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Fields of Expertise

Urban Studies, Urban Planning, Qualitative Methods, Critical Pedagogy

Current Research Project

The World in the Casino

<https://casinourbanism.wordpress.com/about/>

Education & Qualifications

- 2012 **Ph.D. Architecture** *Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies*,
University of California, Berkeley.
- 2007 **M.A. Arch.** National University of Singapore (NUS).
- 2001 **B.Arch. (1st class Hons)** University of New South Wales, Australia.

Academic Positions/Appointments

- 2022- **Associate Professor** (Joint Appointment), NUS College
- 2021-2 **Fellow**, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study
- 2019 - **Associate Professor** (tenured), School of Design and Environment, National
University of Singapore
- 2017 - **Associate**, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- 2016 **Visiting Scholar**, University of Macau (Host: Dr. Timothy Simpson)
- 2013 - 2019 **Assistant Professor**, School of Design and Environment, National University of
Singapore
- 2013 **Visiting Scholar-in-residence**, Yale University (Host: Dr. Peggy Deamer)

Professional Experience

- 2003-2005 **Executive Architect**, Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), Singapore
(URA is the national planning authority of Singapore)

Administrative Leadership/Service

- 2024 - **Ph.D. Committee**, Department of Architecture
- 2023 - **Deputy Head** (Graduate Studies), Department of Architecture
- 2022 - 23 **Lead**, Research Benchmarking for Department of Architecture
- 2023 **Lead**, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Architecture
- 2023 **Co-organizer**, Asian Undergraduate Symposium
- 2023 - **Chairman**, NUS Baba House Architecture Conservation Committee
- 2022 - **Member**, NUS College, Curriculum Review Committee

2022 - **Member**, Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee
2017 - 2022 **Associate Director** (Master of Urban Planning Programme, NUS)

1. PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

LEE, K-W. 2019. *Las Vegas in Singapore: Violence, Progress and the Crisis of Nationalist Modernity* (National University of Singapore Press)

Reviewed by:

Campinho, R. 2021. *Journal of Society of Architectural Historians* 80(4).
Binde, P. 2021. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 52(4)
Smith, N. 2021. *Planning Theory and Practice* 22(4)
Daniell, T. 2020. *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review* 32(1)
Ho, KC. 2020. *Pacific Affairs* 93(3).
Akçayir, M. 2020. *Critical Gambling Studies* 1(1).
Clammer, John. Mar 2020. *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in SE Asia* 35(1).
Xavier, Paulès. Jan 2020. *Revue d'histoire moderne & contemporaine* (n° 66-4), pp 206-8
Chong, Terence. Sept 2019. *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*
Leow Joanne. July 2019. *Singapore Unbound*
Chang, Jiat-Hwee. May 2019. *Planning Perspectives*
Comaroff, Joshua. June 2019. *Singapore Architects*
Pieris, Anoma. June 2019. *Fabrications: The Journal of the Architectural Historians of Australia and New Zealand*

LEE, K-W. (in progress). *The World in the Casino: Extraterritoriality, Infrastructure and the "Architectural Fix" in post-millennial Asia*

Journal Articles

LEE, K-W. 2023. "A Pedagogy of Anachronism: Learning through a misfit between theory and practice", *Cities: Analysis of Urban Change, Theory, Action* 27(5-6): 740-758

HUA, X., & LEE, K.-W. 2022. "Architecture, tactics and mobility – Appropriating space at a transport hub in Shanghai", *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space* 41(3): 466-484

LEE, K-W. 2022. "The Myth of the Integrated Resort: selective history, retrospective branding, fungible assets", *Critical Gambling Studies* 3(2): 174-184

LEE, K-W & CHUA, L. 2020. Introduction to special section on "Modernity's Other: Disclosing Southeast Asia's Built Environment across the Colonial and Postcolonial Worlds", *South East Asia Research* 28(2): 111-119

LEE, K-W. 2018. "Planning as State-Effect: Calculation, Historicity and Imagination at Marina Bay, Singapore". *Planning Theory and Practice* 19(4): 477-495

