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Lily Kong SMU President; Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor of Social Sciences

Professor Lily Kong was named in this year's Forbes '50 Over 50' Asia list for women who have overcome barriers to achieve excellence and lead by example. Prof Kong became the first woman and first Singaporean to be named the President of SMU in 2019 at 54. Before that, she spent 20 years at NUS in various leadership positions. Through her illustrious career in academia, Prof Kong has received many honours, including the Commonwealth Fellowship Award and the Fulbright Fellowship Award. She has also been a member of the Public Service Commission since January 2009.

Source: Prestige Online 19 January 2022



Lily Kong SMU President; Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor of Social Sciences

Date	Name of Event/Interview	Role	Description
25 Mar 21	Impactful: A podcast by Research for Impact	Featured Interviewee	Interviewed about ProfKong's journey as an academic and leader, and her views on research for impact
31 Mar 21	EPOS Virtual Conference: The New Age of Hybrid Work (Organised by South China Morning Post)	Panellist	Panel session: "Hybrid work: the best of both worlds?"
20 Apr 21	Times Higher Education Innovation and Impact Summit	Panellist	Panel session: "Are universities really a progressive force for all?"
1 Jun 21	Times Higher Education Asia Universities Summit 2021	Panellist	Panel session: "How should universities work together to nurture creativity and innovation? Is a new model emerging post-Covid?"
7 Jun 21	STEP Asian Undergraduate Summit (AUS) 2021 (Organised by National University of Singapore and supported by Temasek Foundation)	Keynote Speaker	Speech title: "Leadership in a Complex World: Managing the Dilemma of Growth"
21 Jun 21	World Cities Summit	Panellist	Panel session: "Engaging Communities, Building Resilience"
23 Jun 21	Qatar Economic Forum, Powered by Bloomberg	Industry Roundtable Participant	Topic: "Springboarding Women and Girls: Ensuring Access to Digital Opportunities"
10 Jul 21	Business Times@Raffles Conversations	Featured Interviewee	Interviewed a bout SMU Vision 2025 Prof Kong's thoughts a bout how innovation and entrepreneurship will play a prominent and important role in a chieving the Vision, as well as her personal insights as an educator, a researcher and a leader.
28 Jul 21	Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society Conference	Plenary Speaker	Plenary session: "Global Rankings and the Culture of Knowledge Production"



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Date	Name of Event/Interview	Role	Description
18 Aug 21	National Library Board - Information Session for Educators	Keynote Speaker	Speech title: ""Navigating Change: Re-envisioning Reading and Learning"
31 Aug 21	National Heritage Board - International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia Pacific Region Symposium	Keynote Speaker	Speech title: "Sustaining Cultural Heritage: Developing Strategies for Youth Involvement"
14 Sep 21	Tembusu Forum 2021 (Organised by National University of Singapore)	Panellist	Panel session: "To Build A Competitive And Inclusive Singapore"
7 Oct 21	National University of Singapore UTC 2723 - How would YOU lead? Speaker Series 2021	Invited Speaker	Speech title: "Ethical Leadership: The Role of Universities in Developing Future Leaders"
16 Oct 21	Symposium co-hosted by Department of Architecture, National University of Singapore and Tsao Foundation	Keynote Speaker	Speech title: "Reframing Public Heritage"
1 Nov 21	QS APPLE 2021 Conference – Presidents' Panel Session	Panellist	Panel session: "Building Resilient Universities for Tomorrow: An Asian Perspective"
12 Nov 21	Prisma Reports with Foreign Policy– Global Leaders of Education	Featured Interviewee	Report: "Global Business Schools for the Future"
19 Nov 21	Women's Forum Global Meeting – Uniting Power with Purpose.	Fireside Chat Speaker	Topic: "Girls' Education as Climate Linchpin"
22 Nov 21	Swedbank Summit 2021 Theme: Recovery – Learnings from the pandemic and a sustainable way forward	Keynote Speaker	Speech title: "Singapore: The Making of a Sustainable City-State"



David Chan Professor of Psychology; Director, BSI

Professor David Chan from SOSS is first Asian and Singaporean to be conferred the prestigious Raymond Katzell Award.

Our heartiest congratulations to Professor of Psychology David Chan, who is also Director of the SMU Behavioural Sciences Initiative, for being the first Asian and Singaporean to receive the prestigious Raymond Katzell Award. This is a top award conferred by the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology to an individual for showing the public the importance of work done in industrial and organisational psychology to address social and societal issues. In addition to recognising Professor Chan's lifetime scientific and practical contributions, the awards committee also highlighted the impact of his societal contributions in managing the Covid-19 pandemic by translating scientific research to policy and practice for policymakers, organisations, groups, and individuals to address issues such as adapta bility and public trust.

