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Thought Leadership



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Keynote and Plenary Addresses (Academic)

- **(2022) Speaker**
“ASEAN Smart Cities Network: The promises and challenges of scaling smartness”, The University of Hong Kong Geography Distinguished Webinar Series (virtual), 4 March 2022, Hong Kong

Keynote/Plenary Addresses and Panel Speaker/Moderator (Education/Leadership)

- **(2022) Panel Speaker**
“How can we develop university leaders for a VUCA world?”, Times Higher Education Asia Universities Summit, Fujita Health University, Aichi, Japan, 1 June 2022 (hybrid event)
- **(2022) Keynote Speaker**
“Developing multiple citizenships: Shaping individuals, forging identities”, Opening Ceremony of Dunman High School's Careers, Scholarships and Higher Education (CSHE) Day 2022, 25 May 2022, Dunman High School
- **(2022) Panel Speaker**
McKinsey CEO Leadership and Excellence Forum, Singapore, 4 May 2022, Raffles Hotel
- **(2022) Keynote Speaker**
“Embracing Innovation, Inspiring Action: The Vital Role of Education”, International Baccalaureate Global Conference: Embracing Innovation, Inspiring Action, 27 March 2022, Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre
- **(2022) Panel Speaker**
“Are universities crucial to making societal impact?”, The Straits Times Education Forum 2022, Singapore, 10 February 2022, Yong Pung How School of Law (hybrid event)

Panel and Forum Speaker/Moderator (Academic)

- **(2022) Moderator**
The International Women’s Forum In-Conversation with Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs, ahead of release of White Paper on Singapore Women’s Development (virtual event), 24 March 2022
- **(2022) Panel Speaker**
“Circular Pathways for Growth and Recovery”, Economist Impact: Sustainability Week Asia, PARKROYAL COLLECTION Marina Bay, Singapore (hybrid event), 16 February 2022.

Featured Interviews

- **(2022) Guest Speaker on Impactful** (Podcast interview by Research for Impact Singapore)
“Experiences of women at the forefront of their respective fields in Singapore”, 14 March 2022
- **(2022) Featured Interviewee on PRISMA REPORTS with FOREIGN Policy**
“Asian Business Schools for the Future”, January 2022 edition

Thought Leadership



David Chan

Lee Kong Chian Professor of Psychology

- Panel Speaker: Chan, D. (2022) Future Workplace. Public Sector Transformation Convention, 2022, Singapore.



Cheng Chi-Ying

Associate Professor of Psychology

- Keynote speech titled “Harnessing Diversity in the Workplace: The Effect of Gender-Professional Identity Integration”. 2022 Taiwan Association of Industrial and Organizational Psychology (TAIOP) International Conference. 21 May 2022.



Dean Dulay

Assistant Professor of Political Science

- Blog post titled “Who’s voting for ‘Bongbong’ Marcos to be the next Filipino president?” in The Washington Post, 6 May 2022

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/05/06/bongbong-marcos-duterte-philippines-election-may9/>



Hoe Su Fern

Assistant Professor of Arts and Culture Management

- Invited public presentation: Hoe, S.F. (2022). “Understanding Creative Placemaking: Enabling Communities through the Arts and Culture,” Curiosity: Places and Perspectives Series, National Library Board, Singapore, 28 January 2022.

Thought Leadership



Yasmin Ortiga

Assistant Professor of Sociology

- keynote speaker for the Theory of Knowledge Conference at Sekolah Bogor Raya, an international high school in Indonesia. 24 May 2022. (Virtual)



Jacob Ricks

Associate Professor of Political Science

- Interviewed for the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Podcast series:

Ricks, Jacob. "The Politics of Ethnic Integration in Thailand." *SSEAC Stories Podcast* (<https://newbooksnetwork.com/the-politics-of-ethnic-integration-in-thailand>). April 28, 2022.



Kenneth Tan

Assistant Professor of Psychology

- Interviewed for International Association for Relationship Research:

Spotlight on Kenneth Tan
<https://view.publitas.com/iarr/rrn-march2022/page/26-27>



Tan Sor Hoon

Professor of Philosophy

- Blog post titled "Is Chinese democracy democracy?" in The Loop

<https://theloop.ecpr.eu/is-chinese-democracy-democracy/>



William Tov

Associate Professor of Psychology

- Keynote speech titled "Happiness for All: Sharing the Science of Well-Being with the General Public". Psychological Science and Well-Being Conference 2022. 4-5 March 2022.

