

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Upper Division. Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS.

1995                    Bachelor of Arts with Merit in History and English Language. Department of History and Department of English Language, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS.

1990                    Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education at 'A' Level, with 5 Credits and Distinctions in History, Mathematics 'C' and General Paper from the Ministry of Education (MOE), Republic of Singapore. 1989-1990. Pre-University Education at National Junior College (NJC).

1988                    Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education at 'O' Level, with 7 Credits and Distinctions in History, English Language, Geography, Mathematics 'D', Additional Mathematics and Science (Physics-Chemistry) from MOE. 1984-1988. Secondary Education at River Valley High School.

### Grants and Awards

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

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

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

- 2017-2018 National Heritage Board Heritage Research Grant for the project, *Theatres of History and Memory: Industrial Heritage of 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 2006 ST Leong Scholarship, Murdoch University.
- 2003 Research grant for M.A. research from Singapore History Consultants and Archival Research Consultants.
- 2002-2004 NUS Research Scholarship for M.A. candidature.
- 1994, 1995 Dean's List of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of NUS.
- 1993 Mansfield Prize (History) and Special Book Prize in English Language at NUS for excellent performance in both subjects.
- 1992 Public Service Commission Local Merit Scholarship (Teaching).

### **Professional Career**

- 2019-Present Co-investigator of heritage research project, *From Colony to Nation: Continuity and Change in the Singapore Economy 1946-2016*, supported by the National Heritage Board.

- 2018-Present Co-investigator of heritage research project, *Culinary Biographies: Charting Singapore's History through Cooking and Consumption*, supported by the National Heritage Board.
- 2017-Present Co-founder and director of Chronicles Research and Education Pte Ltd, a research consultancy on Singapore history and heritage.
- 2017-Present Honorary Research Fellow, The University of Western Australia, School of Social Studies.
- 2016-Present Researcher for project on the history of Singapore's industrialisation at the University of Western Australia.
- 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 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. Supervised 2 MA students and taught MA courses on *History of Southeast Asia* and *Small and Big Histories of Southeast Asia*. Book Review Editor of *TRaNS: Trans-Regional and -National Studies 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.
- 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.
- 2011-2012 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.
- 2011 Sessional Lecturer at UniSim, SIM University, for the module, *Introduction to Social Science*.
- 2010-2011 Sessional Lecturer at James Cook University, Singapore, for the modules, *Introduction to Sociology, Our Space: Networks, Narratives, and the Making of Place*, and *Time, Truth and the Human Condition*.
- 2011 Instructor at California State University, Long Beach (PSB Academy, Singapore) for the module, *Japan and the US*.
- 2010 Part-time Instructor at Singapore Polytechnic for the module, *Teamwork and Communication Skills*.
- 2010 Researcher on the history of Labrador Park and Tunnels for Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom Pte Ltd.
- 2010 Researcher on book project on Lim Chin Siong by Kevin Y. L. Tan, commissioned by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.
- 2010 Part-time Lecturer at the Department of History, NUS, for the module, *Nation-building in Singapore*.
- 2009-2010 Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU. Taught the modules, *History of Singapore* and *Modern Southeast Asia: The Formation of Nation-States*.
- 2009-2010 Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Conducted research on the British military withdrawal from Singapore in the late-1960s and convened conference on interdisciplinary interfaces between oral history, memory and heritage in Southeast Asia.

- 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, for the module, *Popular Culture in Singapore*.
- Jan-May 2009 Part-time Lecturer at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU, for the module, *Modern Southeast Asia: The Formation of Nation-States*.
- 2008-2009 Part-time Lecturer at the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, NTU, for the module, *Engineers and Society*.
- Aug-Nov 2008 Tutor at the Department of History, NUS, for the module, *The Evolution of a Global City-State*.
- Feb-May 2008 Tutor at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Murdoch University, for the module, *Approaches to History*.
- 2007-present Co-manager of Yahoo! mailing list, 'Bukit Ho Swee Kampong', involving former residents of BHS and Havelock Road, who share experiences of life in the area.
- 2006-2007 Visiting Scholar, Asia Research Institute (ARI), NUS. Conducted research on the history of the 1961 Bukit Ho Swee fire in Singapore.
- 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. [http://www.leprosyhistory.org/english/search\\_archive.html](http://www.leprosyhistory.org/english/search_archive.html)
- 2005-2006 Writer of History syllabus on 'Revolutions' for River Valley High School's Integrated Programme.
- 2003-2005 Tutor at the Department of History, NUS, for the module, *Chinese Business Networks in Singapore and Beyond*. Full-time Teaching Fellow in Jan-Jun 2005.
- Aug-Oct 2005 Adjunct Teacher for History at Millennia Institute.
- 2004-2005 Part-time lecturer at TMC-Monash University for the module, *United States Politics: Media and Power*.
- Jul-Nov 2005 Research under the University Scholars Programme for the project, *Nationalism and the Ending of Empire in Singapore, 1948-1959*.
- Jun 2005 Part-time lecturer in the Humanities and Social Studies Education Academic Group, NIE, for Content Upgrading for the history of Singapore.
- Mar-May 2005 Part-time lecturer at Monash University (TMC Academy, Singapore) for the module, *Community Studies*.

