

Curriculum Vitae of Loh Kah Seng

Personal Particulars

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Education

2009 PhD in History. Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University.

2005 Master of Arts in History. Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore (NUS).

1998 Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) with Merit (Teaching Subjects: History and English Language). National Institute of Education (NIE), Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

1996 Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History with 2nd Class Upper Division. Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS.

Grants and Awards

2022-2023 Principal Investigator, National Heritage Board Heritage Research Grant for the project, *Sree Narayana Mission, the Community and the Underprivileged in the Singapore Story, 1948-Present*.

2019-2021 Co-investigator, National Heritage Board Heritage Research Grant for the project, *From Colony to Nation: Continuity and Change in the Singapore Economy 1946-2016*.

2018-2020 Co-investigator, National Heritage Board Heritage Research Grant for the project, *Culinary Biographies: Charting Singapore's History through Cooking and Consumption*.

2018-2019 Co-investigator, National Heritage Board Heritage Research Grant for the project, *Documenting Middleton Hospital, Communicable Diseases Centre and the Medical Heritage of Singapore*.

2017-2018 Principal Investigator, National Heritage Board Heritage Research Grant for the project, *Theatres of History and Memory: Industrial Heritage of 20th Century Singapore*.

2014-2015 Sogang University Research Grant for the project, 'Authoritarian Children: Growing Up in Southeast Asia in the 1970s and 1980s'.

2014-2015 Humanities Korea Research Grant, for the project, 'Transnational Southeast Asia: Development, Welfare and Politics, 1945-70'.

- 2014-2015 POSCO Asia Fellowship Research Grant for the project, 'Transnational Southeast Asia: Development, Welfare and Politics, 1945-70'.
- 2013-2014 Humanities Korea Research Grant for the project, 'International Experts and the Transnational History of Modern Singapore'.
- 2013-2014 Sogang University Research Grant for the project, 'International Experts and the Transnational History of Modern Singapore'.
- 2012-2013 Postdoctoral Fellowship for Program on Southeast Asian Studies on Sustainable Humanosphere, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University.
- 2009-2010 Visiting Research Fellowship, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore.
- 2008-2009 Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship, National Library Board, Singapore.
- 2006-2008 Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship and Murdoch University Research Studentship for PhD candidature.
- 2006-2008 School of Humanities and Social Sciences Postgraduate Research in Asia Bursary, Murdoch University.

Professional Career

- 2017- Director of Chronicles Research and Education Pte Ltd, a research consultancy on Singapore history and heritage.
- 2023- Co-investigator of heritage research project, *Small Businesses and Shops of Chinatown, 1819-1980s*, supported by the National Heritage Board.
- 2023- Co-investigator and oral historian for heritage study, *The City Terminals (Tanjong Pagar Terminal, Keppel Terminal & Brani Terminal) and Pulau Brani, Singapore*, commissioned by the Urban Redevelopment Authority.
- 2022-2025 Adjunct Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, University of Western Australia.
- 2021-2025 Visiting Research Fellow of Jeonbuk National University, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies.
- 2023 Part-time Lecturer for the course, *Topics in Singaporean History*, at the History Department, NUS.
- 2022-2023 Principal investigator of heritage research project, *Sree Narayana Mission, the Community and the Underprivileged in the Singapore Story, 1948-Present*, supported by the National Heritage Board.
- 2021- Part-time Lecturer for the course, *Theory and Practice of Oral History*, at the History Department, NUS.