- LEE, K-W. 2015. "Technical Frames of Affect: design-work and brand-work in a shopping mall". *Geoforum* 65:403-412
- LEE, K-W. 2014. "Transforming Macau: Planning as Institutionalized Informality and the Spatial Dynamics of Hypercompetition". *Environment and Planning A* 46:2622-37
- LEE, K-W. 2014. "Feeling like a State: Design Guidelines and the Legibility of Urban Experience". *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 38(1): 138-154
- LEE, K-W. 2010. "Regulating Design in Singapore – a survey of the Government Land Sales programme". *Environment and Planning C* 28(1): 145-164

Book Chapters

- LEE, K-W. 2018. "Planning as Institutionalized Informality: State, Casino Capitalists and the Production of Space in Macau" in Doucette J and Park B-G (eds) *Developmentalist Cities? Interrogating Urban Developmentalism in East Asia* (Brill)
- LEE, K-W. 2017. "Critical Reflections on the Myth of the Chinese Gambler" in Al S, Echeverri N and Lee KW (eds.) *Macau and the Casino Complex* (University of Nevada Press)
- LEE, K-W. 2017. "Have we always said 'no' to the casino? Rethinking the Myth of Progress in Singapore" in Loh KS, Thum PJ, Chia, MT (eds.) *Living with Myths in Singapore* (Singapore: Ethos Books)
- LEE, K-W. 2015. "Gambling, City, Nation: popular illegality and nation-building in Singapore, 1950s-80s" in Bracken G (ed.), *Asian Cities: Colonial to Global* (University of Amsterdam Press)
- LEE, K-W. 2013. "Containment and Virtualization: Slot Technology and the Remaking of the Casino Industry", *Frontiers in Chance: Papers Presented at the UNLV's Center for Gaming Research*, Las Vegas: Center for Gaming Research, UNLV, pp. 187-210

Book Reviews

- Simpson, T, *Betting on Macau: Casino Capitalism and China's Consumer Revolution* (MI: University of Minnesota Press, 2023) in *Critical Gambling Studies* 5(1) 2024.
- Yuen B and Hamnett S (eds), *Planning Singapore: The Experimental City* (London and NY: Routledge, 2019) in *Planning Theory and Practice*, Jan 2020
- Haripriya Rangan, Mee Kam Ng, Libby Porter and Jacquelyn Chase (eds), *Insurgencies and Revolutions: John Friedmann's Contributions to Planning Theory and Practice* (London and NY: Routledge, 2017) in *Pacific Affairs* 91(2) 2018.
- James A. Warren, *Gambling, the State and Society in Thailand, c. 1800-1945* (London and NY: Routledge, 2013) in *TRaNS: Trans-Regional and National Studies of Southeast Asia* 2015.
- Natasha Dow Schüll, *Addiction by Design: Machine Gambling in Las Vegas* (NJ: Princeton, 2012) in *Technology and Culture* (55) 2014.

2. AWARDS

Fellowships and Prizes (Research)

2021-2	Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study [<i>The SCAS is one of the ten members of Some Institutes of Advanced Study that offer fully funded fellowships to scholars to pursue their research without any obligations</i>]
2021-2	Senior Core Fellow, Central European University Institute for Advanced Study (declined)
2019	Eramus+ International Credit Mobility (EU-funded teaching exchange programme), Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
2019	Transregional Research Junior Scholar Fellowship: New Paradigms Grant (Social Science Research Council, New York)
2017	Humanities and Social Sciences Fellowship (NUS, Singapore) [<i>Provides one semester-off for research</i>]
2017	Transregional Research Junior Scholar Fellowship (Social Sciences Research Council, New York) [24,000 USD, 7% selection rate]
2016	University of Macau, Visiting Fellowship (Host: Assoc. Prof. Tim Simpson)
2014	Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation Junior Scholar Grant, Yale University [19,500 USD for 6 months]
2012	UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, 2011-2012
2011	University of Nevada Las Vegas (Center for Gaming Research) Resident Fellowship, 2011
2010	University of California Pacific Rim Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship, 2010-2011

