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### **Research Areas**

- Comparative studies of Asian urbanism in high-density contexts
- Design for urban social sustainability (design and planning for ageing, social inclusion and cohesion, well-being, quality of life, community building)
- Urban space planning for sustainable high-density cities (design and planning guidelines)
- Community-centric, process-oriented design methods (participatory planning, place-making)

### **Academic Qualifications**

- PhD, Department of Architecture, Seoul National University, Korea
- Master in Architecture, The Berlage Institute, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- Bachelor of Science, Department of Architecture, Seoul National University, Korea

### **Employment History / Appointments (selected)**

- Associate Professor (tenured), Department of Architecture, NUS (current)
- Deputy Head, Department of Architecture, NUS
- Leader of 'Urbanism Research Cluster', Department of Architecture, NUS
- Associate of Asia Research Institute (ARI), Asian Urbanisms Cluster, NUS (current)
- Advisory Committee, Pacific Rim Community Design Network (current)
- Technical reviewer for 'Land and Liveability National Innovation Challenge R&D Proposals' (appointed by National Research Foundation, Singapore: 2014-2017)
- International Peer Reviewer for 'Global Research Laboratory Research Grant Proposals' (appointed by National Research Foundation, South Korea: 2015)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, NUS (2010-2017)

### **Awards / Honours (selected)**

- High Impact Research in NUS, reported to NUS President
- Invited as Visiting Academic to ETH Zürich, Switzerland, for research collaboration (fully funded)
- HDB Quality Partners Award 2014 (based on the partnership between HDB and NUS for the research "Study on Impact of the Built Environment on Community Bonding", Principal Investigator)

### **Research Projects (selected)**

- PI, A Participatory Translational Study to Foster Positive Community Behaviour, funded by Social Science and Humanities Research Co-Creation Grant (MOE), Collaborators (MND, URA, HDB, NParks, NEA)
- PI, Study on the Application of Design Recommendations to foster Community Bonding (*Hello Neighbour!* project), funded by HDB

- PI, Study on Impact of the Built Environment on Community Bonding, funded by HDB (research outcome included in the Singapore Sustainability Blueprint 2015)
- PI, Urban Space Planning for Sustainable High Density Environment, funded by MND (in collaboration with URA, HDB, NParks)
- PI, Art and Culture Focused Community Spaces and their role in promoting community building, social interaction, and encouraging arts participation, funded by NAC
- Co-PI, Typology Study for Public Housing Development in Dover, funded by URA
- Co-PI, Towards a Post-developmental City in East Asia: Comparing Everyday Practices and Policies of Community Building in Seoul and Singapore, funded by the Asia Center, Seoul National University, Korea

### **Publications (selected)**

- Lead Editor and Author, *Emerging Civic Urbanisms in Asia: Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore, and Taipei beyond Developmental Urbanisation* to be published by Amsterdam University Press
- Cho, I. S. & Ho, K. C. (2020). Participatory Design to Co-create Community Spaces. In: C. H. Leong & L. C. Malone-Lee (Eds.), *Building Resilient Neighbourhoods in Singapore: The Convergence of Policies, Research and Practice*. Singapore: Springer, 81-99.
- Cho, I. S. & Križnik, B. (2020). Sharing Seoul: Appropriating alleys as communal space through localized sharing practices. *Built Environment*, 46(1), 99-114. doi: <https://doi.org/10.2148/benv.46.1.99>
- Gan, D. R. Y., Fung, J. C., & Cho, I. S. (2019). Neighborhood Experiences of People over Age 50: Factor Structure and Validity of a Scale. *The Gerontologist*, gnz111. Oxford University Press. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnz111>
- Križnik, B., Cho, I. S., & Kim, S. (2019). Deciding Together: Citizen Participation in Planning the Neighbourhood Improvement in Seoul and Singapore. *Asia Review*, 8(2), 65-102. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.24987/SNUACAR.2019.02.8.2.65>
- Cho, I. S., Nasution, I., Lee, J. H., & Mascarenhas, N. (2017). Mechanisms to facilitate community participation in Singapore's neighborhood planning framework. *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*, 34(4), 320-335.
- Cho, I. S. (2017). Changing approaches to community participation for social sustainability: Neighbourhood planning in Singapore and Seoul. In: F. Caprotti & L. Yu (Eds.), *Sustainable Cities in Asia*. London: Routledge, 226-235.
- Cho, I. S., Trivic, Z., & Nasution, I. (2017). New high-density intensified housing developments in Asia: Qualities, potential and challenges. *Journal of Urban Design*, 22(5), 613-636. doi:10.1080/13574809.2017.1311770
- Cho, I. S., & Križnik, B. (2017). *Community-based Urban Development: Evolving Urban Paradigms in Singapore and Seoul*. Singapore: Springer.
- Cho, I. S., Heng, C. K., & Trivic, Z. (2016). *Re-framing Urban Space: Urban Design for Emerging Hybrid and High-Density Conditions*. New York, NY; Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge.
- Cho, I. S. (2016). HDB-NUS Study on the Social Aspects of the Built Environment. *Innovation Magazine - The Magazine of Research & Technology*, 15(1), 47-54.