- 2021-2022 Co-investigator of heritage research project, *Pandemics and Major Epidemics in Singapore, 1819-2021*, supported by the National Heritage Board.
- 2020-2022 Writer for secondary school History textbook on decolonisation in Southeast Asia for the Curriculum Planning and Development Division, Ministry of Education.
- 2020- Part-time oral historian for the Oral History Centre, National Archives of Singapore.
- 2020 Historical researcher and oral historian for project on Singapore history.
- 2019-2021 Co-investigator of heritage research project, *From Colony to Nation: Continuity and Change in the Singapore Economy 1946-2006*, supported by the National Heritage Board.
- 2017-2021 Honorary Research Fellow, The University of Western Australia, School of Social Studies.
- 2016- Researcher for project on the history of Singapore's industrialisation at the University of Western Australia.
- 2018-2020 Co-investigator of heritage research project, *Culinary Biographies: Charting Singapore's History through Cooking and Consumption*, supported by the National Heritage Board.
- 2019 Consultant for Social Studies workshop for Secondary 3 students at Zhonghua Secondary School, 28 August 2019.
- 2018-2019 Co-investigator of heritage research project, *Documenting Middleton Hospital, Communicable Diseases Centre and the Medical Heritage of Singapore*, supported by the National Heritage Board.
- 2018 Consultant for History workshop for Secondary 2 students at Zhonghua Secondary School, 27 August 2018.
- 2018 Consultant for Social Studies workshop for Secondary 2 students at Montfort Secondary School, 17 August 2018.
- 2017-2018 Principal Investigator of heritage research project, *Theatres of History and Memory: Industrial Heritage of 20th Century Singapore*, supported by the National Heritage Board.
- 2017 Consultant for Social Studies workshop for Secondary 2 Humanities Day at Tanjong Katong Girls' School, 25 October 2017.
- 2017 Consultant for Southeast Asia for the State of Education for Peace, Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship Report for the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development.
- 2017 IT consultant for the Historian's Lab website, National Institute of Education.
- 2016 Researcher for National Heritage Board Survey on Heritage Buildings, Structures and Sites for Art Logica, Singapore.

- 2016 Researcher on pontianak in Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia for the project *Living Cities: Tropical Images* at James Cook University, Singapore.
- 2016 Co-writer for UNESCO educational unit 'Rice and Spices' for the project, *Promoting intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace in Southeast Asia through shared histories* (B/C 526RAS4015).
- 2013-2016 Assistant Professor at the Institute for East Asian Studies, Sogang University, South Korea. Supervised 2 MA students and taught MA courses on *History of Southeast Asia* and *Small and Big Histories of Southeast Asia*.
- 2012-2013 Postdoctoral Fellow and Program-Specific Researcher for Southeast Asian Studies on Sustainable Humanosphere, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Japan.
- 2011-2012 Oral History Coordinator and Member, Working Committee, Research Project for Documentation of Bukit Brown and Seh Ong Cemeteries, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.
- 2011-2012 Adjunct Manager (Research) at the Centre for Liveable Cities, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, Singapore.
- 2012 Lead author of Secondary 3 History Textbook in Singapore: *All about History: Unit 1 European Dominance and Expansion in Southeast Asia in the Late 19th Century* (with Dorothy Lim, Dionne Huang, Peter Borschberg, and Suhaimi Afandi). Pearson Education.
- 2011 Sessional Lecturer at UniSim, SIM University, Singapore.
- 2010-2011 Sessional Lecturer at James Cook University, Singapore.
- 2011 Instructor at California State University, Long Beach (PSB Academy, Singapore).
- 2010 Part-time Lecturer at the Department of History, NUS.
- 2009-2010 Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU.
- 2009-2010 Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Conducted research on the British military withdrawal from Singapore in the late-1960s.
- 2008-2009 Lee Kong Chian Research Fellow, National Library Board, Singapore. Conducted research on the history of squatters and informal housing in Southeast Asia and Hong Kong after World War Two.
- Jan-May 2009 Tutor at the Department of History, NUS.
- Jan-May 2009 Part-time Lecturer at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU.
- 2008-2009 Part-time Lecturer at the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, NTU.

