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RESEARCH AREAS

History of colonial modernities; Architectures of extraction; Global commodity histories; Third World internationalism; History of science and technology; Southeast Asian studies

EDUCATION

- 2017-2024 Ph.D. in Architecture
GSAPP, Columbia University
- 2015-2017 M.S. Critical, Curatorial, and Conceptual Practices in Architecture
GSAPP, Columbia University
- 2007-2012 Bachelor of Architecture
Department of Architecture, Universitas Indonesia

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2025 Assistant Professor
Department of Architecture, National University of Singapore
- 2021-2024 Guest Lecturer
Southeast Asian Architecture, B. Arch., Chulalongkorn University
- 2023 Instructor of Record
Questions in Architectural History I, M. Arch., Columbia GSAPP
- 2018-2021 Teaching Fellow
Arguments & Transscalarities, M.S. Advanced Architectural Design, Columbia GSAPP
- 2018-2019 Teaching Fellow
Questions in Architectural History I & II, M. Arch., Columbia GSAPP
- 2019 Workshop Assistant
The Berlage Theory Master Class, The Berlage Institute

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 NUS Research Start-up Grant
- 2024 SAH Award for Film & Video – Honorable Mention
- 2024 SAH Scott Opler Graduate Scholar Fellowship
- 2022 Carter Manny Research Award by the Graham Foundation
- 2022 Social Science Research Council's International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2022 Marinus Plantema Foundation Grant
- 2021 Nieuwe Instituut Fellowship
- 2021 AICEF Overseas Travel Grant
- 2020 CCA Doctoral Research Residency Program
- 2017 GSAPP Writing Prize
- 2017 MSCCCP Thesis Award
- 2017 Buell Center Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Geopolitical Contours of Southeast Asian Stadiums." *Social Research* Vol. 92, No. 3 (forthcoming, Fall 2025).
- "The Plantation Logic of Nusantara." *PLATFORM*, March 2025.
- "Infrastructuring Migration: Routes, Nodes, and the Construction of Labour Mobility in Colonial Sumatra" in *Architectural Encounters in Asia Pacific: Built Traces of Intercolonial Trade, Industry and Labour, 1800s-1950s*, edited by Amanda Achmadi, Paul Walker and Soon-Tzu Speechley. Bloomsbury (September 2024), 36-50.
- "Review: *Building Practice in the Dutch East Indies: Epistemic Imposition at the Beginning of the 20th Century* by David Hutama Setiadi." *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians* vol. 82 no. 4 (2023): 478-479.
- "Disease on Display: The First Hygiene Exhibition in the Netherlands Indies Revisited." *Southeast of Now* 5 no. 1 (2021): 97-116.
- "Play, Space, and the Magic Circle: Reinventing the Game." *ARSNET* 1 no. 2 (2021): 140-151.
- "Review: *Southeast Asia's Modern Architecture: Questions of Translation, Epistemology, and Power* by Jiat-Hwee Chang and Imran bin Tajudeen." *Planning Perspectives* 34 no. 5 (2019): 928-930.
- "The Shape of Sports Diplomacy: Gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta, and the Fourth Asian Games." *mASEANa Project 2017: Modern Living in Southeast Asia* (2018): 26-29.
- "Uncornering Speakers: On Political Speech in Singapore." *Avery Review* no. 22 (March 2017).

PRESENTATIONS

- "Building the Plantation System." Public Lecture at Chulalongkorn University, March 24, 2025.
- "Architectures of Commoditization." Workshop for doctoral students at Accademia di architettura, Università della Svizzera italiana. Mendrisio, October 2, 2024.
- "Debts and Bonds in Design Legacies." *Shifting Currents Symposium* by Nieuwe Instituut. Rotterdam, September 27, 2024.
- "Infrastructuring Labor Migration in Colonial Sumatra." National University of Singapore's Public Talks. Singapore, September 17, 2024.
- "Building *Nicotiana*: Fields, Sheds, and the Leaf-Priming System in the Dutch Colony." *SAH 2024 Annual Conference*. Albuquerque, April 17-21, 2024.
- "Plotting Temporality: Shifting Cultivation in the Planning of Colonial Plantations in the East Coast of Sumatra." *ASEH 2024 Conference*. Denver, April 3-6, 2024.
- "Fires for and against Colonial Plantations." *Graduate Seminar Series, Pusat Kajian Antropologi Universitas Indonesia*. Depok, August 24, 2023.
- "Soil, Fire, and Plantations: The Scale of Matter in Colonial Sumatra." *Cornell University's History of Architecture and Urbanism Society Symposium*. Ithaca, April 24, 2023.
- "Constructing Labor Mobility." *UC Berkeley-UCLA Conference on Southeast Asia*. April 14-15, 2023.
- "The Shape of Labor Network in Colonial Sumatra." *Harvard University's Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference*. Cambridge, April 6-8, 2023.
- "Of Seeds and Sheds: Designing Uniformity along the Production Lines of Plantation Crops in Colonial Sumatra." *DocTalks x MoMA*, March 14, 2023.
- "Archives of Plantation Architectures in Colonial Indonesia." *Obrolan Heritage Series #71*, Indonesian Institute of Architects. Online, March 8, 2023.
- "Tropic Fever." *Thursday Night Live! At Het Nieuwe Instituut: On Public and Collective Research Practices*. Rotterdam, March 31, 2022.