Professor Chan will deliver the keynote address and receive his award at the society's annual conference to be held in the United States in April 2022. More information on the award and Professor Chan's remarks are available in the two links below.

https://news.smu.edu.sg/news/2022/01/03/smu-professor-david-chan-becomes-first-singaporean-and-first-asian-receive

https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/parenting-education/smu-professor-first-asian-andsingaporean-to-win-prestigious-psychology-award



David Chan Professor of Psychology; Director, BSI

- Invited Guest-of-Honour's Graduation Ceremony Keynote Speech titled The 3Rs of Adaptability and Resilience, at the 90th Chinese University of Hong Kong Congregation for Conferment of Postgraduate Degrees, Hong Kong.
- Invited Panellist. Science, Trust, and Society. Understanding Risk Forum Asia 2021, Understanding Risk Asia, Singapore 2021.
- Invited talk titled Understanding and practising the science of public trust. 27th Association for Computing Machinery (ACM SIGKDD) Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, Singapore, 2021.
- Chan. D. (2021). The psychology of international interactions and people-to-people relations. In S-A. Chia (Ed). Winning hearts and minds: Public diplomacy in ASEAN. Singapore: Singapore International Foundation.

The above-mentioned chapter by Professor Chan has been published in the book that was launched by Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan at the opening session of the Conference on Public Diplomacy Asia held in July 2021, organized by the SIF (Singapore International Foundation) in partnership with the USC (University of Southern California) Center on Public Diplomacy. Chapter authors are from the different countries in ASEAN. Singapore Senior Minister, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratham wrote the Foreword in the book and Professor Chan's chapter was selected as the Afterword in the book to emphasize the importance of psychological processes in cross-cultural interactions as the foundation for people-to-people diplomacy.



Winston Chow Associate Professor of Science, Technologyand Society

- Invited Keynote for Conference Session: International Congress of Biometeorology (Biometeorology – Asia) on 22nd Sep 2021. "Urban biometeorological risks from climate change: An Asian perspective"
- Invited Speaker at Virtual Symposium: IPCC AR6 What Does It Mean for Singapore, on 31 August 2021 organised by Ministry of Sustainability and Environment
- Op-ed on Channel News Asia "Commentary: Latest climate change report is the most important by far. Here's why"
- Podcast on Channel News Asia "The Climate Conversations S2: It's a 'code red for humanity', but what next after the IPCC's latest report on the health of our planet? | EP 45"
- Op-ed on Straits Times "We'reina climate casino. Here's how to fight against the odds" 25 August 2021



Dean Dulay

Assistant Professor of Political Science

• Op-Ed at Philippine Strategic Forum: Can Domestic Politics Help Us Understand Our Relations with the United States?



Andree Hartanto

Assistant Professor of Psychology (Education)

- Ng, L. Y. T., & Hartanto, A. (2021, August). The Psychology behind procrastination and how to beat the urge, *The Straits Times*, p. A18.
- Ng, L. Y. T., & Hartanto, A. (2021, November). Burnout isn't just exhaustion. Workers can also feel cynical or inadequate, *Channel NewsAsia*.



Hoe Su Fern

Assistant Professor of Arts and Culture Management

- Invited keynote presentation: "Beneath Shiny Veneers: Managing and Sustaining Urban Heritage in Singapore," Heritage Tues day Series, Inter-American Development Bank, 7 December 2021
- Invited feedback panel: "The Library of Care: Content Feedback Workshop." CITRUS Practices Working Group, Singapore, 23 October 2021
- Commissioned Industry Report Publication: Global Cultural Districts Advocacy Guide (September 2021)



Angela Leung

Associate Professor of Psychology

 Keynote speech at the Chinese Psychological Association Cultural Psychology Conference, November 2021. "Cultural Psychology of Climate Change and Sustainable Living".



Ngoei Wen-Qing

Assistant Professor of Humanities

- Invited by Ministry of Education and Ministry of Home Affairs to speak to MOE curriculum planning officers (History) and secondary school history teachers on Malayan decolonization and the Malayan Communist Party (29 Sept 2021).
- Invited in August by Ministry of Education to deliver a lecture on the Origins of the Cold War in Europe (lecture scheduled for 7 Oct 2021).
- Sole-authored op-ed pieces: "After the Fall: Saigon and Kabul in US-Southeast Asian Relations," *Philippine Strategic Forum,* 10 Sep 2021,



Paulin Straughan

Dean of Students; Professor of Sociology (Practice); Director, Centre for Research on Successful Ageing

• Invited talk: CPF "Ready for Life" Digital Festival, CPF "Ready for Life" Opening Forum, 4 December 2021



Jacinth Tan

Assistant Professor of Psychology

• Tang, B. W., & Tan, J. J. X. (2021) Teachers who complain about burnout are not bad teachers (Commentary). Channel News Asia.