- Aug-Nov 2008 Tutor at the Department of History, NUS.
- Feb-May 2008 Tutor at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Murdoch University.
- 2006-2007 Visiting Scholar, Asia Research Institute (ARI), NUS.
- Sep-Nov 2005 Interviews with former leprosy patients in Singapore and Sungei Buloh for the International Leprosy Association's Global Project on the History of Leprosy.
- 2003-2005 Tutor at the Department of History, NUS.
- 2004-2005 Part-time lecturer at TMC-Monash University, Singapore.
- 2005-2006 Writer of History syllabus on 'Revolutions' for River Valley High School's Integrated Programme.
- Jul-Nov 2005 Research under the University Scholars Programme for the project, *Nationalism and the Ending of Empire in Singapore, 1948-1959*.
- Mar-May 2005 Part-time lecturer at Monash University (TMC Academy, Singapore).
- Aug 2004 Researcher on the history of leprosy of Malaya and Singapore for the International Leprosy Association Global Project on the History of Leprosy, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford.
- May-Jul 2004 Researcher on the trade union movement in Singapore, 1945-1970, for the project *Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Postwar Singapore*, organised by Centre for Social Change Research, Queensland University of Technology.
- Jan-Apr 2003 Tutor at the Department of History, NUS.
- Aug-Nov 2002 Tutor at the Department of History, NUS.
- 1998-2002 History Lecturer at National Junior College (NJC). Taught History Paper 2: Southeast Asia: From Colonies to Nations, c. 1870-1980; History Paper 3: International History, 1945-1991; History Paper 6: The History of Southeast, South and East Asia, c. 1824-1959; History Paper 7: World Affairs since 1960; and History Special Paper.

Academic Work

Books and Edited Volumes

Pandemics in Singapore, 1819-2022: Lessons for the Age of COVID-19. Lead author (with Hsu Li Yang). London and New York: Routledge, forthcoming in 2023.

Theatres of Memory: Industrial Heritage of 20th Century Singapore. Lead author (with Alex Tan Tiong Hee, Koh Keng We, and Juria Toramae). Singapore: Pagesetters, 2021.

'Prologue: A Small Singapore Story'. Irene Lim. *90 Years in Singapore*. Contributor. Singapore: Pagesetters, 2020.

Isais Florante Santos. *The Lion Sleeps Tonight: Commemorating 107 Years of Middleton Hospital & the Communicable Diseases Centre, Singapore*. Contributor. Singapore: MIPHIDIC, 2020.

Tuberculosis – The Singapore Experience, 1867-2018: Disease, Society and the State. Lead author (with Hsu Li Yang). London and New York: Routledge, 2020. ISBN: 9780367354534.

Controversial History Education in Asian Contexts. Co-editor (with Mark Baildon, Ivy Maria Lim, Gul Inanc and Junaidah Jaffar). Abingdon, Oxon; New York: Routledge, 2014. ISBN: 978-0-415-83352-3.

Oral History in Southeast Asia: Memories and Fragments. Lead editor (with Ernest Koh and Stephen Dobbs). New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013. ISBN: 978-1-137-31166-5, ISBN10: 1-137-31166-5.

Squatters into Citizens: The 1961 Bukit Ho Swee Fire and the Making of Modern Singapore. NUS Press and Asian Studies of Australia Association Southeast Asia Series, 2013. ISBN 978-9971-69-645-0. Shortlist for 2015 EuroSEAS Humanities Book Prize and 2018 Singapore History Book Prize.

The University Socialist Club and the Contest for Malaya: Tangled Strands of Modernity. Lead author (with Edgar Liao, Lim Cheng Tju and Seng Guo Quan). Amsterdam; Singapore: Amsterdam University Press and NUS Press, 2012. ISBN 9789089644091.

The Makers and Keepers of Singapore History. Lead editor (with Liew Kai Khiun). Singapore: Ethos Books and Singapore Heritage Society, 2010. ISBN 978-981-08-6357-9.

Making and Unmaking the Asylum: Leprosy and Modernity in Singapore and Malaysia. Petaling Jaya: SIRD, 2009. ISBN 9789833782765.

