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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Since 2025 Associate Professor of Sociology  
School of Social Sciences  
Singapore Management University
- 2018-2024 Assistant Professor of Sociology  
School of Social Sciences  
Singapore Management University
- 2017-2018 Lecturer  
College of Alice and Peter Tan  
National University of Singapore
- 2015-2017 Research Fellow  
Public Policy and Global Affairs Programme  
Nanyang Technological University

### EDUCATION

- 2009-2015 PhD in Sociology, Syracuse University
- 2004-2005 EdM in Human Development and Psychology, Harvard University
- 1999-2003 BA in Psychology, University of the Philippines, Diliman

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Migration, Sociology of Education, Work, and Qualitative Methods

### PUBLISHED WORK

#### Books

**Ortega, Yasmin Y.** 2025. *Stuck at Home: Pandemic Immobilities in the Nation of Emigration*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

**Ortega, Yasmin Y.** 2018. *Emigration, Employability, and Higher Education in the Philippines*. UK: Routledge. [Series on Critical Studies in Asian Education].

#### Journal Articles

20. Magabasag, Romeo Luis A. and **Yasmin Y. Ortega**. 2023. "Competing Policies within the Sending State: Labour Export and the Provision of Primary Healthcare," *International Migration*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.13158>

19. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.**, Jue Wang, and Meng-Hsuan Chou. 2023. "International Academic or Citizen Scholar?: Singaporean Returnees in the Global City," *Cities*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2023.104327>
18. Xiang, Biao, William L. Allen, Shahram Khosravi, H el ene Neveu Kringelbach, **Yasmin Y. Ortiga**, Karen Anne S. Liao, Jorge E. Cu ellar, Lamea Momen, Priya Deshingkar, and Mukta Naik. 2022. "Shock Mobilities During Moments of Acute Uncertainty," *Geopolitics*, DOI: 10.1080/14650045.2022.2091314
17. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.**, Michael Joseph S. Di no, and Romeo Luis A. Macabasag. 2022. "Clocking out: Nurses Refusing to Work in a Time of Pandemic" *Social Science and Medicine*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115114>
16. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2021. "Shifting Employabilities: Skilling Migrants in the Nation of Emigration." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 47(10): 2270-2287.
15. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** and Romeo Luis A. Macabasag. 2021. "Understanding International Immobility through Internal Migration: 'Left Behind' Nurses in the Philippines." *International Migration Review*, 55(2): 460-481.
14. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** and Romeo Luis A. Macabasag. 2021. "Temporality and Acquiescent Immobility among Aspiring Nurse Migrants in the Philippines." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 47(9): 1976-1993.
13. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.**, Kellynn Wee, and Brenda S. A. Yeoh. 2021. "Connecting Care Chains and Care Diamonds: The Eldercare Skills Regime in Singapore." *Global Networks*. 21(2): 434-454.
12. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.**, Meng-Hsuan Chou, and Jue Wang. 2020. "Competing for Academic Labor: Research and Recruitment Outside the Academic Center." *Minerva*, 58(4): 607-624.
11. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** and Rivero, Jenica Ana. 2019. "Bodies of Work: Skilling at the Bottom of the Global Nursing Care Chain." *Globalizations*, 16(7): 1184-1197.
10. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.**, Meng-Hsuan Chou, Gunjan Sondhi, and Jue Wang. 2019. "Working within the Aspiring Centre: Professional Status and Mobilities among Migrant Faculty In Singapore." *Higher Education Policy*. 32(2): 149-166.
9. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2018. "Education as Early Stage Brokerage: Cooling out Aspiring Migrants for the Global Hotel Industry." *Pacific Affairs*, 91(4): 727-748.
8. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2018. "Constructing the Global Education Hub: The Unlikely Case of Manila." *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education*, 39(5): 767-781.
7. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2018. "Learning to Fill the Labor Niche: Aspiring Nurse Migrants Caught in a Migration Trap." *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 4(1): 172-187.
6. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.**, Meng-Hsuan Chou, Gunjan Sondhi, and Jue Wang. 2018. "Academic 'Centres', Epistemic Differences, and Brain Circulation." *International Migration*, 56(5): 90-105.
5. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2017. "The Flexible University: Neoliberal Education and the Global Production of Migrant Labor." *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, 38(4): 485-499.
4. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2015. "Multiculturalism On Its Head: Unexpected Social Boundaries and New Migration in Singapore." *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 16(4): 947-963.