Research Grants

2023	Ministry of Education Tier 2 Academic Grant (Co-PI, 10%) – “Capitals of the Future”, \$1.16M
2023	Ministry of Education Tier 1 Academic Grant (Sole PI) – “Casino Urbanisms”, \$60K
2020	Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Grant (Sole PI) – “Architecture, Law and the City” \$12.5K
2018	Ministry of Education Tier 1 Academic Grant (Sole PI) – “Las Vegas in Singapore”, \$90K
2013	Academic Start-Up Grant, Ministry of Education, (Sole PI) – “A Spatial History of the Control of Vice”, \$89K

Design Awards/Recognition

2019	Gourmand Awards, Macau International Book Fair, for <i>Macau and the Casino Complex</i>
2016	Museum of Capitalism International Design Competition, Honorable Mention

Teaching Awards/Recognition

2016	NUS School of Design and Environment's Teaching Excellence Award
2016	“Critical Pedagogy in Architecture”, Invited speaker, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Scholarships and Distinctions (in support of formal degree programmes)

2007	Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship, Singapore (SGD\$10,000, awarded for contributions to education and public service)
2007	National University of Singapore Overseas Graduate Scholarship (full funding of doctoral studies at UC Berkeley)
1996	Public Service Commission Overseas Merit Scholarship, Singapore (full funding of undergraduate degree at UNSW)
1985	Gifted Education Programme, Ministry of Education, Singapore (enriched curriculum from Primary 4 to High School, top 0.5% of cohort)

3. TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Teaching**

(at the National University of Singapore)

2024	Graduate Research Seminar (a series of workshops for doctoral students)
2024	Research Methods (doctoral)
2023	"100% Housing", Undergraduate Elective, NUS College
2022-23	"Law and the City - Divisions, Aesthetics, Transgressions", Undergraduate Elective, NUS College
2022-	Impact Experience (Local), NUS College (a 2-year course on service learning)
2019-2021	"Architectures and Spaces of Exception", Graduate Elective, NUS
2014-2021	"Qualitative Methods in Urban Research", NUS
2013-2019	Architecture Thesis Studio, Years 3 and 5, NUS
2013-2021	"History/Theory of Urban Planning", NUS
2013	"Politics of Planning: Histories, Theories and Challenges", NUS
2005-6	Teaching Assistant and Design Tutor, NUS

(At the University of California, Berkeley)

2012	Co-Lecturer, "Introduction to Design Theory and Criticism," with Prof C. Greig Crysler, UC Berkeley
2009	GSI, "Global Poverty – Challenges and Hope in the New Millennium", with Prof Ananya Roy, UC Berkeley
2008	GSI, "Introduction to design theory and criticism", with Prof C. Greig Crysler, UC Berkeley

(At the University of New South Wales, Australia)

2000-1	Research Assistant and Design Tutor (under Prof. Paul Alan Johnson)
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Ph.D. supervision (2)

(Main Advisor)

HUA Xia (2016-2019) *The Everyday Landscape of Public Transport: emerging public domains in hypermobile Shanghai.*

LOO Chia Hui (2016 – 2018) *Comparative Study of Urban Heritage Policies in Boston and Singapore* (discontinued due to personal reasons)

Ph.D. Examination Committee Member (9)

QI Huiyang (2021-) *The Evolution of Singapore's New Town Structural Model*

TAN Wenn Er (2023) *Looking Elsewhere(s) to Make Place: Tracing Business Improvement Districts as a Mobile Policy and Placemaking Approach in Singapore*

JOHANSSAN, Simon (2022) *Comeback Detroit: the return of whites and wealth to a Black city* (Stockholm University)

SIA Ching Sian (2022) *Agriculture as the 'right to grow' in Singapore*

Ivan NASUTION (2022) *Geographies of Documents: how materialities and locations shape Indonesia's new National Centre of Administration*

WONG Zihao (2021) *Beyond the Institution of Land: rediscovering 'other' meanings of Singaporean land*

GRANS-KORSH, Benjamin Welsey (2019) *Architecture and stock trading in Hong Kong* (Hong Kong University)