The Makers and Keepers of Singapore History. Guest editor of special issue of *Tangent*, 6 (2), 2007.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

'Semi-archives and Interim Archives: A History of the National Wages Council in Singapore' (Lead author with Jeremy Goh), *Southeast Asian Studies*, Vol. 11, No. 3, December 2022, pp. 427-449. Doi: 10.20495/seas.11.3_427.

'Home Cooks and Little Singapore Stories'. *Studies in Oral History* 42, 2020: 103-124.

'Writing Social Histories of Singapore and Making Do with the Archives', *South East Asia Research* 28 (2) 2020: 164-177. Published online 16 June 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1080/0967828X.2020.1768802>

'Emergencies: Experts, Squatters and Crisis in Postwar Southeast Asia'. *Asian Journal of Social Science*, Special Focus: Reframing Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asia: Transnational Connections, Comparisons, and Mobilities, 44 (6) 2016: 684-710.

'Introduction: Reframing Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asia: Transnational Connections, Comparisons and Mobilities'. Lead author with Woonkyung Yeo and Keng We Koh. *Asian Journal of*

Social Science, Special Focus: Reframing Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asia: Transnational Connections, Comparisons, and Mobilities, 44 (6) 2016: 649-662.

'Emergency Situations, Participation, and Community-based Disaster Responses in Southeast Asia: Gray Areas and Causes for Optimism'. *Philippines Studies: Historical and Ethnographic Viewpoints* 64 (3-4), 2016: 499-526.

'Mental Illness in Singapore: A History of a Colony, Port City, and Coolie Town'. *East Asian Science, Technology and Society: An International Journal* 10 2015: 1-20, published online 5 January 2016. <http://easts.dukejournals.org/content/early/2016/01/05/18752160-3460689>

'Rupture and Adaptation: British Technical Expertise to the Singapore Polytechnic and the Transition to a Nation-state'. *History of Education* 44 (5), 2015: 575-94.

'Controlling Nature, Disciplining Human Nature: Floods in Singapore and Metro Manila, 1945-1980s'. Lead author with Michael D. Pante. *Nature and Culture*, Special Symposium on 'Reconsidering Sustainability: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Asia' 10 (1), Spring 2015: 36-56.

'Typhoon Ondoy and the Translation of Disaster Expertise in Barangay Banaba, Marikina Valley'. *Philippines Studies: Historical and Ethnographic Viewpoints* 62 (2), 2014: 205-31.

'Squatters, Colonial Subjects and Model Citizens: Informal Housing in Southeast Asia and Hong Kong after World War Two'. *Chapters in Asia* 1, February 2014: 169-205. http://www.microsite.nl.sg/PDFs/BiblioAsia/ChapterOnAsia_v01.pdf#page=85

"'No more road to walk": Cultures of Heritage and Leprosariums in Singapore and Malaysia'. *International Journal of Heritage Studies* 17 (3), 2011: 230-44.

'From Living under Attap to Residing in the Sky: Imagination and Empathy in Source-Based History Education in Singapore'. Lead author (with Lee Si Wei). *The History Teacher* 43 (4), August 2010: 513-34.

'Dangerous Migrants and the Informal Mobile City of Postwar Singapore'. *Mobilities* special issue on Mobile City Singapore 5 (2), 2010: 197-218.

'Kampong, Fire, Nation: Towards a Social History of Postwar Singapore'. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 40 (3), October 2009: 613-43.

'History, Memory and Identity in Modern Singapore: Testimonies from the Urban Margins'. *Oral History Review* 36 (1), 2009: 1-24.

'Conflict and Change at the Margins: Emergency Kampong Clearance and the Making of Modern Singapore'. *Asian Studies Review* 33 (2), June 2009: 139-59.

"'Our lives are bad but our luck is good": A Social History of Leprosy in Singapore'. *Social History of Medicine* 21 (2), 2008: 291-309.