Fiona Williamson

Associate Professor of Science, Technology and Society

 International Commission for the History of Meteorology (ICHM) Beyond Tropicality: heat and colonial weather science in the Straits Settlements c. 1820-1900, 15 September 2021

SOSS Research at a glance

Activities	Numbers (Jul – Dec 2021)
Journal publications	53
Other publications	26
Events – Publc Lectures, Invited Talks, Seminars, etc	51
Conference presentations	18
Research grants awarded	11 (\$427,425)

Publication Highlights - Books



Noeleen Heyzer Lee Kong Chian Distinguished Fellow School of Social Sciences

How did a young girl who rose from underprivileged circumstances in post-war Singapore become a trailblazer of women's global leadership at the United Nations? Noeleen Heyzer was the first woman from outside North America to be appointed as Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the first woman Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). In these memoirs, Noeleen Heyzer reflects on her remarkable journey – from the challenges of her childhood and youth, her intellectual development at the University of Singapore and the University of Cambridge, to her groundbreaking work on women's empowerment and her meteoric rise to the position of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. It is a book that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the courage of individuals, communities, and societies to transform structures of discrimination and injustice.



Beyond Storms & Stars Penguin, July 2021

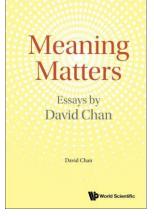


David Chan Professor of Psychology; Director, BSI

https://penguin.sg/book/beyond-storms-and-stars-a-memoir/

The book *Meaning Matters: Essays by David Chan*, which is endorsed by 50 leaders from different sectors, was published in December 2021. A common theme that runs through these essays may be described as "Meaning Matters" which refers to the content and subject matter of the critical issues experienced by people and what it means to them. It is also about why the way that people think, feel and act as they make sense and meaning of their experiences should matter to individual well-being and societal progress in Singapore. This book goes beyond examining what critical issues mean or matter to people, policy making and nation building, and why they do, to focus on translating the "what it means" and "why it means" to "how it means" and "when it means".

More information is available in the book flyer and the World Scientific website.



Meaning Matters: Essays by David Chan World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd, December 2021

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Humanities

Winston Chow

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Lily Kong

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David Ocón

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Charlotte Setijadi

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David Ocón Assistant Professor Arts and Culture Management (Practice)

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Tan Sor Hoon

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Fiona Williamson

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Orlando Woods

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Tan Sor Hoon Professor of Philosophy



Fiona Williamson Associate Professor of Science, Technology and Society



Orlando Woods Associate Professor of Humanities

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Dean Dulay

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Colm Fox

Fox, C. A. (2021). Media in a Time of Crisis: Newspaper Coverage of Covid-19 in East Asia. *Journalism Studies*, 1-21.

Christine Dunn Henderson

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Seulki Lee

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Ishani Mukherjee

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Frances Yaping Wang

Wang, F. Y. (2021). Barking Without Biting: Understanding Chinese Media Campaigns During Foreign Policy Disputes. *Security Studies*, *30*(4), 485-517.



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Colm Fox Assistant Professor of Political Science



Ishani Mukherjee Associate Professor of Public Policy



Christine Dunn Henderson Associate Professor of Political Science



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Psychology

Kimin Eom

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Andree Hartanto

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Psychology

Angela Leung

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Norman Li

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Jacinth Tan

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Psychology

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Kenneth Tan

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William Tov

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Yang Hwajin

Ng, G., & Yang, H. (2021). Code-Switching patterns differentially shape cognitive control: Testing the predictions of the adaptive control hypothesis. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 1-15.

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William Tov Associate Professor of Psychology



Yang Hwajin Associate Professor of Psychology

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Sociology

Cheng Cheng

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Alwyn Lim

Lim, A., & Pope, S. (2021). What drives companies to do good? A "universal" ordering of corporate social responsibility motivations. *Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management*.

Ijlal Naqvi

Naqvi, I., Poorthuis, A., & Govind, A. (2021). Urban governance and electricity losses: An exploration of spatial unevenness in Karachi, Pakistan. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 79, 102166.

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Hiro Saito

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Qian Forrest Zhang

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Cheng Cheng Assistant Professor of Sociology



Alwyn Lim Associate Professor of Sociology



Ijlal Naqvi Associate Professor of Sociology



Hiro Saito Associate Professor of Sociology



Forrest Zhang Associate Professor of Sociology

Grant Getting Sharing Session 3 September 2021

Successful grant awardees shared their experience and insights on their external research grant application, and a colleague from Office of Research & Tech Transfer (ORTT) shared external grant application processes and tips.