NG Keng Khoo (2018) *Restoring Johor's Traditional Order: urban transformation and the politics of subnational reform.*

Lavanya Jothi VENKATACHALAM (2017) *Publicness at the Edge: future of parks as public open spaces in Chennai, India.*

M.Arch Thesis (14)

Charlotte Choo (2015), *Rochor: the Aesthetics of Demolition and Conservation*

Sandra Lee Wanqing (2015), *Designing Adversarial Relationships for Labour*

Crystal Chew (2015), *Urban Farming and Community Life*

Kelly Wong (2015), *Integrated Elderly Housing in Singapore*

Jamie Goh Cher Li (2016), *Landscapes of Waste*

Georgina Foo Chuan Sing (2016), *Architecture of Autonomy and Dignity in Geylang's Red Light District*

Davin Lee Wee Kian (2016), *The Archive of Censorship*

Azizul Iswan bin Roslan (2016), *The Singapore Eye as Museum of Political Education*

Eugene Lim (2016), *The Inequality of Death*

Lim Jie (2018), *An Infrastructure of Hope and Trauma in the Demilitarized Zone of Korea*

Lim Yawen (2018), *The Appearance of Legitimacy: Vice Trade and Tourism at the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone*

Martyn Chan Jiahao (2019), *Rags to Riches: Uncovering waste colonialism through E-Waste trade*

Peng Huiting (2019) *A Social Credit Training Centre in Shenzhen*

Wesley Tay Zebin (2019) *The Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Immigration Centre*

M.Arch Dissertation (discontinued in 2016) (10)

Andrei Kuek Zhing Wei (2013) *Contemporary Iconic Architecture and the Globalizing Capitalist Class: A Case Study of Singapore Sports Hub Consortium*

Bertram Ng Tzin Ping (2013) *Spaces of Exception in Public Housing Estates*

Umar bin Abdul Aziz (2013) *Understanding Stigma in Architecture: The Case of the Institutes of Technical Education and the New Education System*

Dolly Foo Yu Yu (2013) *Vice City: The Creative and the Malevolent in Geylang*

Haemal Nair s/o Vijayan Nair (2015), *Unplanned Public Spaces at Marina Bay*

Lai Junhong (2015), *Informal Spaces in an Industrial Estate*
Lim Eugene (2015), *Cognitive Mapping and the Legibility of underground spaces at Orchard Road*
Karlott Kang Yan (2016) *Aerotropolis: The Corporatization and Privatization of Changi Airport*
Josie How Hong Jin (2016) *Urban Renewal through Public Housing in Singapore*
Carol Chan Jiayi (2016) *Public Spaces and the Corporatization of Place Management in Singapore*
– the case of Marina Bay

Planning Reports (the equivalent of MArch Dissertation) (7)

Ng Ee Ching (2022) *Exploring the role of Eco-cultural heritage beyond recreational uses: a case study of Sembawang Hot Spring Park in Singapore*
Chen Yueyi (2022) *Public-Private-People partnership for conservation in planning: a case study of Yongqing Fang in China*
Thibault, Jonathan Pilsudski (2017) *Exporting and Adapting Singapore's New Torn Planning Model Abroad: The case of the Neighbourhood Centre*
Chaitali Dighi (2016) *The Abuse of the "Smart City" label*
Adithi Moorgoor (2015) *The Role of Public Art in the Creation of a Business Improvement District: the case of Singapore River*
Joel Koh Rui Wen (2017) *Emergence of the Resilient City: Critical Analysis of the Rockefeller Foundation's Resilience Initiatives*
Mugdha Milind Godbole (2017) *Community Planning and the Void Deck in Singapore's Public Housing Estates*

M.A. (Architecture) Dissertation (3)

Cedric Edward Fuentebella Tan (2013) *Virtual Spaces in the Narrative context of Video Games*
Lin Yuxuan (2013) *An Investigation into the Social Construction of Singapore as Home: Space, Place and Idea*
Muhammad Fauzy Bin Mohamed Ismail (2017) *Praying for Thirdspace: the Architecture of the Musollah in a secular Singapore*

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (1)