'Black Areas: The Urban Kampongs and Power Relations in Postwar Singapore Historiography'. *SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 22 (1), April 2007: 1-29.

'Beyond Rubber Prices: Negotiating the Great Depression in Singapore'. *South East Asia Research* 14 (1), 2006: 5-31. <http://dr.ntu.edu.sg/handle/10220/4499>

'Records and Voices of Social History: The Case of the Great Depression in Singapore'. *Tonan Ajia Kenkyu (Southeast Asian Studies)* 44 (1), 2006: 31-54.

'New Winds in Economic History? A Look at Writings on the Great Depression in Southeast Asia'. Review Article. *Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 17 (2), 2006: 66-92.

'Within the Singapore Story: The Use and Narrative of History in Singapore'. *Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 12 (2), 1998: 1-21.

Book Chapters

'Albert Winsemius Heritage Trail' (Lead author with Tammy Chandra). In Euston Quah, *Albert Winsemius and Singapore: Here It is Going to Happen*. Singapore: World Scientific, 2022, pp. 691-716.

'Prologue: A Small Singapore Story'. In Irene Lim. *90 Years in Singapore*. Singapore: Pagesetters, 2020.

'Experts in the Making of Singapore'. In Anthony Webster and Nicholas J. White (eds.). *Singapore – Two Hundred Years of the Lion City*. London and New York: Routledge, 2020, pp. 169-184.

'From History to Memory and Heritage in Dakota'. In Ng Kok Hoe and the Cassia Resettlement Team (eds.). *They Told Us to Move: Dakota-Cassia*. Singapore: Ethos Books, 2019, pp. 236-244.

'Mental Health and Psychiatry in Singapore: From Asylum to Community Care'. Lead author (with Kua Ee Heok and Rathi Mahendran). In Harry Minas and Milton Lewis (eds.). *Mental Health in Asia and the Pacific: Historical and Cultural Perspectives*. New York: Springer, 2017: 193-204.

'Modernising yet Marginal: Hospitals and Asylums in Southeast Asia in the Twentieth Century'. In Tim Harper and Sunil S. Amrith (eds.). *Histories of Health in Southeast Asia: Perspectives on the Long 20th Century*. Bloomington & Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2014: 180-201.

'Introduction: Controversy, History and History Education in Asia'. Lead author (with Mark Baildon, Ivy Maria Lim, Gul Inanc & Junaidah Jaffar). In Mark Baildon, Loh Kah Seng, Ivy Maria Lim, Gul Inanc & Junaidah Jaffar (eds.). *Controversial History Education in Asian Contexts*. Abingdon, Oxon; New York: Routledge, 2014: 3-18.

'Teaching Academic Controversy in Singapore: Context, Teachers and Subpublics'. Lead author (with Junaidah Jaffar). In Mark Baildon, Loh Kah Seng, Ivy Maria Lim, Gul Inanc & Junaidah Jaffar (eds.). *Controversial History Education in Asian Contexts*. Abingdon, Oxon; New York: Routledge, 2014: 165-80.

'The Peri-urban Tenant'. In Joshua Barker, Erik Harms and Johan Lindquist (eds.), *Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity: Singapore*. Honolulu: Hawai'i University Press, 2013: 205-206.

'Oral History and Fragments in Southeast Asia'. Lead author (with Ernest Koh and Alistair Thomson). In Loh Kah Seng, Ernest Koh and Stephen Dobbs (eds.), *Oral History in Southeast Asia: Memories and Fragments*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013: 1-21.

“‘You have picked a wrong candidate’”: Latent Fragments and Reasonable Narratives of the British Military Withdrawal from Singapore’. In Loh Kah Seng, Ernest Koh and Stephen Dobbs (eds.), *Oral History in Southeast Asia: Memories and Fragments*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013: 43-59.

‘The British Military Withdrawal from Singapore and the Anatomy of a Catalyst’. In Derek Heng and Syed Khairudin Aljunied (eds.). *Singapore in Global History*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2011: 185-204.