Orlando Woods, Associate Professor of Humanities on MOE Tier 2 Grant



Yang Hwajin, Associate Professor of Psychology on MOE Tertiary Education Research Fund



John Donaldson, Associate Professor of Political Science on National Heritage Board, Heritage Research Grant



Low Koon Yen, Manager, Office of Research & Tech Transfer on Pre-Grant a ward

SOSS Research Camp

12 November 2021



Presentation By Assistant Professor Andy Chang

The Three Worlds of Global Labor Production: Recruitment, Training, and Supply of Indonesian Care Workers Across Borders

Discussant: Professor Chandran Kukathas, Dean, School of Social Sciences

How is migrant labor produced as a commodity in an environment marked by border regulations, geopolitical uncertainties, and global inequalities? Sociologists suggest that brokering contributes to the precarity of labor migrants, associating its primary function with exploitation. However, the manner in which brokers in the Global South organize transnational labor markets is undertheorized. Drawing on an ethnography of private employment agencies and in-depth interviews in Indonesia, I argue that migration brokers are economic actors of diverse gender, ethnic, and class positions who navigate intricate webs of social relations to govern the poor for cross-border deployment. In response to regulatory and competitive pressures, and to demands from patrons and clients in multiple countries, brokers in source communities maneuver place-based networks, local ecological conditions, and occupational requirements to construct prospective migrants as an ideal global workforce. I introduce a typology of labor management schemes that encompass variations in recruitment, training, market specialization, and spatial location. This paper extends our understanding of how brokers innovate organizational models and expand employment access for the poor through their marketmaking capacities.



Presentation By Assistant Professor Joshua Luczak

Climate Denialism is Harmful Bullshit

Discussant: Hiro Saito, Assistant Professor of Sociology

The harms of anthropogenic climate change are many and great. The harms resulting from climate denialism, however, are greater in number and significance than are realised. Standardly, climate denialism is taken to be harmful because it has repeatedly hindered governments of the world from taking meaningful action on mitigating to the harmful effects of anthropogenic climate change. While this is undeniably a horrible and very great harm, it is not the only harm of climate denialism. Some other important harms of climate denialism are a consequence of it being bullshit. These harms are being inflicted on members of the general public. This paper is about these hams. As this paper highlights, some climate denialism bullshit is harmful because it undermines the epistemic demands impose on us by what we care about, by the social roles we occupy, and by morality. It is also harmful because it corrodes epistemic trust.



SOSS Research Camp

12 November 2021



Presentation By Assistant Professor Patrick De Oliveira

Colonial Airspace and Imperial Anxiety: Nineteenth-Century French Ballooning in North Africa and Indochina

Discussant: Orlando Woods, Associate Professor of Humanities

Building on the concept of colonial culture, this chapter, which is part of a book project titled The Ascending Republic: Aeronautics, Politics, and Culture in France, 1860-1914 (under advanced contract with MIT Press), traces how works of fiction and attempts to use balloons in North Africa and Indochina contributed to the emergence of colonial airspace as an object of geopolitical interest for the French in the last third of the nineteenth century. After all, the expansion of France's empire, which between 1876 and 1915 increased by about 3.5 million miles, was accompanied by a growing sense of anxiety. How would France manage these new territories, especially given the small number of Frenchmen, the lack of infrastructure, and the presence of hostile indigenous populations? The French turned to the balloon as a technology that could placate that anxiety, opening the skies as a realm from where they might study, rationalize, and manage France's new and expanding possessions. While these expectations made sense in theory, they were not reproducible in practice. Attempts to use balloons to cross the Sahara and the Mediterranean were unsuccessful, while efforts to use a balloon for military observation during the 1883 Tonkin Campaign produced lackluster results. Nevertheless, because of the ongoing ballooning revival and because of the permeable boundaries between fact and fiction in colonial culture, the French still constructed the balloon as a symbol of their superiority over indigenous populations. In the colonial sphere, the balloon was not one of those "tools of empire" that facilitated European conquest of new lands and people, but it still served as a machine for the "measure of men." In that sense, colonial ballooning served an ideological purpose, helping justify France's mission civilisatrice and being construed as an adventurous practice that pushed back against the trope of national decline following France's defeat in the Franco-Prussian War.



Presentation By Lecturer Of Humanities Emily Soon

Trading Faith: Southeast Asia and Early Modern English Literature

Discussant: Christine Henderson, Associate Professor of Political Science

In the decades following the 1600 establishment of the English East India Company, the spices and other imports from Southeast Asia came to have a transformative effect on early modern English society. Where existing literary criticism in the field of the Global Renaissance has elucidated the ways Shakespeare and his contemporaries envisioned England's emergent commercial and colonial relationship with distant Asia, this project uncovers the neglected domestic - and spiritual - dimension to this Eurasian exchange. It contends that English writers, working across a range of genres, manipulated contemporary discourse about Islam and the polytheistic faiths found in the 'East Indies' in order to intervene in pressing religious debates between Protestants and Catholics. It thus seeks to illustrate the surprisingly global - and literary - nature of the English Reformation.





