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A recipient of the Fundação Oriente scholarship, Ying Xian pursued her postgraduate diploma in Advanced Portuguese Language and History at Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal, and has received her DAPLE accreditation. Formerly Research Assistant at DoA, Ying Xian has performed several architectural heritage studies for Conservation Buildings in Singapore, including the Golden Mile Complex and 141 Neil Road, present-day NUS ArCLab. She also took up a leadership position, serving as a Local Conference Organiser of IASTE 2022 Singapore during her first academic semester at NUS.

Passionate about Portuguese history and architectural heritage, Ying Xian's doctoral dissertation examines the developmental trajectories of Modernism in former Portuguese colonies in Asia. With her zeal for interdisciplinary research, she is also exploring opportunities for involvement in other disciplines, such as philosophy and critical heritage studies. Ying Xian is a conservation consultant and an associate member of the Hong Kong Institution of Architectural Conservationists (HKICON). She is quinquelingual and proficient in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Portuguese and Italian.