‘Encounters at the Gates’. In Loh Kah Seng and Liew Kai Khiun (eds.). *The Makers and Keepers of Singapore History*. Singapore: Ethos Books and Singapore Heritage Society, 2010: 3-27.

‘Seeking the Bukit Ho Swee Fire’. In Loh Kah Seng and Liew Kai Khiun (eds.). *The Makers and Keepers of Singapore History*. Singapore: Ethos Books and Singapore Heritage Society, 2010: 79-91.

‘The Politics of Fires in Post-1950s Singapore and the Making of a Modernist Nation-State’. In Derek Heng and Syed Khairudin (eds.). *Reframing Singapore: Memory, Identity and Trans-Regionalism (Selected Papers from the 5th International Conference of Asian Scholars)*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2009: 89-108.

‘Introduction: At the Gates of History’. In *Tangent* special issue, The Makers and Keepers of Singapore History. 6 (2), 2007: 6-11 (Mandarin), 12-17 (English).

‘Presently Seeking the Bukit Ho Swee Fire’. *Tangent* special issue, The Makers and Keepers of Singapore History. 6 (2), 2007: 143-54 (Mandarin), 155-66 (English).

‘The Left-Wing Trade Unions in Singapore, 1945-1970’. Co-author with Michael Fernandez. In Michael Barr and Carl Trocki (eds.). *Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Postwar Singapore*. Singapore: NUS Press, 2008: 206-27.

‘Voices of Survivors: Oral History and the Great Depression in Singapore’. In *Reflections and Interpretations: Oral History Centre 25th Anniversary Publication*. Singapore: National Archives of Singapore, 2005: 212-26.

‘Rethinking Singapore’s History from Below: Traditional Culture in an Immigrant Society’. In Derek Heng (ed.). *New Perspectives and Sources on the History of Singapore*. Singapore: National Library of Singapore, 2006: 29-40.

Conference/Workshop Papers

‘The Advisory Committee and the SNM Home for the Aged Sick, 1979-1994’. The Lien International Conference on Good Governance 2023, “Good Governance for the Common Good”, 26 August 2023, Singapore.

‘Experts in the Making of Singapore’. Singapore 200: Two Centuries of the Lion City conference, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, 14 September 2018.

‘Prelude to the Public Housing State of Singapore: Tuberculosis, 1890-1941’. Healthcare before Welfare States: 2nd International Workshop, Charles University, Prague, 8-9 March 2018.

'Post-histories of Leprosy in Singapore'. South East Asia Regional Exchange Programme (SEASREP) project, Hansen's Disease in Southeast Asia: Narratives of the Past and Present workshop in Ho Chi Minh City, 3-4 March 2018.

'Experts in the Making of Singapore'. Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (JSEAS) workshop on Reassessing 1819 in Singapore History, Park Royal at Pickering, Singapore, 1-2 March 2018.

'Post-histories of Leprosy: Singapore and Beyond'. Workshop for Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Programme project, *Hansen's Disease in Southeast Asia: Narratives of the Past and Present*, Singapore, 27 January 2017.

'Urban Others: Making Do with the Singapore Archives'. *Modernity's 'Other' – Disclosing Southeast Asia's Built Environment across the Colonial and Postcolonial Worlds*. 2nd Southeast Asia Architecture Research Collaborative (SEAARC) Symposium, National University of Singapore, 5-7 January 2017.

'Coolies, Class and Crisis in the Port City: The 1930s Great Depression in Singapore and a Social History of the Chinese Diaspora'. International Conference on *Coping with Transnational Crisis: Chinese Economic and Social Lives in East Asian Ports-Cities, 1850-1950*, organised by the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 10-11 June 2016.

'Albert Winsemius, International Experts and High Modernist Governance in Singapore'. Workshop on *Governance in Singapore: Reform Without Democratisation*, co-organised by the University of Sydney and the University of Nottingham (Malaysia campus), 18-19 February 2016.