The Persuasive Impact of Single versus Multiple Narrator Voices in Videos

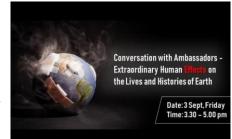
Speakers : Hannah Chang, Associate Professor of Marketing, LKCSB, SMU Chair: Cheng Chi-Ying, Associate Professor of Psychology, SOSS, SMU 31 August 2021

Conversation with Ambassadors – Extraordinary Human Effects on the Lives and Histories of Earth

Speakers: Ms Jo Tyndall, High Commissioner of New Zeal and to Singapore and Mr Modise Casalis Mokitlane, High Commissioner of The Republic of South Africa to Singapore

Moderator: Winston Chow, Associate Professor of Science, Technology and Society

3 September 2021





Shaping Racial Harmony: Reducing Intergroup Bias in Early Childhood Speaker: Setoh Pei Pei, Associate Professor of Psychology, NTU Chair: Kenneth Tan, Assistant Professor of Psychology, SOSS, SMU 7 September 2021

Building Climate Resilient Cities in the Anthropocene

Speakers: Mr Kevin Hsu, Senior Assistant Director, Centre for Liveable Cities and Dr Tan Mou Leong, Senior Lecturer in Geography (Hydroclimatic Hazards) USM, Malaysia

Moderator: Winston Chow, Associate Professor of Science, Technology and Society

9 September 2021

Thu, 9 Sep 2021 6 pm - 7 pm Zoom Webinar Learn more about the emerging challenges for cities in Southeast Asia.

Presented by: Kevin Hsu Senior Assistant Director Centre for Liveable Cities Tan Mou Leong Senior Lecturer in Geography (Mydroclimatic Mazards) USM, Malaysia Moderated by:



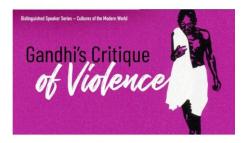
Why We Killed: Security Authority, and Opportunity in The Rwandan Genocide

Speaker: Dr Omar Shahabudin McDoom, Associate Professor, Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science

Moderator: Ngoei Wen-Qing, Assistant Professor of Humanities 10 September 2021

Gandhi's Critique

Speaker: Dr Karuna Mantena, Professor of Political Science, Columbia University and Co-director, International Conference for the Study of Political Thought (CSPT) Moderator: Christine Henderson, Associate Professor of Political Science 16 September 2021





Book Launch: Beyond Storms & Stars

Guest of Honour: Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies Panellists: Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Lee Kong Chian Distinguished Fellow, SMU, Professor Tommy Koh, Ambassador-At-Large, Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Professor Lily Kong, President, SMU

Moderator: Professor Chandran Kukathas, Dean, School of Social Sciences, SMU

17 September 2021

Harnessing Paradox Mindset To Promote Working Motherhood Through Career-Motherhood Enrichment Speaker: Huang Teng Jiao, Psychology PhD Candidate, SMU Chair: Angela Leung, Associate Professor of Psychology, SOSS, SMU 21 September 2021





Cross-Country Differences Between Americans and Singaporeans in Estimation (and Over-Estimation) of Social Mobility Speaker: Tang Bek Wuay, Psychology PhD Candidate, SMU Chair: Jacinth Tan, Assistant Professor of Psychology, SOSS SMU 28 September 2021

The Art and Science Involved in Telling A Great Story

Speakers: Mr Prakash Kamdar, CEO, Dentsu International Singapore, Ms Anjali Sharma, Founder, Narrative: The Business of Stories and Mr Vikram Chakravarty, ASEAN Managing Partner for Strategy and Transactions, Ernst & Young Solutions LLP 1 October 2021





Migration

Speakers: Dr Andy Chang, Assistant Professor of Sociology, SMU and Dr Jason Vincent Cabanes, De La Salle University, Manila Moderator: Yasmin Ortiga, Assistant Professor of Sociology 7 October 2021

Digital Health Transformation and Related Policy Challenges

Speaker: Dr. Adriana Banozic, Trained Psychologist and Neuroscientist Moderator: Fiona Williamson, Associate Professor of Science, Technology and Society







Have You Heard? Examining the Relationship Between Leader Positive Gossip and Prosocial Behaviour

Speaker: Kenneth Tai, Assistant Professor of OBHR, LKCSB, SMU Chair: Kimin Eom, Assistant Professor of Psychology, SOSS. SMU 19 October 2021