SOSS Research at a glance

Activities	Numbers (Jan – Jun 2022)
Journal publications	51
Other publications	12
Events – Public Lectures, Invited Talks, Seminars, etc	25
Conference presentations	16
Research grants awarded	10 (\$\$609,885)

Publication Highlights - Books



Dealing with Disagreements

World Scientific Publishing, 2022



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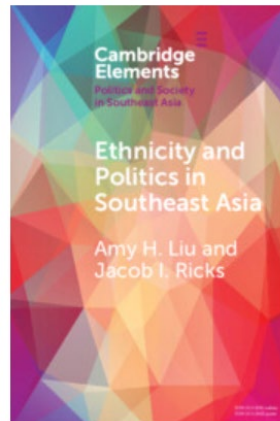
Most people can recall encounters, episodes and experiences involving disagreements over an issue. The more important the issue, the more it affects interpersonal relationships negatively when there is strong disagreement. Disagreements often generate negative thoughts, feelings and actions that significantly influence attitudes, decisions and behaviours. These dynamics in dealing with disagreement is part of our human psychology. If the underlying psychology is understood, this knowledge can facilitate personal and workplace relationships. It can also help address disagreements between policymakers and citizens or advocacy groups.

Several questions have become more salient in recent years, particularly amid COVID-19 challenges, as Singapore society underwent significant changes that impact on the nature and level of attention given to the way we deal with disagreements. What factors should we pay more attention to when dealing with disagreements? What are the policy and societal contexts, and can we deal with disagreements in an ethical way? How are disagreements affected by people's social networks and social identities? What lessons can we learn from how we have dealt with disagreements? How do we approach disagreements better to effect positive changes?

This book explores these and other issues about dealing with disagreements. The book is organised into four parts. Part 1 provides an overview of the issues involved in dealing with disagreements. Part 2 discusses issues of ethics and values in managing difficult situations. Part 3 analyses the relationships linking disagreements, social networks, diversity, and social identities. Part 4 addresses specific questions on dealing with disagreements in Singapore in terms of education, youths and inter-generational differences, the role and practice of the media, civil society advocacy and engagement, facts and signals in parliamentary debates and public discourse, dealing with feedback and viewpoints, political and public service leadership, and relationships between people and government.

This book will provide new perspectives and possibilities on what it means to say "dealing with disagreements", as we resolve problems and generate solutions to live a better life and build a stronger Singapore society.

<https://www.worldscientific.com/worldscibooks/10.1142/13037#t=aboutBook>



Ethnicity and Politics in Southeast Asia

Cambridge University Press, 2022



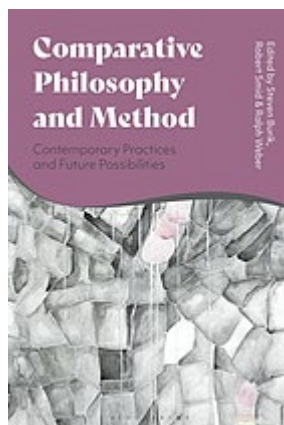
Jacob Ricks

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What explains the treatment of ethnic minorities in Southeast Asia? This Element conceptually disaggregates ethnicity into multiple constituent markers – specifically language, religion, and phenotype. By focusing on the interaction between these three ethnic markers, Liu and Ricks explore how overlap between these markers can affect whether a minority integrates within a broader ethnic identity; successfully extracts accommodation as unique group; or engages in a contentious and potentially violent relationship with the hegemon. The argument is tested through six case studies: (1) ethnic Lao in Thailand: integration; (2) ethnic Chinese in Thailand: integration; (3) ethnic Chinese in Malaysia: accommodation; (4) ethnic Malays in Singapore: accommodation; (5) ethnic Malays in Thailand: contention; and (6) ethnic Chinese in Indonesia: contention.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/ethnicity-and-politics-in-southeast-asia/35E20410ABA694BDA9AF3532594E0235>

Publication Highlights - Books



Comparative philosophy and method : contemporary practices and future possibilities Bloomsbury Academic, 2022



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Addressing arguments that comparative philosophy is itself impossible, or that it is indistinguishable from philosophy more generally, this collection challenges myopic understandings of comparative method and encourages a more informed consideration.

Bringing together a wide variety of methodological options, it features scholars spread across the globe representing a wide variety of philosophical traditions. Each chapter presents a cutting-edge reflection on the latest work in methodology. From the beginnings of comparative philosophy in the 19th century to present-day proposals for an Institute for Cosmopolitan Philosophy, each chapter serves as a viable methodological alternative for any would-be philosophical comparativist.

