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Education

PhD (History), University of Hong Kong, 2022 MPhil (World History), University of Cambridge, 2017 BA History Tripos, University of Cambridge, 2015

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Urban History, CIS
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Nanyang Technological University, 2022 to 2025

Awards and Honors

- Rockefeller Archives Center Research Stipend, 2019 2020
- Roy Porter Student Essay Prize 2018 (Runner-Up)
- Hong Kong Postgraduate Fellowship, University of Hong Kong, 2018 2021
- Newton Studentship, Robinson College, University of Cambridge, 2016 2017
- Foundation Scholarship, Queens' College, University of Cambridge, 2015
- Brendan Bradshaw Award, Queens' College, University of Cambridge, 2015

Professional Memberships

Association for Asian Studies

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Multispecies urban histories. Infrastructural assemblages. Urban ecology and disease ecology.

Publications

Journal Articles [Refereed]

Florence Mok, and Jack Greatrex. "The Promises and Perils of Petrohydrology: Hong Kong, the Persian Gulf, and the Lok On Pai Desalter, 1963 to 1990." In press with *Journal of Asian Studies* (Duke University Press).

Greatrex, Jack, and Florence Mok. "Catchwater colonialism: reshaping Hong Kong's hydrology, infrastructure, metabolism and landscape, 1937–1968." Urban History (Cambridge University Press) online first view (March 2024): 1-18. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0963926823000731

Greatrex, Jack. "'Back to the Jungle': Investigating Rats, Grass, Scrub Typhus, and Plantations in Malaya, 1924 – 1974." *Medical Anthropology* (Taylor & Francis) 42 (April 2023): 340-353. https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2023.2185887

Greatrex, Jack. "Swarming Infrastructures." *Roadsides* 8 (2022): 51-57. (https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2023.2185887)

Book Chapters

Greatrex, Jack. "Environment and Natural Disasters." In *A New Documentary History of Hong Kong, c. 1945-1997*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2025.

Conference Proceedings

Research Grants

Co-Investigator on NHB grant, "Green Heritage: Conserving Urban Greening as Singapore's National Heritage."

TEACHING

Teaching Areas

Courses Taught

Singapore Management University

Undergraduate Programmes: New elective under Cultures of the Modern World basket (title tbc)