Jordan Yeo (2023) *Formal Analysis of Urban Inequity*

4. PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Presentations

6 Dec 2024 *Urban Mediations, International Conference on the Narratives, Ecologies and Poetics of the City, Hong Kong University*
2 Dec 2024 *4th Annual Conference of Macao Studies, University of Macao*
19 Jun 2024 *19th Singapore Graduate Student Forum on Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore*

Invited Conferences & Seminars

30 Aug 2024 *Invited Speaker, The Morality of Money, NUS College Seminar Series, Singapore*
12 Oct 2023 *Invited Panelist, Bristol Hub for Gambling Harm, Bristol, UK*
24 Mar 2023 *Invited Panelist, Planning for a Liveable City, NUS Cities, Singapore*

- 21 Apr 2022 Invited Speaker. *Writing the History of the Built Environments of Asia: Materiality, Translations and Colonialism*, Cornell University
- 13 Apr 2022 Invited Speaker. *Casino to Integrated Resort: architecture and power in a small city-state*, University of New South Wales, Australia
- 17 Feb 2022 Invited Speaker. *The World in the Casino: Contract, Model, Exhibition*. Stockholm University, Stockholm Centre for Organization Research and Centre for Global Asian Studies
- 24 Feb 2021 Discussant, "Integration and Disintegration in InterAsian Perspective", Inter-Asia Academy [jointly organized by the SSRC (New York) and ARI (Singapore)]
- 26 Aug 2020 Invited Speaker. *Casino Urbanisms: Spectacles, Enclaves, Networks*, Yale-NUS Distinguished Lecture Series
- 2019 Invited Participant. "From Vice to Icon: Moral Laundering as Critique of the Present", *Gambling and Philosophy*, University of Macau.
- 2018 Moderator and Participant. *Summer Institute in Urban Studies*, Asia Research Institute, Singapore.
- 2017 Invited Participant. "Casino Urbanisms : From Las Vegas to Asia", *10 Years of Global Metropolitan Studies at Berkeley*, UC Berkeley
- 2017 Invited Participant. Transregional Junior Fellowship Workshop, organized by the Social Sciences Research Council (New York), Chiangmai.
- 2016 Selected Panelist. Workshop on "Geo-political economies of (Post)Developmental Urbanization in East Asia", Panellist, Social Science Research Council, Seoul.
- 2015 Selected Panelist. Workshop on "Casino Spaces as Enclaves of Development or Lawlessness", International Institute of Asian Studies, Siem Reap
- 2015 Invited Speaker. "From Casino to Integrated Resort: nationalist modernity and the 'art of blending'", Asia Research Institute, Singapore.
- 2015 Invited Participant. "The Future of Urban Studies and Asia's Place in It". National University of Singapore, Dept. of Geography, Singapore.
- 2014 Invited Participant. Workshop on "Casino and Development in Asia", University of Macau, Macau.
- 2014 Invited Speaker. "Las Vegas in Singapore: Politics of Architectural Design across the Pacific Rim", Speaker, Yale School of Architecture, New Haven.
- 2013 Invited Participant. "Hybrids and Thresholds – Singapore's Planning Experiments", Future Cities Lab/ETH Zurich, Singapore.

Academic Conferences

- 2024 Panellist, "Casinos as Infrastructures of Extraterritorial Taxation", *Urban Affairs Association Conference*, New York
- 2024 Panellist, "The World in the Casino", *East Asian Regional Conference for Alternative Geography (EARCAG)*, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2024 Organizer, "1st, 2nd, Last - Book Writing Workshop", Dept of Architecture, NUS
- 2024 Organizer and Panellist, "Writing Comparatively", Asia Research Institute, NUS
- 2023 Panelist, "Locating a Popular Illegality: The Scholar, the Judge and the Police", *"Law and the Underclass" Workshop*, Asia Research Institute, NUS
- 2023 Convenor & Chair, "What is Casino Capitalism? Perspectives from Asia", *AAS-in-Asia*, South Korea