'Polytechnicians and Technocrats: Sources, Limits and Possibilities of Student Activism in 1970s Singapore'. *Southeast Asia Studies in Asia (SEASIA) 2015 Conference*, Kyoto, Japan, organised by Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia, Kyoto University, 12-13 December 2015.

“‘Argue the contrary for the purpose of getting a PhD’: Revisionist Historians, the Singapore Government and the Operation Coldstore Controversy’. Invitational Conference on *Teaching and Learning Difficult Histories: Global Concepts and Contexts*, New York City, co-organised by the City University of New York and University of Alberta, 24-26 June 2015.

“‘The Chinese are the most persistently suicidal’: Mental Illness and the Migrant Society in Colonial Singapore’. International workshop on *Unruly Minds: Mental Health and the Human Sciences in Chinese Contexts*, co-organised by Warwick University and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 9 April 2015.

'Some Thoughts on a Social History of Human Rights in Postwar Southeast Asia'. Roundtable Seminar on *Writing a History of Human Rights in Southeast Asia* at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand, 21 August 2014.

'Typhoon Ondoy and the Translation of Disaster Expertise in Barangay Banaba, Philippines'. Conference on *The Realization of ASEAN Community and Directions of Southeast Asian Studies: State Approach vs. Regional Approach*, organized by the Korean Association of Southeast Asian Studies at Busan University of Foreign Studies, 9-10 May 2014.

'Emergencies, Experts and Planning Postcolonial Southeast Asia'. Seminar Series on *Connections and Comparisons: Region and the World in the Framing of Southeast Asia*, organized by Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations, Seoul National University, 20 November 2013.

'More than Token Gestures: Mental Health and Modernity in Singapore'. 3rd KASEAS-CSEAS Joint International Symposium: *Border-Crossing and Connectivity of Southeast Asia*, organised by Korean Association of Southeast Asian Studies and Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, 10-11 May 2013.

'Plural Co-existence and Floods in Singapore and Metro Manila'. Lead author (with Michael D. Pante). International Workshop on *Plural Coexistence and Sustainability: Asian Experiences in Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, organised by School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, and Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, 11-12 March 2013.

'Floods and Historical Change: Typhoon Ondoy, Disaster Efforts and Informal Settlers in Barangay Banaba, Manila'. Workshop on *Disaster and the City: Historical Perspectives from the Philippines, Indonesia and Japan, 1945-2011*, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, 16 January 2013.

'Emergencies: Planning Discourses and Semi-Autonomous Communities in Urban Southeast Asia'. *The Southeast Asia Seminar 2012: Cities and Cultures in Southeast Asia*, organised by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (Kyoto University) and Cebuano Studies Center (University of San Carlos), 20-23 November 2012.

'Culture and Hazard in Southeast Asia: Cultures of Disaster and Community-Based Disaster Management'. 6th ACAS International Conference on *Nature and Culture: Environmental Issues in Asia*, organised by Ateneo Centre for Asian Studies, 29 July 2012.

'Modernising Yet Marginal: Hospitals and Asylums in Southeast Asia in the 20th Century'. Workshop on *The Transnational History of Health in Southeast Asia, 1914-2014*, organised by Centre for History and Economics, Cambridge University, 30 June-1 July 2012.

'Teaching Academic Controversy in Singapore: Context, Teachers and Subpublics'. Lead author (with Junaidah Jaffar). Conference on *History as Controversy: Writing and Teaching Contentious Topics in Asian Histories*, jointly organised by SHS, ARI, NUS, and NIE, 14-15 December 2011.

'Convergence and Slippage between Film and History: Reviewing *Invisible City*, *Zahari's 17 Years* and *Sandcastle*'. Lead author (with Kenneth Paul Tan). Conference on *Film and Cinema in Singapore*, jointly organised by ARI, NUS and Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, NTU, 6-7 October 2011.

