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## EDUCATION

PhD (Philosophy): National University of Singapore, 2010  
Dissertation: *Defending the Gambler*

MA (Philosophy): National University of Singapore, 2004  
Dissertation: *Newcomb's Paradox*

B.Soc.Sci. (Economics) Honours: National University of Singapore, 2001  
Dissertation: *The Equilibrium Number of Political Parties in An Economy Where Households Value Consumption and Political Wellbeing*

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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|---|----------------|
| Senior Lecturer in Humanities, College of Integrative Studies &<br>School of Social Sciences<br>Singapore Management University                   | 2024 - Present |
| Lecturer, NUS College<br>National University of Singapore   | 2023 - 2024    |
| Adjunct Lecturer, Yale-NUS College<br>National University of Singapore  | 2022           |
| Adjunct Faculty, School of Social Sciences, Lee Kong Chian<br>School of Business & Yong Pung How School of Law<br>Singapore Management University | 2018 – 2022    |
| Associate Faculty<br>Singapore University of Social Sciences  | 2013 – 2019    |
| Associate Lecturer<br>University of London Worldwide Programmes, Singapore<br>Institute of Management   | 2012 – 2022    |

**RESEARCH INTERESTS****AREAS OF SPECIALISATION**

- Decision Theory
- Game Theory
- Philosophy of Probability

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

- Interdisciplinary Areas (Critical Thinking, Interdisciplinary Methods, Evolutionary Game Theory)
- Philosophy (Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology)
- Economics (Microeconomics, Industrial Economics)

**PUBLICATIONS**

Hammerton, Matthew and Patra, Sovan (2022) What is the Fallacy of Approximation?, *Erkenntnis*, 1-20. 2022

Kong, Lily and Patra, Sovan, Universities in and beyond a Pandemic, in *Managing Complexity and Covid19: Life, Liberty of the Pursuit of Happiness*, Ghosh, Aurobindo; Halder, Amit and Bhaumik, Kalyan (co-editors), Routledge. 2022

Burik, S., Hammerton, M. and Patra, S. (2020) Country Report: The Teaching of Philosophy in Singapore Schools, *Journal of Didactics of Philosophy* 4, 190-193. 2020

**WORK IN PROGRESS***Papers*

Ex post Opportunism and Credible Commitment in Newcomb's Problem In final draft version

Venn Diagrams for Non-Empty Sets (with Steven Burik) In final draft version

What is it to Reason by Sunk Costs (with Matthew Hammerton) In progress

*Book*

Religion and Prosociality – Evidence and Theory (with Lily Kong) Contracted for delivery in 2024

**TEACHING (Courses Convened)**Postgraduate Courses

*Introduction to Interdisciplinarity*, PhD, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University 2022

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|---|----------------|
| <i>Critical Thinking</i> , ie-SMU MBA, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Singapore Management University   | 2020 – 2021    |
| <i>Creative &amp; Critical Thinking</i> , SMU MBA, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Singapore Management University   | 2020 – 2022    |
| <i>Managerial Economics</i> , MSc Management, Grenoble Ecole de Management  | 2018           |
| <u>Undergraduate Courses</u>  |                |
| <i>Big Questions; Critical Thinking in the Real World; Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Methods</i> , Singapore Management University                                     | 2024 - Present |
| <i>Understanding the Social World; Global Social Thought; Social Norms</i> , NUS College  | 2023           |
| <i>Social Norms: A Philosophical Introduction; The Nature of Rationality; Contemporary Populism</i> , Yale-NUS College  | 2022           |
| <i>Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Methods</i> , Politics, Law & Economics Program, Singapore Management University  | 2021 – 2022    |
| <i>Critical Thinking in the Real World</i> , Core Curriculum, Singapore Management University   | 2018 – 2022    |
| <i>Thinking Critically</i> , Singapore University of Social Sciences  | 2013 – 2020    |
| <i>Industrial Economics, Microeconomics, Managerial Economics, Introduction to Economics</i> , University of London Worldwide Programmes, Singapore Institute of Management | 2012 – 2022    |

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## INVITED TALKS

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| SMU Economics Intelligence Club, “Laws versus Constraints”                     | 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020    |
| SMU Economics Intelligence Club, “Evolutionary Game Theory and Norm Formation” | 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020 |

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## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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| Research Associate, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore                                   | 2010 – 2012 |
| Freelance Consultant, United Nations Development Program and International Organisation for Migration (Colombo) | 2010 – 2011 |

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

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| Post-Graduate Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore | 2002 – 2007 |
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| Singapore International Airlines Youth Scholarship (Ministry of Education, Singapore) | 1996 – 1997 |
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| National Talent Scholarship (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India) | 1995 |
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