- 2022 Co-Convenor, "Interasian Legalities", Asia Research Institute, NUS
- 2021 Convenor. "What is Casino Capitalism? Perspectives from Asia", *International Convention of Asian Scholars*, Roundtable Organizer (cancelled due to COVID)
- 2021 Panelist. "Architecture as Evidence: reflections on doing architectural history in the legal archive", *Society of Architectural Historians Conference*.
- 2020 Panel Chair. "Interdisciplinary, critique and risk: New directions in urban and architectural histories in and of Asia", *Asia Studies Association of Australia Conference*.
- 2019 Panelist. "Casino as Genealogy: reflections on the criticality of historical distance", European Architectural History Network and Society of Architectural Historians (Australia and New Zealand), Theme: Distance Looks Back.
- 2018 Panelist. "Casino Urbanisms: Networks of Profit and the Architectural Fix", *Association for Asian Studies-in Asia*, New Delhi.
- 2018 Panelist. "The Paradox of Nationalist Modernity: urban evictions and the criminalization of everyday life in Singapore, 1960s-70s", International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments, Theme: Politics of Tradition.
- 2016 Co-convenor. "Cities by Experts for the People: In search of spaces of hope in the intersections of power and knowledge", AAS-in-Asia.
- 2014 Convenor. "Casino Urbanism: Mobilities, Scales, Politics", AAS-in-Asia.
- 2014 Panelist. "Failed Citizens: Gambling and Nation-building". Oxford University, Asian Cities – Colonial to Global, Conference: Project Southeast Asia.
- 2013 Panelist. "Vice in the City: Embarrassments of Nationalism in Singapore, 1950-80s". International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden.
- 2013 Panelist. "Criminalizing Vice: The 'Common Gaming House' in Colonial Singapore". Association for Asian Studies, San Diego. Southeast Asia Council Sponsored Panel: Southeast Asian Cultural History through Law.

5. SERVICE

Professional service

- 2021- Singapore Institute of Certified Planners Examination Committee
- 2014 - 2023 Co-ordinator and Instructor, Executive Training Programme for the *Urban Redevelopment Authority*, Singapore
I taught two modules on "Social Issues in Planning" and "History/Theory of Planning" to junior government planners.
- Mar 2020 "Public Spaces at Marina Bay: Use and Perception", a qualitative study submitted to the *Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)*
This was a collaboration between the URA and my class on Qualitative Methods in Urban Planning
- 2019 Speaker, Japan Gaming Congress
I was invited to share expert advice on casino development with the gaming industry.
- 2018 Instructor, Community Facilitator Programme for *Sports SG*
I was part of a team that introduced public engagement methods to government officials

Academic Service

(Editorial/Advisory Board)

- 2023 Scientific Committee Member, *Southeast Asian Urbanism Seminar*, International Centre of Urbanism (Leuven University)
- 2022- *Critical Gambling Studies Journal* (Associate Editor)
- 2022- *Across the Global South: built environments in critical perspective* Book Series, National University of Singapore Press
- 2022- *Bristol Research Hub* (Prevention of Gambling Harms)
- 2020- *Asia Law and Society* Book Series, Melbourne University Press
- 2020 *Dialectic*. Journal of School of Architecture, University of Utah
- 2016-9 *Nakhara: Journal of Environmental Design and Planning*, Chulalongkorn University (Guest Editor)

(Conference Organizer/Scientific Committee)

- 2024 Asia Undergraduate Symposium, NUS College
(I organized a 4-hour Smart City session for this 2-week symposium attended by 300 undergraduate students from SE Asia. Invited speakers included the Urban Redevelopment Authority and the United Nations Development Programme.)
- 2023 *Across the Global South* Publication Workshop, Department of Architecture, NUS
- 2022 *International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments 2022*, NUS
- 2017-20 *Planning Futures, 2017-2020*
(this is an annual networking session that I co-organize with students in the Master of Urban Planning programme)
- 2019 *Connected Histories, Cosmopolitan Cities: Toward Inter-Imperial and Trans-Colonial Histories of Cities in Asia, 1800-1960*, National University of Singapore, Department of Architecture, Moderator
- 2018 - 2020 *Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies*, Asia Research Institute, Moderator
- 2018 *Summer Institute of Urban Studies, 2018 (NUS and Manchester University)*
- 2014-9 *Great Asian Streets Symposium*
- 2017-8 *Activate! Emergent forms of civic practices in contemporary Asian cities*, Asia Research Institute
- 2017 *Southeast Asian Architecture Research Collaborative Symposium*