With contributions from leading comparativists that are both distinctive in their method and explicit about its application, this is a valuable resource in comparative methodology that challenges and enriches the awareness and sensitivity of both the beginning comparativist and seasoned veteran alike.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/comparative-philosophy-and-method-9781350155039/>

Publication Highlights – Journal Articles

Validated Journal Articles (1 Jan – 30 Jun 22) extracted from IRIS Publications on 19 Jul 22

Humanities

Lily Kong

Chen, N., & Kong, L. (2022). Rural revitalization in China: Towards inclusive geographies of ruralization. *Dialogues in Human Geography*, 20438206221102933.

Woods, O., & Kong, L. (2022). The demands of displacement, the micro-aggressions of multiculturalism: performing an idea of “Indianness” in Singapore. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 1-22.

Woods, O., & Kong, L. (2022). Aestheticized temples, rationalized affects: sacred modernities and the micro-regulation of Hinduism in Singapore. *Journal of Cultural Geography*, 1-19.

Woods, O., & Kong, L. (2022). Class (ify) ing Christianity in Singapore: Tracing the interlinked spaces of privilege and position. *City*, 26(2-3), 373-384.

Matthew Hammerton

Hammerton, M. (2022). The fundamental divisions in ethics. *Inquiry*, 1-25.

Hammerton, M. (2022). A puzzle about meaning and luck. *Ratio*, 35(2), 123-132.

Charlotte Setijadi

Setijadi, C. (2022). ‘We are people of the Islands’: translocal belonging among the ethnic Chinese of the Riau Islands. *Asian Ethnicity*, 1-24.

Emily Soon

Soon, E. (2022). Of Spices and Spies: Paradise Lost, Os Lusíadas, and Richard Fanshawe’s Lusiad (1655). *Modern Philology*, 119(4), 491-512.

Tan Sor Hoon

Tan, S. H. (2022). The Crisis of Liberal Democracy and the Confucian Challenge: A Pragmatist Response. *Journal of Social and Political Philosophy*, 1(1), 14-29.



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Political Science

Dean Dulay

Dulay, D. (2022). The Search for Spices and Souls: Catholic Missions as Colonial State in the Philippines. *Comparative Political Studies*, 00104140211066222.

Colm Fox

Fox, C. A., & Menchik, J. (2022). Islamic political parties and election campaigns in Indonesia. *Party Politics*, 13540688221091656.

Ishani Mukherjee

Mukherjee, I. (2022). Fueling green connections: Networked policy instrument choices for sustainability regulation. *Review of Policy Research*.

Mukherjee, I., & Maurya, D. (2022). Public policy education in India: promises and pitfalls of an emerging disciplinary identity. *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, 1-22.

Giest, S., & Mukherjee, I. (2022). Evidence integration for coherent nexus policy design: a Mediterranean perspective on managing water-energy interactions. *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*, 1-15.

Lee Seulki

Lee, S., & Ospina, S. M. (2022). A Framework for assessing accountability in collaborative governance: A process-based approach. *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*, 5(1), 63-75.

Lee, S., & Esteve, M. (2022). What drives the perceived legitimacy of collaborative governance? An experimental study. *Public Management Review*, 1-22.



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Psychology

Cheng Chi-Ying

Lim, A. J., Lau, C. Y. H., & Cheng, C. Y. (2021). Applying the dual filial piety model in the United States: A comparison of filial piety between Asian Americans and Caucasian Americans. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 12.

Wee, S. X., Cheng, C. Y., Choi, H., & Goh, C. (2022). Toxic effect of fear of losing out on self-esteem: A moderated mediation model of conformity and need for cognitive closure in Singapore. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*.

Kimin Eom

Huang, T., Leung, A. K. Y., Eom, K., & Tam, K. P. (2022). Important to me and my society: How culture influences the roles of personal values and perceived group values in environmental engagements via collectivistic orientation. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 80, 101774.

Flores, A., Cole, J. C., Dickert, S., Eom, K., Jiga-Boy, G. M., Kogut, T., ... & Van Boven, L. (2022). Politicians polarize and experts depolarize public support for COVID-19 management policies across countries. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(3), e2117543119.

Andree Hartanto

Maitner, A. T., DeCoster, J., Andersson, P. A., Eriksson, K., Sherbaji, S., Giner-Sorolla, R., ..., Hartanto, A., ... & Wu, J. (2022). Perceptions of emotional functionality: similarities and differences among dignity, face, and honor cultures. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, 53(3-4), 263-288.

