shooter games', *Feminist Media Studies*, 23(6): 2867-2882.

56.   **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.

55.   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.

54.   **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2023) 'The Partial Secularisms of Singapore's Muslim Minorities: Arbitraging Model Citizenship and (In)Complete Selves at the Margins', *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 113(3): 616-634.

53.   Gao, Q., **Woods, O.** and Kong, L. (2023) 'The Political Ecology of Death: Chinese Religion and The Affective Tensions of Secularised Burial Rituals in Singapore', *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*, 6(1): 537-555.

52.   **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.

51.   Gao, Q., **Woods, O.**, Kong, L. and Shee, S.Y. (2022) 'Lived religion in a digital age: technology, affect and the pervasive space-times of "new" religious praxis', *Social & Cultural Geography*, DOI: 10.1080/14649365.2022.2121979.

50.   **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.

49.   **Woods, O.** (2022) 'The affective embeddings of *gacha* games: Aesthetic assemblages and the mediated expression of the self', *New Media & Society*, DOI: 10.1177/14614448211067756.

48.   **Woods, O.** (2022) 'Infrastructure's (Supra)Sacralizing Effects: Contesting Littoral Spaces of Fishing, Faith, and Futurity Along Sri Lanka's Western Coastline', *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 112(8): 2344-2359.

47.   **Woods, O.** (2022) 'The Economy of Time, the Rationalisation of Resources: Discipline, Desire and Deferred Value in the Playing of *Gacha* Games', *Games and Culture*, 17(7-8): 1075-1092.

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*].

40. **Woods, O.** (2022) 'A harbour in the country, a city in the sea: Infrastructural conduits, territorial inversions and the slippages of sovereignty in Sino-Sri Lankan development narratives', *Political Geography*, 92: 1-9.

39. **Woods, O.** (2021) '(Un)tethered masculinities, (mis)placed modernities: Queering futurity in contemporary Singapore', *Sexualities*, 24(7): 891-905.

38. Gao, Q., Tse, J.K.H. and **Woods, O.** (2021) 'What and whose Confucianism? Sinophone communities and dialogical geopolitics', *Dialogues in Human Geography*, 11(2): 244-247.

37. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Free bodies, segmented selves: Paradoxical spaces of dancehall culture in Singapore', *Gender, Place & Culture*, 28(7): 913-932.

36. Kong, L. and **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Scaling smartness, (de)provincialising the city? The ASEAN Smart Cities Network and the translational politics of technocratic regionalism', *Cities*, 117: 1-8.

35. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Feminist geographies of online gaming', *Digital Geography and Society*, 2: 1-9.

34. Cai, X., **Woods, O.** and Gao, Q. (2021) 'Running bodies and the affective spaces of health in and beyond marathon running in China', *Health & Place*, 70: 1-7.

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.

32. **Woods, O.** and Shee, S.Y. (2021) 'The digital void of voluntourism: Here, there and new currencies of care', *Geoforum*, 124: 46-53.

31. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Porous Religious Economies and the Problem of Regulating Religious Marketplaces', *Review of Religion and Chinese Society*, 8(1): 9-38.

30. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Clashing cyphers, contagious content: The digital geopolitics of grime', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 46(2): 464-477.

29. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Mobilising Dissent in a Digital Age: The Curious Case of Amos Yee', *Geopolitics,* 26(2): 639-660.

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.

27. **Woods, O.** (2021) 'Experiencing the unfamiliar through mobile gameplay: Pokémon Go as augmented tourism', *Area*, 53(1): 183-190.

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.

15. **Woods, O.** (2020) 'Gamifying place, reimagining publicness: the heterotopic inscriptions of Pokémon Go', *Media, Culture & Society*, 42(6): 1003-1018.

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.

13. **Woods, O.** (2019) 'Sonic spaces, spiritual bodies: The affective experience of the roots reggae soundsystem', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers,* 44(1): 181-194.

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:

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) 'Religion and Home' in Stratford, E. and Walsh, K. (eds) *Routledge Handbook on 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 Cloke, P., Goodwin, M., Dombroski, K., Williams, A. and Qian, J. (eds) *Introducing Human Geographies*. London and New York: Routledge.

13. **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) 'Religion' in Winders, J. and Ashutosh, I. (eds) *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Cultural and Social Geography*. Wiley-Blackwell.

12. **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) '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.

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:

3. Shee, S.Y. and **Woods, O.** (Forthcoming) 'Rethinking the Inclusionary Potential of Religious Institutions: The Case of *Gurdwaras* in Singapore', *Interreligious Relations*.

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

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

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

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: Arbitraging 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 teaching:

2022 –	Instructor, College of Integrative Studies, Singapore Management University
	• IDIS702: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study (AY22/23; 23/24)

Undergraduate teaching:

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)

Undergraduate supervision:

2023 –	May HAN [ISM]
2022 –	Arif Ahmad WOOZEER [ISM]

Postgraduate supervision:

2023 –	ZENG Ziheng [PhD]

COMPLETED SUPERVISION & PLACEMENT

Research Fellows:

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 [UX Researcher, Meta]

Research Assistants:

2017 – 2023   SHEE Siew Ying [PhD candidate, Durham University]
2019 – 2020   Acmal Zuheyr Iefan Bin ABDUL WAHID [Senior Analyst, RSIS, Nanyang Technological University]

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial:

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

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]
          Emotion, Space and Society [2]
          Energies [1]
          Environment and Planning D: Society and Space [1]
          Ethnic and Racial Studies [1]
          Frontiers in Sports and Active Living [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 [4]
          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 [1]
Pacific Affairs [1]
Palgrave Communications [1]
Poetics [1]
Political Geography [2]
Social & Cultural Geography [4]
SAGE Open [1]
Science, Technology and Society [1]
SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia [1]
Sustainability [1]
Territory, Politics, Governance [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 [1]
Urban Planning [1]
Urban Studies [5]

Book manuscript review:

2022 –   Routledge [2]
2021 –   Bloomsbury Academic [1]

External grant review:

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:

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:

2021 –	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 –	Chair, CIS Search and Hiring Committee
2020 –	Chair, Speakers & Seminars Committee
2020 –	Member, CIS Second Major/D3 Committee
2020 –	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 20th 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

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