Surveying Memory Speaker: Mr Rithy Panh, Film Director, Writer, Film Produer Moderator: Darlene Espena, Assistant Professor of Humanities 21 October 2021





Ethics and Social/Corporate Responsibility Speaker Series Speakers: Ms. May Loh, Senior Advisor, Albright Stonebridge Group and Conservation International, Dr Jeremy Lim, CEO, AMILI and Kevin Jung 28 October 2021

Too Tired for Meaning: Not All Negative Emotions Interfere with Meaningful Experiences

Speaker: Keh Jun Sheng, Psychology PhD Candidate, SMU Chair: William Tov, Associate Professor of Psychology, SOSS, SMU 2 November 2021



Pandemics and Surveillance

Speakers: Dr Hallam Stevens, Associate Professor of History, Nanyang Technological University, Dr Monamie Bhadra Haines, Assistant Professor in Science and TechnologyStudies, Technical University of Denmark Moderator: Ngoei Wen-Qing, Assistant Professor of Humanities



11 November 2021



ROSA Annual Symposium on Successful Ageing

New beginnings – enabling older adults to flourish in phase endemic.

Guest of Honour: Dr Tan See Leng, Minister for Manpower

Keynote Speaker: Professor Ursula Staudinger, Rector, Technische Universität Dresden Speakers and Panellists:

- Mr James Teo, President, The Ngee Ann Kongsi
- Professor Paulin Straughan, Director, Centre for Research on Successful Ageing
- Assistant Professor Kim Seonghoon, Deputy Director, Centre for Research on Successful Ageing
- Mr Edwin Lye, Assistant Executive Director, Singapore National Employers Federation
- Ms K. Thanaletchimi, Vice President, National Trades Union Congress Central Committee
- Associate Professor William Tov, Deputy Director, Centre for Research on Successful Ageing
- Dr Thang Leng Leng, Board Member, Fei Yue Community Services
- Dr Lee Cheng, Vice President, Singapore Association for Mental Health
- Mr Tan Kwang Cheak, CEO, Agency for Integrated Care
- Ms Melissa Kwee, CEO, National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre
- Mr James Tan, CEO, TOUCH Community Services
 30 November 2021

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BSI Conference 2021

Dealing with Disagreements

Speakers and Panellists:

- Professor Tommy Koh, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Professor David Chan, Professor of Psychology, SOSS, SMU
- Mr Han Fook Kwang, Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University
- Dr Jeremy Lim, Associate Professor & Director (Global Health), Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore
- Professor Tan Tai Yong, President, Yale-NUS College
- Mr Zakir Hussain, Political and Singapore Editor, The Straits Times, Singapore Press Holdings Ltd
- Dr Kanwaljit Soin, Consultant Orthopaedic & Hand Surgeon Soin Orthopaedic, Spine & Hand Surgery Pte Ltd
- Professor Lim Soo Ping, Adjunct Faculty, SOA, SMU
- Associate Professor Vincent Chua, Associate Professor of Sociology, National University of Singapore
- Associate Professor Cheng Chi-Ying, Associate Professor of Psychology, SOSS, SMU
- As sociate Professor Walter Theseira, As sociate Professor of Economics, Singapore University of Social Sciences
- Professor Tan Sor Hoon, Professor of Philosophy, SOSS, SMU
- Dr Mathew Mathews, Principal Research Fellow and Head of Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore

1 December 2021

BSI Conference 2021

Migration

Speakers: Ms Karen Chan, Asian Film Archive, Singapore and Mr Leandro Poco, Leonardo A. Poco & Associates, Architects, Philippines

Moderator: Darlene Espena, Assistant Professor of Humanities 2 December 2021



Faculty Spotlight



Alwyn LIM Associate Professor of Sociology

Alwyn's research is primarily informed by global and transnational sociology and the sociology of organizations and institutions. His recent work has examined how globalization has shaped the social (as opposed to only economic or political) regulation of business corporations worldwide – specifically, the institutional lifecycle of the spread of corporate social responsibility (CSR) practices across countries.

On the emergence of CSR, Alwyn's research has pointed to the importance of looking at international institutions like the United Nations, where important debates since the 1970s have shaped how corporate social responsibility evolved from proposals for legally-binding mandates to the voluntary pro-social forms it takes today. Alwyn's further research has also shown how institutional processes account for the diffusion of CSR across countries. In addition to economic and political pressures, countries that are more embedded in international nongovernmental activities are also more likely to have corporations that are more receptive to CSR norms and frameworks. Alwyn's research also examines the domestic impact of CSR. In a study of corporations in Singapore, for instance, he finds that different business types have varying responses to CSR – with transnational corporations adopting more symbolic postures, traditional local businesses using more community-oriented strategies, and small businesses emphasizing CSR's competitive advantage. These studies have been published in American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Organization Studies, Business Ethics, the Environment & Responsibility, and Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management, among other peer-reviewed academic journals. Together with Kiyoteru Tsutsui, he was also co-editor of Corporate Social Responsibility in a Globalizing World (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

Alwyn's current areas of interest further explore the impact of globalization in related areas: capitalism and accelerationism; the political economy of Singapore (particularly the areas of immigration, inequality, and liberalization); business and social elites (in collaboration with the Foundation for Value Creation and the University of St. Gallen); and organizational transformations in higher education in developmental states.