Lua, V. Y., Majeed, N. M., Hartanto, A., & Leung, A. K. Y. (2022). Help-Seeking tendencies and subjective well-being: A cross-cultural comparison of the United States and Japan. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 82(2), 164-186.

Hartanto, A., Majeed, N. M., Lua, V. Y., Wong, J., & Chen, N. R. (2022). Dispositional gratitude, health-related factors, and lipid profiles in midlife: A biomarker study. *Scientific Reports*, 12(1), 1-10.

Bago, B., Kovacs, M., Protzko, J., Nagy, T., Kekecs, Z., Palfi, B., ..., Hartanto, A., ..., & Matibag, C. J. (2022). Situational factors shape moral judgements in the trolley dilemma in Eastern, Southern and Western countries in a culturally diverse sample. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 6, 880-895.

Hartanto, A., & Yang, H. (2022). Testing theoretical assumptions underlying the relation between anxiety, mind wandering, and task-switching: A diffusion model analysis. *Emotion*, 22(3), 493-510.



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Psychology

Andree Hartanto

Lua, V. Y., Majeed, N. M., Leung, A. K. Y., & Hartanto, A. (2022). A daily within-person investigation on the link between social expectancies to be busy and emotional wellbeing: the moderating role of emotional complexity acceptance. *Cognition and Emotion*, 36(4), 773-780.

Legate, N., Ngyuen, T. V., Weinstein, N., Moller, A., Legault, L., Vally, Z., ..., Hartanto, A., ..., & Ogbonnaya, C. E. (2022). A global experiment on motivating social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(22), e2111091119.

Angela Leung

Lua, V. Y., Majeed, N. M., Hartanto, A., & Leung, A. K. Y. (2022). Help-Seeking Tendencies and Subjective Well-Being: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of the United States and Japan. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 01902725221077075.

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Chong, M., Leung, A. K. Y., & Lua, V. (2022). A cross-country investigation of social image motivation and acceptance of lab-grown meat in Singapore and the United States. *Appetite*, 173, 105990.

Norman Li

Van Doesum, N. J., Murphy, R. O., Gallucci, M., Aharonov-Majar, E., Athenstaedt, U., Au, W. T., ... & Van Lange, P. A. (2022). Reply to Komatsu et al.: From local social mindfulness to global sustainability efforts?. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(4), e2119303118.

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Tan, K., Li, N. P., Meltzer, A. L., Chin, J. L., Tan, L. K., Lim, A. J., ... & van Vugt, M. (2022). Effects of economic uncertainty and socioeconomic status on reproductive timing: A life history approach. *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*, 3, 100040.

Choy, B. K., Li, N. P., & Tan, K. (2022). The long and short of mistress relationships: Sex-differentiated mate preferences reflect a compromise of mating ideals. *Journal of Personality*.

Van Leeuwen, F., Inbar, Y., Petersen, M. B., Aarøe, L., Barclay, P., Barlow, F. K., ... & Tybur, J. M. (2022). Disgust sensitivity relates to attitudes toward gay men and lesbian women across 31 nations. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, 13684302211067151.

Folwarczny, M., Otterbring, T., Sigurdsson, V., Tan, L. K., & Li, N. P. (2022). Old minds, new marketplaces: How evolved psychological mechanisms trigger mismatched food preferences. *Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences*.

Kanazawa, S., Li, N. P., & Yong, J. C. (2022). Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy... especially if I'm less intelligent: how sunlight and intelligence affect happiness in modern society. *Cognition and Emotion*, 1-9.

Van Doesum, N. J., Murphy, R. O., Gallucci, M., Aharonov-Majar, E., Athenstaedt, U., Au, W. T., ... & Van Lange, P. A. (2022). Reply to Nielsen et al.: Social mindfulness is associated with countries' environmental performance and individual environmental concern. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(9), e2122077119.

Jacinth Tan

Tang, B. W., & Tan, J. J. (2022). Subjective social class and life satisfaction: Role of class consistency and identity uncertainty. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 25(1), 60-74.

Kenneth Tan

Tan, K., & See, Y. H. M. (2022). Tugging at their heartstrings: Partner's knowledge of affective meta-bases predicts use of emotional advocacies in close relationships. *Social Cognition*, 40(2), 1.

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Psychology

William Tov

Tov, W., Wirtz, D., Kushlev, K., Biswas-Diener, R., & Diener, E. (2020). Well-being science for teaching and the general public. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 17456916211046946.

Yang Hwajin

Hartanto, A., & Yang, H. (2020). Testing theoretical assumptions underlying the relation between anxiety, mind wandering, and task-switching: A diffusion model analysis. *Emotion*.