'"You have picked a wrong candidate": Ambivalent Narratives of the British Military Withdrawal from Singapore'. Conference on *Historical Fragments in Southeast Asia: At the Interfaces of Oral History, Memory and Heritage*, jointly organised by ISEAS and Singapore Heritage Society, 23-24 June 2010.

'The Making of History: Gatekeepers, Researchers and Singapore Stories'. Forum on *Cultural Production in Asia*, Nanyang Technological University, 19 February 2010.

'Between Modernity and Autonomy: The Development of Queenstown in Singapore in the 1950s and 1960s'. Bauhaus Kolleg X symposium on 'Cities of Tomorrow', Dessau, Germany, 25-26 June 2009.

""Squatters", Colonial Subjects and Model Citizens: Informal Housing in Southeast Asia and Hong Kong after World War Two'. Department of History seminar, National University of Singapore, 11 March 2009.

'Of Landscapes, Memories and Modernity: Bukit Ho Swee in Singapore'. Forum on *Constructed Landscapes: Post-Colonial and Contemporary Singapore*, organised by NUS Museum, 7 March 2009.

'Heritage for Whom? Leprosy, Memory and Modernity in Singapore'. International Conference on *Heritage in Asia: Converging Forces and Conflicting Values*, 8-10 January 2009, ARI, NUS.

'From Living under Attap to Residing in the Sky: Imagination and Empathy in Source-Based Studies in Secondary-Level History'. Co-authored with Lee Si Wei. Conference on *New Dimensions in Humanities Education, 2008*, 18-19 November 2008, Humanities and Social Studies Education Academic Group, National Institute of Education.

Opening remarks and review of Stephanie Ho. 'Personal Memoirs as Singapore History' at *The Makers and Keepers of Singapore History* symposium, ARI, NUS, and Singapore Heritage Society, 10 November 2008.

'Conflict and Change at the Margins: Emergency Kampong Clearance and the Making of Modern Singapore'. Brown Bag Seminar, Humanities and Social Sciences Education Academic Group, NIE, 3 September 2008.

'Fires and the Social Politics of Nation-Building in Singapore'. Asia Research Centre Postgraduate Seminar, Murdoch University, 18 March 2008.

""Our Lives are Bad But Our Luck is Good": Leprosy Sufferers in Singapore's History'. Department of Asian Studies seminar, University of Western Australia, 5 October 2007.

'Dangerous Migrants: The Representation and Relocation of Urban Kampong Dwellers in Postwar Singapore'. Workshop on *Mobile City Singapore*, 1-3 March 2007, ARI, NUS.

'Our Lives are Bad But Our Luck is Good: Leprosy Sufferers in Singapore's History'. Department of History seminar, National University of Singapore, 22 November 2006.

'Fresh Questions, New Accounts: History from Below in the Singapore Context'. Workshop on *New Insights into Singapore History: Perspectives of Young Emerging Scholars*, 16 August 2005, presented by Department of History, NUS, and National Library Board.

'When Good Times Did Not Last: Singapore during the Great Depression'. FASS-ARI Centennial Conference on *Asians Horizons: Cities, States and Societies*, 1-3 August 2005, organised by ARI and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS.

'The Left-Wing Trade Unions in Singapore, 1945-1970'. Co-authored with Michael Fernandez. International symposium on *Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Postwar Singapore*, 14-15 July 2005, organised by Centre for Social Change Research, Queensland University of Technology and ARI, NUS.

Other Publications

'The British Military Withdrawal from Singapore – The Story of the Sree Narayana Mission', forthcoming in Roots SG.

'Pioneers of Sree Narayana Mission', in Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore), *Annual Souvenir Publication 2023: Celebrating the 169th Birth Anniversary of Sree Narayana Guru*, pp. 56-60.

'The People of the Sree Narayana Mission Nursing Home', in Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore), *Annual Souvenir Publication 2023: Celebrating the 169th Birth Anniversary of Sree Narayana Guru*, pp. 61-66.

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