

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Areas

Planning Theory and History, Trans-regional Urban Studies, Architectural Theory

Education

PhD. (2012) *Designated Emphasis in Metropolitan Studies*, University of California, Berkeley, Dept of Architecture. Dissertation title - *Las Vegas in Singapore: Casinos, Modernity and the Taming of Vice*. Advisor: Prof. Nezar AlSayyad

M.A. Arch. (2007), National University of Singapore, School of Design and Environment. Thesis title: *Encoded Histories – Regulating Design in Singapore*. Advisor: Prof. Heng Chye Kiang

B.Arch.(Hons) (2001) University of New South Wales, Australia

Grants, Fellowships and Prizes

- 2017 Humanities and Social Sciences Fellowship (National University of Singapore)
- 2017 Transregional Research Junior Scholar Fellowship (Social Sciences Research Council, New York)
- 2016 University of Macau, Visiting Fellowship
- 2016 Museum of Capitalism International Design Competition, Honorable Mention
- 2014 Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation Junior Scholar Grant at Yale University
- 2013 Academic Start-Up Grant Tier 1, Ministry of Education, Singapore
- 2012 UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship
- 2011 University of Nevada Las Vegas (Center for Gaming Research) Resident Fellowship
- 2010 University of California Pacific Rim Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2009 Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge Travel Grant
- 2009 UC Berkeley Center for British Studies Travel Grant
- 2007 Cornell University Southeast Asia Program Travel Grant
- 2007 Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship
- 2007 National University of Singapore Overseas Graduate Scholarship
- 1996 Public Service Commission Overseas Merit Scholarship

Peer-reviewed journal papers

- 2018 "Planning as State-Effect: Calculation, Historicity and Imagination at Marina Bay, Singapore" *Planning Theory and Practice*
- 2015 "Technical Frames of Affect: design-work and brand-work in a shopping mall". *Geoforum* 65:403-412
- 2014 "Transforming Macau: Planning as Institutionalized Informality and the Spatial Dynamics of Hypercompetition". *Environment and Planning A* 46:2622-37
- 2014 "Feeling like a State: Design Guidelines and the Legibility of Urban Experience". *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 38(1): 138-154
- 2010 "Regulating Design in Singapore – a survey of the Government Land Sales programme". *Environment and Planning C*, 28(1): 145-164

Monographs, edited volumes and book chapters

- 2018 *Las Vegas in Singapore: Violence, Progress and the Crisis of Nationalist Modernity* (National University of Singapore Press)
- 2018 "Planning as Institutionalized Informality: State, casino capitalists and the production of space in Macau" in Jamie Doucette (ed.) *Developmentalist Cities? Interrogating Urban Developmentalism in East Asia*. Amsterdam: Brill.
- 2017 "Critical Reflections on the Myth of the Chinese Gambler" in Al, S (ed.) *Macau and the Casino Complex*. Nevada: University of Nevada Press.
- 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.
- 2015 "From Casino to Integrated Resort: Nationalist modernity and the art of blending" *Asia Research Institute Working Paper* No. 242
- 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)
- 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

Teaching

- 2014-current "Qualitative Methods in Urban Planning", NUS
- 2013-current Architecture Thesis Studio, Years 3 and 5, NUS
- 2013-current "Introduction to history/theory of planning", NUS
- 2013 "Politics of Planning: Histories, Theories and Challenges", NUS
- 2012 Co-Lecturer, "Introduction to Design Theory and Criticism," with Professor C. Greig Crysler, UC Berkeley
- 2009 GSI, "Global Poverty – Challenges and Hope in the New Millennium", with Professor Ananya Roy, UC Berkeley

- 2008 GSI, “Introduction to design theory and criticism”, with Professor C. Greig Crysler, UC Berkeley
- 2005-6 Teaching Assistant and Design Tutor, NUS
- 2000-1 Research Assistant and Design Tutor, University of New South Wales, Australia

Invited Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

- 2018 Summer Institute in Urban Studies, hosted by the Global Urban Studies Cluster, NUS
- 2018 Transregional Junior Fellowship Workshop (New Delhi), organized by the Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC), New York
- 2017 Transregional Junior Fellowship Workshop (Chiang Mai), organized by the SSRC, New York.
- 2016 Symposium on “Teaching History/Theory of Architecture”, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2016 Workshop on “Geo-political economies of (Post)Developmental Urbanization in East Asia”, InterAsia SSRC
- 2015 Workshop on “Casino Spaces as Enclaves of Development or Lawlessness” organized by the International Institute of Asian Studies, Netherlands
- 2015 “From Casino to Integrated Resort: nationalist modernity and the ‘art of blending’”, presented at Asia Research Institute, 2015 Seminar Series
- 2014 “Myths Seminar”, a year-long seminar series on Singapore’s history
- 2014 Workshop on “Casino and Development in Asia” organized by the University of Macau.
- 2013 “Hybrids and Thresholds – Singapore’s Planning Experiments”, presented at Future Cities Lab/ETH Zurich
- 2013 Association for Asian Studies, San Diego. *Criminalizing Vice: The ‘Common Gaming House’ in Colonial Singapore*. Southeast Asia Council Sponsored Panel: Southeast Asian Cultural History through Law

Conferences and Seminars organized

- 2018 Co-organizer and Panellist, Summer Institute in Urban Studies, hosted by the Global Urban Studies Cluster, NUS
- 2017 Co-Convenor, 2nd Southeast Asia Architecture Research Collaborative Symposium, Singapore 7-9 January
- 2016 AAS-in-Asia, Panel Organizer (with Cecilia Chu of Hong Kong University), *Cities by Experts for the People: In search of spaces of hope in the intersections of power and knowledge*
- 2015 Co-Convenor, 1st Southeast Asia Architecture Research Collaborative Symposium, Singapore 8-9 January
- 2014 Panel Organizer, *Casino Urbanism: Mobilities, Scales, Politics*. Association for Asian Studies-in-Asia, Singapore.
- 2014 Speaker, *Las Vegas in Singapore: Politics of Architectural Design across the Pacific Rim*, Yale School of Architecture, 17th April 2014

Academic and Professional service

- 2017 Instructor, Executive Training Programme, *SportSG*
- 2017- current Co-Organizer (with Minna Valjakka, Cho Im Sik and Sonia Lam), *Civic Activisms*, Asia Research Institute
- 2015 - current Co-organizer, Southeast Asian Architecture Research Collaborative Symposium
- 2015 - current Reviewer, *The Journal of Architecture*, *Nakhara*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Inter Asia Cultural Studies*, *Pacific Affairs*, *University of Hawai'i Press*
- 2014 - current Instructor, Executive Training Programme for the *Urban Redevelopment Authority*, Singapore
- 2014 - current Scientific Committee, *Great Asian Streets Symposium*
- 2010 Organizer, Architecture PhD Symposium, UC Berkeley
- 2010 Discussant, 'Global Spatial Histories' Working Group, sponsored by Townsend Centre for Humanities, UC Berkeley
- 2009 Discussant, Graduate Student Conference at Department of Anthropology, "Anthropology in China", UC Berkeley
- 2006 Co-organizer, *Great Asian Streets Symposium*

Professional Membership

Southeast Asian Architecture Research Collaborative
Association of Asian Studies
Tan Kah Kee International Society