- Sep-Dec 2004 Cataloguing of audio-visual archival material, Audio-Visual Archives Division, National Archives of 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.
- 2003-2007 Contract teacher at Institute of Education General Education Programme for History Paper 2: Southeast Asia: From Colonies to Nations, c. 1870-1980.
- 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, for the module, *A History of Nation-Building in Singapore*.
- Aug-Nov 2002 Tutor at the Department of History, NUS, for the module, *Asia and The Modern World*.
- 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.
- Jan-Jul 2002 Acting Subject Head for Scholarships at NJC. Headed the Sapphire Scholars Programme to groom the College's top students to be future scholars and leaders.
- 1998-2002 Member of the Department of Pupil Welfare and Counselling at NJC. Organised events related to the Career Guidance and Lifeskills Programmes for the College's students; in charge of students' applications to the UK; liaised with parents and external organisations relating to careers and scholarships, university education and the Community Involvement Programme.
- 1999-2001 Civics Tutor at NJC of a form class.
- 2002 Member of the Working Committee for Strategic Repositioning at NJC leading to the Through-Train Programme.
- 1998-2001 Member of the Project Work Committee at the NJC and helped organise Project Work in the College.
- 1998-2002 Teacher-in-charge of Social Studies Society at NJC.
- 2000, 2001 Involved in the School Excellence Model evaluation process at NJC.
- 2001-2002 Member of the Archives Committee at NJC and involved in research and write-ups of the College's history for the College's Archives.

- 1998-2002 Webmaster for the History, Pupil Welfare and Counselling and Sapphire Scholars Programme webpages in NJC.
- June 2001 Teacher-in-charge of an educational fieldtrip for History students to Kuantan, Malaysia.
- June 2000 Teacher-in-charge for overseas Community Service Trip to Karimun Island, Indonesia.
- Apr 1997 Completed Full-time National Service with Very Good Conduct and Performance from the Singapore Armed Forces, Republic of Singapore.

### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

- 2013-2014 Member, Korean Association of Southeast Asian Studies.
- 2009-2012 Exco member and Honorary Secretary, Singapore Heritage Society, in charge of public programmes.

### **Academic Work**

#### **Books and Edited Volumes**

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

*Living with Myths in Singapore.* Lead editor (with Thum Ping Tjin and Jack Chia). Singapore: Ethos Books, 2017. ISBN: 978-981-11-3281.

*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

'Unsafety and Unions in Singapore's State-led Industrialization, 1965-1994'. With Stephen Dobbs. *Labor History*. Published online 23 Aug 2019, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/0023656X.2019.1655141>

'Open or Bordered? Singapore, Industrialisation and Malaysian Workers'. With Stephen Dobbs. *Asian Studies Review* 22 April 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1080/10357823.2019.1590312>

'Polytechnicians and Technocrats: Sources, Limits, and Possibilities of Student Activism in 1970s Singapore', *Southeast Asian Studies*, Special issue, Rereading Leftist Writings from Southeast Asia, 7 (1), April 2018: 39-63.

'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](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 Aija 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**

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

'Albert Winsemius and the Transnational Origins of High Modernist Governance in Singapore'. In Lily Zubaidah Rahim and Michael D. Barr (eds.). *The Limits of Authoritarian Governance in Singapore's Developmental State*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2019, pp. 71-91.

"Argue the contrary for the purpose of getting a PhD": Revisionist Historians, the Singapore Government and the Operation Coldstore Controversy'. In Terrie Epstein and Carla L. Peck (eds.). *Teaching and Learning Difficult Histories in International Contexts: A Critical Sociocultural Approach*. New York and London: Routledge, 2018, pp. 45-58.

'Introduction: Singapore as a Mythic Nation'. With Thum Ping Tjin and Jack Chia. In Loh Kah Seng, Thum Ping Tjin and Jack Chia (eds.). *Living with Myths in Singapore*. Singapore: Ethos Books, 2017, pp. 1-14.

'Apathy, or How History is Written by Elites'. In Loh Kah Seng, Thum Ping Tjin and Jack Chia (eds.). *Living with Myths in Singapore*. Singapore: Ethos Books, 2017, pp. 213-220.

'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.

'Convergence and Slippage between Film and History: Reviewing *Invisible City, Zahari's 17 Years* and *Sandcastle*'. Lead author (with Kenneth Paul Tan). In Liew Kai Khiun and Stephen Teo (eds.). *Singapore Cinema: New Perspectives*. New York: Routledge, 2017: 37-50.

'Devoid of Any New Ideas: How the Political Parties Failed to Address the Housing Issue in GE2015'. In Terence Lee and Kevin Y.L. Tan (eds.). *Change in Voting: Singapore's 2015 General Election*. Singapore: Ethos Books, 2016: 85-103.

'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 20<sup>th</sup> Century*. Bloomington & Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2014: 180-201.

'Interview with Lee Tee Tong: Blue-collar Worker and Labour Activist'. In Poh Soo Kai, Tan Kok Fang and Hong Lysa (eds.). *The 1963 Operation Coldstore in Singapore: Commemorating 50 Years*. Petaling Jaya: SIRD and Pusat Sejarah Rakyat, 2013: 369-82. Also translated into Mandarin.

'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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

'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*. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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'. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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'. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Discussant, 'Vanguard in a Vacuum: Understanding Student Activism in Pacific Asia'. Workshop organised by the Lee Kong Chian-Stanford Initiative on Southeast Asia and Global Cities Research Cluster, NUS, Singapore, 28-29 September 2009.

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Convener for 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.

Co-convenor for 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.

Lead convener for seminar on *Students at Centrestage: Learning History in Singapore*, organised by Singapore Heritage Society, 27 November 2010.

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