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1. **Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2011. "Looking Beyond the Obvious: Power, Epistemic Culture and Student Migration in the Knowledge-Based Economy" *Power & Education*, 3(3): 263-273.

#### Book Chapters

**Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2022. "Student Mobility, Employability, and Unlikely Education Destinations in Asia." In *International Handbook on Education Development in Asia-Pacific*, edited by W.O. Lee, P. Brown, A.L. Goodwin, and A. Green. Singapore: Springer, [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-2327-1\\_65-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-2327-1_65-1)

**Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2020. "Learning to Leave: Filipino Families and the Making of the Global Filipino Nurse." Pp. 98-113 in *Ethnographies of Development and Globalization in the Philippines: Emergent Socialities and the Governing of Precarity*, edited by K. Seki. UK: Routledge

**Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** 2020. "Commentary: What Lies Ahead? Considering the Future of a 'New' Vietnamese Higher Education." Pp. 251-258 in *Higher Education in Market-Oriented Socialist Vietnam*, edited by L. H. Phan and B. N. Doan. Geneva, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan.

#### ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

##### In Press

**Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** "Internationalization Struggles and Student Mobility: Ethnic Exclusion and Racism in Philippine Higher Education" (Comparative Education)

##### Under Review

**Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** "Competing for Care in a Market for Skills." (Economy and Society)

**Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** and Roderick Galam. "The Role of Skills in Emigration Governance: Pitfalls and Potential." (International Migration Review)

Ye, Rebecca and **Yasmin Y. Ortiga.** "Stockpiling, Forecasting and Protecting Skills: Skilling as Technique of Preparedness in Times of Crises." (Current Sociology)

##### In Preparation

**Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** "Flexible Habitus: For-profit Universities in a Global Market for Higher Education." (Sociology)

**Ortiga, Yasmin Y.** and Karen Anne S. Liao. "Seeking Support from the Global Cruise Industry: The Market as an Unlikely Source for Migrants' Social Protections" (Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies)

#### FUNDING

2023-2024 "Future Farmers: International Migration of Filipino Farmers and its Impacts on Agrarian Life and Food Security" Yale NUS Division of Social Science, 45,000 SGD, Co-Investigator

- 2023-2024 “What Makes a ‘Good’ Employer? Dilemmas of Domestic Labor in the Global City,” MOE Tier 1 Partnerships Grant, 57,090 SGD, Principal Investigator
- 2023-2024 “Exploring The Potential Of Regional Student Mobility: A Study Of Singapore University Students' Perceptions And Experiences Of Short-Term Outbound Educational Mobility to ASEAN and East Asian destinations,” National Institute of Education Academic Research Fund (AcRF), 90,205 SGD, Co-Investigator
- 2020-2021 “Deferred Departures, Unhappy Returns: Pandemic and the Labor-Exporting Nation,” Social Science Research Council (New York), 5,000 USD, Principal Investigator.
- 2020-2021 “Migrant Healthcare Workers and Infrastructures of Skill in COVID-19 Times,” Asia Research Institute SEED Grant, 10,000 SGD, Co-Investigator.
- 2021-2023 “A Sociological Study of Migrant Parents' Influences on Children's Education: Implications for 1.5- And Second-Generation Immigrant Students and Their Integration in Singapore Schools,” NIE Education Research Funding Programme (ERFP), 277,000 SGD, Co-Investigator.
- 2019-2021 “New Student Mobilities within Philippine Universities,” MOE Tier 1 Academic Research Fund (AcRF), 16,730 SGD, Principal Investigator.