Tng, G. Y. Q., & Yang, H. (2022). Socializing Targets of Older Adults' SNS Use: Social Strain Mediates the Relations Between Older Adults' SNS Use With Friends and Well-Being Outcomes. *Social Media+ Society*, 8(2), 20563051221094768.

Wong, Y. P., & Yang, H. (2022). The influence of subjective socioeconomic status on executive functions in middle-aged and older adults. *Aging, Neuropsychology, and Cognition*, 1-18.

Ng, G., Ng, W. Q., & Yang, H. (2022). Executive functions predict the trajectories of rumination in middle-aged and older adults: A latent growth curve analysis. *Emotion*.

Toh, W. X., & Yang, H. (2022). Do Cognitive Resources Matter for Eudaimonia? The Role of Inhibitory Control in Psychological Well-being. *Trends in Psychology*, 1-16.

Yang, H., Ng, W. Q., Yang, Y., & Yang, S. (2022). Inconsistent Media Mediation and Problematic Smartphone Use in Preschoolers: Maternal Conflict Resolution Styles as Moderators. *Children*, 9(6), 816.



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Sociology

Cheng Cheng

Cheng, C., & Zhou, Y. (2022). Wealth accumulation by hypogamy in own and parental education in China. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 84(2), 570-591.

Michael Genkin

Genkin, M., Harrigan, N., Kanagavel, R., & Yap, J. (2022). Dimensions of social networks: A taxonomy and operationalization. *Social Networks*, 71, 12-31.

Alwyn Lim

POPE, S., & LIM, A. (2022). Why companies practice corporate social responsibility. *MIT Sloan Management Review*, 1.

Lim, A., & Pope, S. (2022). What drives companies to do good? A “universal” ordering of corporate social responsibility motivations. *Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management*, 29(1), 233-255.

Lim, A. (2022). Nonprofits as socially responsible actors: Neoliberalism, institutional structures, and empowerment in the United Nations global compact. *Current Sociology*, 70(3), 454-471.

Paulin Straughan

Guo, H., Hildon, Z. J. L., Lye, D. C. B., Straughan, P. T., & Chow, A. (2021). The associations between poor antibiotic and antimicrobial resistance knowledge and inappropriate antibiotic use in the general population are modified by age. *Antibiotics*, 11(1), 47.

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|| Sociology

Yasmin Ortiga

Ortiga, Y. Y., Diño, M. J., & Macabasag, R. L. A. (2022). Clocking out: Nurses refusing to work in a time of pandemic. *Social Science & Medicine*, 115114.

Qian Forrest Zhang

Zhang, Q. F., & Zeng, H. (2022). Producing industrial pigs in southwestern China: The rise of contract farming as a coevolutionary process. *Journal of Agrarian Change*, 22(1), 97-117.

Hu, Z., & Zhang, Q. F. (2022). The resilience of diversified clusters: Reconfiguring commodity networks in rural China during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Land*, 11(3), 404.



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SOSS Research Camp

8 April 2022

PRESENTATION BY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR DAVID OCON



Exploring the potential of digitalisation in the preservation of endangered cultural heritage

Kubor Kassim is a century old, serene Muslim cemetery in Singapore. Although many of its surviving 3,000 graves are unidentified, the graveyard contains elaborate tombs from internees of notable background, including community leaders and respected Muslim *sheikhs* (religious leaders and scholars). Kubor Kassim also houses a *surau* (prayer house) where religious classes are conducted, and offers its own miniature ecosystem of flora and fauna, including banyan trees and hornbills.

Asia's rapid urbanisation subjects cultural heritage to tensions that threaten its preservation and poses dilemmas for decision-makers. The choice between expansion and protection is rarely straightforward, and controversies intertwine development, urban planning, sustainability, memory-shaping, and identity-building. For most of its short history as a nation, Singapore has had to make challenging decisions regarding the use of its territory. Space is a highly-sought and tightly controlled commodity in such a land-scarce, fully urbanised and densely-populated country. Kubor Kassim is one of the latest examples of these tensions. Surrounded by private residential properties, in an area affected by population pressures and earmarked for future residential development, the cemetery is at risk of disappearance.

Given Kubor Kassim's uncertain future and being mindful that a heritage site's tangibility cannot be replaced, this paper posits digitalisation as a preservation alternative. Using tools such as digital archiving, virtual mapping capturing with 360-degree technology, interactive maps, podcasts, and UAV (drone) photography and filming, this investigation explores encounters with the cemetery that can also act as its 'memory insurance policy' in case of destruction or disappearance. The research includes comprehensive documentation, field works to record the site, surveys, and interviews with policymakers, community and religious leaders, and internees' family members.