(Reviewer)

- 2016- Pacific Affairs, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, Planning Theory and Practice, Environment and Planning A, Inter-Asia Cultural Studies, Planning Perspectives, Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review, The Journal of Architecture, National University of Singapore Press, Hong Kong University Press
- 2011-5 University of Hawai'i Press, Urban Studies, Urban Geography

Professional Membership/Affiliation

- Asia Research Institute (NUS)
- Southeast Asian Architecture Research Collaborative (NUS)
- International Association of Settlements and Traditional Environments
- Society of Architectural and Urban Historians-Asia

Society of Architectural and Urban Historians
Association of Asian Studies
Tan Kah Kee International Society (Singapore)

6. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Public Talks

- 07 Mar 2023 *Public Art and the City*, NUS Museum, Singapore.
- 18 Aug 2019 *What Society Hides from Itself - Toto, Nation-building and the Integrated Resort*, organized by LumiNation, Arts House, Singapore.
- 14 Mar 2019 *Las Vegas in Singapore*, organized by Southeast Asia Architecture Research Collaborative, National Library, Singapore.
- 17 Jan 2019 *The Shape of Singapore's Social and Urban History* organized by the Asia Research Institute, National Library, Singapore.
- 20 Feb 2019 *Founders' Memorial as Counter-Monument?* organized by FARMACY, Bras Basah Complex, Singapore.
- 18 Sept 2017 *Creating Conversations about Planning*, organized by the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Singapore Institute of Planners, URA Centre.
- 5 Oct 2017 *Landscapes and Monuments of Progress*, organized by Archifest, National Gallery of Singapore.
- 10 Aug 2014 *Living with Myths in Singapore*, public seminar, Gilman Barracks, Singapore.

Public Media

- Muhammad Cohen, "Thailand Blazes New Regulatory Trail", IGB, 10 Oct 2024
<https://igamingbusiness.com/casino/land-based-casino-regulation/thailand-blazes-new-regulatory-trail/>
- Polymatter, "Clean, Green and Unseen: How Singapore sanitized gambling", Youtube video, Feb 2020.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUOf44f0OBY&t=2s>
- Lee Kah-Wee, "Connoisseurship and Genuflection: The Public Display of Private Wealth in the Casinos of Macau", *Platformspace*, 28 Jan 2020.
<https://www.platformspace.net/home/connoisseurship-and-genuflection-the-public-display-of-private-wealth-in-the-casinos-of-macau-part-1>
- Muhammad Cohen, "Game Changer" Inside Asian Gaming, 27 Jan 2020
<https://www.asgam.com/index.php/2020/01/27/game-changer-2/>
- Muhammad Cohen, "Japan Casinos Face Limitless Horizons, Plagued by Limited Groundwork", *Forbes*, 28 Jun 2019.
- Lee Kah-Wee, "Las Vegas in Singapore: Violence, Progress and the Crisis of Nationalist Modernity", Asian Studies Association of Australia, May 2019
<http://asaa.asn.au/las-vegas-in-singapore-violence-progress-and-the-crisis-of-nationalist-modernity/>
- João Paulo Menses, "The Future? Look at the Historic Centre", *MacauBusiness*, May 2019.
- João Paulo Menses, "Hengqin, Our Precious Neighbour", *MacauBusiness*, Jun 2019.

Lecture Theatre: Humanities x Public Life, "Las Vegas in Singapore: Violence, Progress and the Crisis of Nationalist Modernity", 14 Apr 2019

Joshua Tan, "The Forgotten Story of How Marina Bay Sands Sanitised Gambling", *Ricemedia*, 24 Feb 2019.

Mike Ives, "Using Stealth, and Drones to Document a Fading Hong Kong", *The New York Times*. 7 Feb 2017.