#### **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

- 2019 Postdoctoral Fellowship, National Academy of Education / Spencer Foundation
- 2015 All-university Dissertation Award
- 2014 First Place, Graduate Student Paper Competition, Society for the Study of Social Problems (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division)
- 2011 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (New York)
- 2009 University Fellowship, Syracuse University
- 2003 Magna Cum Laude, University of the Philippines, Diliman

#### **INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, AND SYMPOSIA**

- 2023 “Fault Lines: Pandemic Exposures Within the Nation of Emigration” at Australia Mobilities Symposium on Challenging Mobilities, November 30.
- 2023 “Whose Migrants? Whose Skills?: Conflicting Ideals of Emigrant Citizenship” Invited talk for Migration and Mobility Research Network (MMRN), Monash University, December 1.
- 2023 “A Time to Start Anew?: Negotiating Immobility Among Return Migrants in the Philippines,” at XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, June 12.
- 2022 “Too Essential to Let go?: Labor Export, Nursing Skill, and the COVID-19

- Pandemic” at Stockholm University Centre for Global Asia, June 7.
- 2022 “Clocking Out: Refusing to Serve during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Keynote speech at University of Perpetual Help Lecture and Research Series, May 27
- 2021 “A Labor Export Pivot?: COVID-19 and the Contested Definition of Nursing Skill” at Scalibrini Migration Center and Hiroshima University Webinar Series, August 3.
- 2021 “COVID-19 and Changing Definitions of Skill in the Labor-Exporting Nation” at National Taiwan University Global Asia Research Center – Seoul National University Asian Center Joint Migration Workshop, July 1 [Online].
- 2020 “Skill, Nursing, and the Dilemma of Labor Export in Disruptive Times” Keynote speech at the 10th ACAS International Conference on Asian Studies, Ateneo de Manila University, November 19, Philippines
- 2020 “Im/mobility in Nations of Emigration: Labor Export in the Midst of Pandemic.” Roundtable presentation at the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre, London School of Economics, October 28, United Kingdom.
- 2020 “Deferred Departures, Unhappy Returns: Pandemic and the Labor-exporting Nation.” Webinar at the Asian Research Institute, National University of Singapore, August 19, Singapore.
- 2020 “A Time for the Flexible University?: What For-profit Institutions Can Tell Us about International Education in a Post-Pandemic World.” at the Asian Research Institute, National University of Singapore, November 6, Singapore.
- 2019 “Learning to Leave: Emigration, Employability, and the Philippine University.” At the Global Asian Studies Program Lecture Series, University of Illinois, Chicago. November 13, USA.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2022 South China Morning Post. [“Philippine workers need jobs, not another migrant agency, critics say.”](#) (media interview)
- 2021 Agence France Presse. [‘Burnt out’: Philippine nurses battle Covid, resignations](#) (media interview) – article also appeared in The Philippine STAR, Manila Times, and Business Times.
- 2021 The Guardian. [“Raging Delta Variant Takes Its Toll as Philippines Runs Out of Nurses”](#) (media interview)
- 2021 Rappler Philippines. [“Should Migrant Workers Be Allowed to Bring Their Families Overseas?”](#) (media interview)
- 2020 Channel News Asia. [“Cruise Workers Would Rather Be Onboard Ships in a Pandemic Than Home.”](#) (commentary)
- 2020 Channel News Asia. [“Philippines’ COVID-19 Fight Depends on the Exploitation of Healthcare Workers.”](#) (commentary)
- 2020 Los Angeles Times. [“Long Treated Like Exports, Nurses in Philippines Now Told](#)

[to Stay Home to Fight Coronavirus.](#)” (media interview)

2020 CNA Insider. [“Nurses Wanted: Philippines.”](#) (media interview)

2018 Channel News Asia. [“In the Philippines, the Pitfalls of an Education Aimed at Exporting People.”](#) (commentary).

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request