The paper urges reflection on the importance of cultural heritage in Asian cities, often threatened by the very process of urban growth and development. It also demonstrates that the design of parallel digital worlds can provide respectful and sustainable ways of preserving the cultural heritage and the priceless memories associated with it.

SOSS Research Camp

8 April 2022

PRESENTATION BY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR SEBASTIAN DETTMAN



Habits of the Past? Analyzing Legislative Behavior after Electoral Turnover in Authoritarian Regimes

How does electoral turnover affect legislative behavior in authoritarian regimes? When opposition parties win national power, they inherit unreformed authoritarian institutions that often benefit the ruling government. This project examines how opposition-turned-ruling party legislators use these new powers. It examines the case of Malaysia, where in 2018, a coalition of opposition parties unseated the BN, one of the world's longest-running authoritarian governments. I draw from a database of all legislative debates and motions in Malaysia's legislature from 2013-2020, using the 2018 election as the pivot point to examine how legislators respond to a sudden and unexpected role reversal. The project aims to understand the extent to which the new ruling coalition's legislators used inherited legislative advantages in continuity with the previous government, and the effects of the electoral change on the quality and content of deliberation. The findings will help illuminate the relationship between electoral turnover and reform of authoritarian institutions.

PRESENTATION BY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JACINTH TAN

Socioeconomic Status Shapes Dyadic Social Interactions

With global levels of economic inequality rising rapidly, governments, policymakers and social science scholars worldwide are especially concerned about how heightened awareness of socioeconomic disparities may affect intergroup attitudes, behaviours, and overall social stability. We investigated how two strangers, whose similarity or difference in their socioeconomic status (SES) is highlighted, may respond to each other in a casual social interaction. We observed that even in such casual interactions, individuals who interacted with someone seen as different in SES judged and experienced the interaction less positively—based on self-reports and physiologic responses—than those who interacted with someone seen as similar in SES. Lower SES individuals were also more attentive and appeared less dominant than higher SES individuals throughout the interaction, regardless of their interaction partners' SES. These patterns suggest that as socioeconomic inequalities become more salient in societies, even casual contact that cross SES lines may feel less congenial.



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PRESENTATION BY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HAESOO PARK



Cultures of Bioscience: South Korea and the Promises of Biological Narratives

Why were the reactions from the public(s) around the fall of veterinarian scientist Hwang Woo Suk, the cloning pioneer from South Korea, so dramatic and violent? Hwang rose to international fame when he claimed to have established human embryonic stem cells lines by cloning in the early 2000s. After it was revealed that he had fabricated the data and engaged in unethical egg donation activities, Hwang became the global icon of scientific fraud. But the reactions around the rise and fall of Hwang were a mix of intense love, fear, and hate. While the case has been widely framed as an issue of science ethics and liberal democracy — where good science comes from democratic societies — my research takes a different approach. I situate Hwang within the modern history of bioscience in South Korea between 1980 and 2006. In this socio-cultural history of life science in South Korea, I argue that bioscience served as a source of meaning and stability in times of dissolution and fragmentation in a globalizing society. Seen through this historical lens, Hwang and his fellow biologists became the emissaries of a new culture structured around biology that promised South Koreans an alternative future in moments of uncertainty. Situating the work within South Korea's colonial memories and modern nation-state formation, Gwangju uprising, and globalization, this work illustrates the development of biotechnology outside the narrow western contexts. The cultural analysis demonstrates the embodied experiences of biology that are not the focus of most studies in the history of biology and biotechnology. I also move away from historical narratives focused on biotech in relation to industry, the university, the laboratory and its scientists, or discussions about the economization of life under capitalism. The South Korean case study shows how and why our modern culture became biological.



Awareness of attachment security: The self-regulation of attachment styles

Speaker: Kenneth Tan, Assistant Professor of Psychology, SOSS, SMU
25 January 2022

Is busyness good or bad for you?