Faculty Spotlight



Hiro SAITO Associate Professor of Sociology

Hiro is a cultural and political sociologist who aspires to produce critical and transformative knowledge as the common good. Given his overall interest in the power-knowledge intersection, he studies how interactions between government and citizens shape public policy by focusing on the role of experts.

To date, he has developed the following three research programs:

1. "The politics of commemoration" examines how collective memories of past conflicts, such as colonial expansion and the Asia-Pacific War, co-evolve with both domestic and international politics.

2. "The horizon of democracy" examines how the two sets of tensions – between citizen participation and expert advice and between national sovereignty and international relations – are negotiated in democratic decision-making.

3. "The university and the world" examines the role of higher education institutions (HEIs) in mediating public debates on policy responses to global challenges like climate change.

Currently, Hiro focuses on his second research program by working on his next book "The Horizon of Democracy: Fukushima, Okinawa, and the Pandemic" that examines how Japanese democracy has evolved (1945–present) by focusing on political struggles over the Fukushima nuclear disaster, US military bases in Okinawa, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

He is also in the process of creating a 13-week course "Mindfulness-Based Holistic Education" based on his experience of teaching mindfulness practice in his courses, together with Jochen Reb (director of the Mindfulness Initiative at SMU), Ram Mahalingam (director of the Mindful Dignity Lab at the University of Michigan), and Ada Chung (head counsellor at SMU). Specifically, the course aims to adapt Mindfulness-Based Strategic Awareness Training to the context of higher education by foregrounding personal mastery as the key to contributing to global efforts to address the pandemic, climate change, and other complex problems that threaten the collective well-being of humanity and other lives on Earth. To this end, he recently revised and resubmitted his project proposal "Mindfulness-Based Holistic Education" to MOE Tertiary Education Research Fund.

Research Projects Awarded Jul - Dec 2021

External Research Grants





Principal Investigator: **Paulin Straughan**, Professor of Sociology (Practice) Co-Principal Investigator: **William Tov**, Associate Professor of Psychology Funding Source: Ministry of Health, 2021 Health Longevity Catalyst Awards (HLCA) Project Title: Community Based and Participant-led Initiatives to Increase Civic Engagement Among Older Adults



Principal Investigator: **Jacinth Tan**, Assistant Professor of Psychology Funding Source: Spencer Foundation's Small Research Grants Project Title: When Access is Not Enough: How Chronic Stress Affects Psychological Well- Being And Persistence Among Socioeconomically Disadvantaged University Students



Principal Investigator: **Hoe Su Fern**, Assistant Professor of Arts and Culture Management

Funding Source: National Arts Council's Organisation Transformation Grant Project Title: Backlogues: An Audio Documentary Portal of Singapore's Intangible Arts Management Knowledge

Research Projects Awarded Jul - Dec 2021

External Research Grants





Co-Principal Investigators: Orlando Woods, Associate Professor of Humanities Ishani Mukherjee, Associate Professor of Public Policy Funding Source: National Research Foundation Singapore Project Title: SPACE: Shaping Public Adaptive Capacity for Environmental Infectious Diseases



Co-Principal Investigators: **Andree Hartanto**, Assistant Professor of Psychology (Education) Funding Source: Ministry of Education Project Title: Functional Outcomes of Positive Emotions: Testing the Mind, Body, and Soul Model

MOE Academic Research Fund (AcRF) Tier 1



Principal Investigator: **Andree Hartanto**, Assistant Professor of Psychology (Education) Project Title: Investigating the Effect of Social Media on Depressive Symptoms: A Multimethod Approach

Principal Investigator: **Frances Wang**, Assistant Professor of Political Science Project Title: Racial Stereotypes toward Chinese and Foreign Policy Preference toward China





Principal Investigator: **Cheng Cheng**, Assistant Professor of Sociology Project Title: Social Engagement and Later-Life Health: Spousal and Cross-National Differences

Principal Investigator: **Dean Dulay**, Assistant Professor of Political Science Project Title: Clarity of Responsibility, Partisanship, and Support for Corrupt Politicians in the United States





Principal Investigator: **Tsai Ming-Hong**, Associate Professor of Psychology Project Title: Work Behaviour Study in the Digital Age