Speaker: Brandon Koh, Assistant Professor of Psychology, SUSS
8 February 2022



The Power of Ethnic Claims in Early Modern Siam (1400-1850)

Speaker: Mathew Reeder, Assistant Professor, Yale-NUS College, Singapore
16 February 2022

The application of essentialism to understanding consumer judgments of food

Speaker: Dr Bobby Cheon, Assistant Prof of Psychology, Stadtman Investigator, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, USA
22 February 2022



Better together? Examining the effect of civic education for local officials and citizens in the Philippines (joint work with Lily Tsai)

Speakers: Nina McMurry, Postdoctoral Fellow, Institutions and Political Inequality unit, WZB Berlin Social Science Center;
Lily L.Tsai, Director and Founder, MIT Governance Lab (MIT GOV/LAB), Ford Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Chair of MIT Faculty
11 March 2022

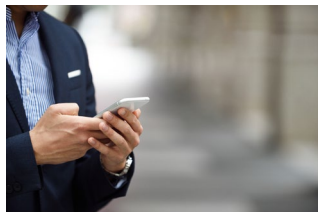


In or out? Unpacking cross-cultural differences in monoracials' categorization and perceptions of biracials

Speaker: Sheila Wee, Psychology PhD Candidate, SOSS, SMU
15 March 2022

Asian Hate and US Policy Toward China

Speaker: Frances Wang, Assistant Professor of Political Science, SOSS, SMU
22 March 2022



Resisting Problematic Smartphone Use: Distracter Resistance Strengthens Grit's Protective Effect Against Problematic Smartphone Use

Speaker: Shuna Khoo, Psychology PhD Candidate, SOSS, SMU
29 March 2022

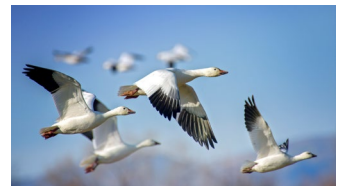


Victim Credibility Judgment and Active Representation at the Street Level: The Case of Sexual Assault Investigation

Speaker: Seulki Lee, Assistant Professor of Public Policy
5 April 2022

Unlikely Faces in Unlikely Places: Making Sense of Student Migration to the Periphery

Speaker: Yasmin Ortiga, Assistant Professor of Sociology
19 April 2022



Faculty Spotlight



Ishani Mukherjee

Associate Professor of
Public Policy

Ishani studies how governments design multi-pronged policy responses for sustainability, and match policy instruments with environmental policy goals. In doing so, her work contributes to theories of policy design by looking at how policy programs and tools are formulated and iteratively re-formulated in response to lessons learnt from their implementation on the ground. In increasingly volatile climate contexts, these lessons can come abruptly, often needing a quick and concerted effort between different jurisdictions, levels of government and the broader public. Ishani studies these processes and governance capacities in the context of renewable energy, energy efficiency and broader environmental sustainability in Asia.

Based on this focus and her previous work on energy security, Ishani has three current projects. The first project builds on her research on bioenergy sustainability in **Indonesia** and investigates how iterative land use policy changes can accumulate to either reinforce or irreversibly undo tropical peatland conservation. Her second project looks into the trade-offs that second-tier cities in **India** face when pursuing policies supporting renewable energy for electricity in aligning with nationally-set goals related to climate-smart cities, while also locally reconciling with erratic climate events. Her third project involves an exploration of how new tools such as behavioural insights and co-production are being devised to complement existing and more traditional climate and sustainability policy in **Singapore**. As part of this endeavor, Ishani is currently working on a book manuscript on the institutional capacities needed for combining behavioural insights into existing environmental regulations.

Andree Hartanto
Assistant Professor
of Psychology
(Education)



Andree is an Assistant Professor of Psychology (Education) in the School of Social Sciences at SMU. His research programme is guided by an overarching goal to design a holistic intervention framework that can effectively train resilience and improve multiple domains of well-being in different age groups. To achieve this goal, Andree has conducted numerous empirical studies and published more than 50 peer-reviewed journal articles in an attempt to identify promising modifiable factors that can robustly predict cognitive, emotional, and physical well-being. His research programme can be roughly split into three interrelated areas.

The first area focuses on testing various experiential factors – such as linguistic experience, video gaming, music, physical activity and nutrition, smartphone use, mindfulness, positive psychology intervention, and various cognitive trainings – that can influence the development of executive functions, more commonly known as a set of higher-order cognitive abilities that are necessary for problem-solving and goal-directed behaviours. Andree’s past research has successfully identified several robust predictors of executive functions and their underlying mechanism in both young children and adults. For example, in one his publications, he conducted a seminal study that found a specific type of bilingual interactional context – known as dual-language context – is the most adaptive in shaping cognitive flexibility in young adults. In another paper, he demonstrated that regular computer use in older adults is associated with attenuation in age-related cognitive decline.

The second area focuses on investigating the psychological consequences of the use of technological devices and social media. Given that our everyday activities are intertwined with technological devices and social media, designing a holistic well-being intervention framework would require us to understand how these technology-related experiential factors shape and influence cognitive and socioemotional outcomes. To this end, Andree’s past research has identified several specific contexts and means of technology device usage that can benefit well-being in children and adults. In his latest research, he has conducted a large-scale experiment to test whether full or partial abstinence from social media can have a direct impact on multiple well-being outcomes in young adults.

Lastly, the third area focuses on studying the psychological factors that can facilitate healthy aging in middle-aged and older adults. For instance, in one of his recent publications, Andree’s research found that instilling a youthful mindset and attitude in midlife and older adults is associated with lower levels of systemic inflammation indexed by serum C-reactive protein and fibrinogen. In another line of publication, Andree’s research showed that cultivating gratitude in midlife and older adults is associated with improvement in several important serum-based biomarkers such as interleukin-6 for systemic inflammation and triglycerides for lipid health.

Achievements – Awards/Recognitions



Lily Kong

President; Lee Kong Chian Chair
Professor of Social Sciences

Recognition:

- ❖ (2022) Research.com 2022 Ranking of Top 1000 Scientists in the area of Social Sciences and Humanities - Ranked #7 in Singapore and #2701 in the world ranking
- ❖ (2022) Singapore Women's Hall of Fame – Inducted at The Istana on 8 March 2022
- ❖ (2022) Forbes – Listed on its inaugural 50 over 50 (Asia 2022)



David Chan

Lee Kong Chian
Professor of Psychology

- ❖ Long Service Volunteer Award by the Minister for Social and Family Development



Ijlal Naqvi

Associate Professor
of Sociology

External Fellowship:

- ❖ Fellow of the Mahbub ul Haq Centre, Lahore University of Management Sciences

Achievements – Awards/Recognitions



Andy Scott Chang
Assistant Professor
of Sociology

Andy Scott Chang. 2021. "Selling a Resume and Buying a Job: Stratification of Gender and Occupation by States and Brokers in International Migration from Indonesia." *Social Problems* 68(4): 903-924.

- ❖ Winner, ASA PEWS Section's Distinguished Article Award, 2022.
- ❖ Winner, ASA Labor and Labor Movements Section's Distinguished Article Award, 2022.
- ❖ Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Development Faculty Article Award, 2022

External Fellowships:

- ❖ Rosenberg Institute Scholar, Institute for East Asian Studies, Suffolk University
- ❖ Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Advanced Research Collaborative, City University of New York
- ❖ Visiting Senior Fellow, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, London School of Economics

Achievements – Awards/Recognitions

Lee Kong Chian Professorship



David Chan
Lee Kong Chian
Professor of Psychology

Lee Kong Chian Fellowship



Cheng Cheng
Assistant Professor
of Sociology



Cheng Chi-Ying
Associate Professor
of Psychology



Devin Joshi
Associate Professor
of Political Science



Seulki Lee
Assistant Professor
of Public Policy



Alwyn Lim
Associate Professor
of Sociology



Ishani Mukherjee
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of Public Policy

Achievements – Research Grants

Research Projects Awarded Jan – Jun 2022

MOE Academic Research Fund Tier 2



PI: **Forrest Zhang**, Associate Professor of Sociology
Co-PI: **John Donaldson**, Associate Professor of Political Science
Project title: Understanding China's Agriculture Modernization and Rural Development



Co-PI: **Angela Leung**, Professor of Psychology
Project title: Fostering Change in Our Foodways: The Perception and Acceptance of Alternative Proteins Among Consumers in Singapore

SMU-A*STAR Joint Lab in Social and Human-Centered Computing | Computational Social Science



SMU PI: **David Chan**, Lee Kong Chian Professor of Psychology
Project title: Modelling People-Centric Adaptability and Resilience

Achievements – Research Grants

Research Projects Awarded Jan – Jun 2022

MOE Academic Research Fund Tier 1



PI: **Andy Scott Chang**, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Project title: Manufacturing Global Care Workers: Organization of Labor Migration in Indonesia

Research Capacity Building Fund



PI: **Jacynth Tan**, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Project title: When keeping up with the Joneses get under your skin: How cumulative experiences of social comparison shape physiological and psychological responses to stress

Achievements – New Admin Appointments

Research Committee

Aug 22 – Jul 24



Norman Li
Professor of
Psychology



Hwajin Yang
Associate Professor
of Psychology



Alwyn Lim
Associate Professor
of Sociology



Matthew Hammerton
Assistant Professor of
Philosophy



Seulki Lee
Assistant Professor
of Public Policy

Achievements - Promotion

The School of Social Sciences is delighted to announce the following promotions:

**Promotion to Professor
with effect from July 2022**



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