MOE Academic Research Fund (AcRF) Tier 1



Principal Investigator: : Ngoei Wen-Qing, Assistant Professor of Humanities Project Title: Anglophone Speculative Fiction of late Cold War ASEAN

Principal Investigator: **Darlene Espena**, Assistant Professor of Humanities (Education) Project Title: Corporeal Diplomacy: Cambodia's Celestial Dancers in the West





Principal Investigator: **Justin Tse**, Assistant Professor of Humanities (Education) Project Title: Narrating 'Asian America' in Asian American Evangelical Online Worlds

The list of SOSS projects a warded in the previous years may be found in this website <u>https://socsc.smu.edu.sg/research-grant-projects-2021</u>

Congratulations to all PIs and we wish them and their teams every success in their research.

Achievements - Awards



Ulas Onur Ince Associate Professor of Political Science

David and Elaine Spitz Prize Winner

Congratulations to Associate Professor Ulas Onur Ince for winning the 2020 David and Elaine Spitz Prize. The David and Elaine Spitz Prize is awarded annually for the best book in the field published two years earlier. To be eligible, the book must be primarily theoretical rather than historical, and not a textbook or edited work. The prize is awarded by a panel of political scholars under the auspices of the International Conference for the Study of Political Thought (CSPT), an international, interdisciplinary organization of scholars and informed citizens interested in preserving and encouraging a broad, humanistic style of thinking about politics.



- Professor David Chan has been re-appointed for a two-year term as a member of the Diabetes Prevention and Care Taskforce, chaired by the Minister for Health, Mr Ong Ye Kung and the Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing.
- Professor David Chan has also been appointed as Chairman of the Selection Panel for the A*STAR's Social Sciences Innovation Seed Fund.

David Chan Professor of Psychology; Director, BSI

Congratulations to our SOSS students for winning the below awards!

Title of Award	Name of Awardee^	Award Organisation
Diversity Undergraduate Registration Award	Amos Tai	Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
Presidential Doctoral Fellowship	Bryan Choy	SMU
Presidential Doctoral Fellowship	Germaine Tng	SMU
John M. Elliott memorial research grant	Germaine Tng	Singapore Children's Society
Undergraduate Student Poster Award	GloriaLai	Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
International travel a ward	Huang Tengjiao	Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention
Summer school research grant	Huang Tengjiao	Asian Association of Social Psychology
Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship	Huang Tengjiao	SMU
Student Research Awards 2021 - Winner of Undergraduate Category - Best Group Submissions	Joax Wong and Poh Xin Yi	Singapore Psychological Society
Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship	Lynn Kai	SMU
First place - Research Paper Competition ICPSR Undergraduate	Mathew Ng, Verity Lua and Nadyanna Majeed	Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
Runner-up for Undergraduate Student Poster Award	Nadyanna Majeed	Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
2021 Mini Research Grant Program	Nadyanna Majeed	International Society for Self & Identity (ISSI)
Student Research Awards 2021 - 1 st runner up of Postgraduate Category - Best Individual Submissions	Nadyanna Majeed	Singapore Psychological Society

^ Listed in alphabetical order

Congratulations to our SOSS students for winning the below awards!

Title of Award	Name of Awardee^	Award Organisation
 Student Research Awards 2021 2nd runner up of Postgraduate Category Best Group Submissions 	Nicole Chen Ruiying and Nadyanna Majeed	Singapore Psychological Society
Presidential Doctoral Fellowship	SheilaWee	SMU
International travel a ward	SheilaWee	Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Editing Press	SheilaWee	Laura Bassi s cholarship
Student Research Award – "Honorable Mention"	Shuna Khoo	Association for Psychological Society (APS)
Presidential Doctoral Fellowship	Shuna Khoo	SMU
 Student Research Awards 2021 2nd runner up (joint) of Undergraduate Category Audience Choice Award (Best Presenter at SRA 2021) 	Verity Lua Yu Qing	Singa pore Psychological Society

^ Listed in alphabetical order

Achievements - Promotion

The School of Social Sciences is delighted to announce the following promotions with effect from January 2022:

Promotion to Professor



Norman LI Professor of Psychology Office: #04-043 Tel: 6828 0864 Email: normanli@smu.edu.sg

Promotion to Associate Professor



Ishani MUKHERJEE Associate Professor of Public Policy Office: #04-037 Tel: 6828 0848 Email: ishanim@smu.edu.sg



Alwyn LIM Associate Professor of Sociology Office: #04-097 Tel: 6828 0871 Email: <u>alwynlim@smu.edu.sg</u>



Hiro SAITO Associate Professor of Sociology Office: #04-065 Tel: 6808 5109 Email: <u>hirosaito@smu.edu.sg</u>