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**Education**

2014: PhD in Anthropology  
School of Social Sciences and Communications, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, La Trobe University  
2005: Bachelor of Communications with Honours (1<sup>st</sup> class), Monash University  
2004: Bachelor of Communications & Bachelor of Business, Monash University

**Employment History**

August 2018-present: Assistant Professor of Humanities (Education), School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University

Positions held at SMU:

- Coordinator of Global Asia second major (2019-present)
- Lee Kong Chian Fellow (2023-present)

January 2016-July 2018: Visiting Fellow, Indonesia Studies & Regional Social and Cultural Studies Program, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute

June 2016-July 2018: Adjunct Faculty, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, Singapore

January-July 2018: Adjunct Faculty, School of Human Development and Social Services, Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore

January 2014-December 2015: Postdoctoral Fellow of History, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University

January 2012-January 2014: Researcher at the Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Human Sciences, Macquarie University

January-December 2011: Associate Lecturer in Anthropology at School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University

January-July 2011: Tutor at the Asian Studies program, School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University

August 2009-January 2011: Research and Project Officer, Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University

## **Publications**

### **Book:**

- (2023) *Memories of Unbelonging: Ethnic Chinese Identity Politics in Post-Suharto Indonesia*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles:**

- (In progress) 'Identity Politics and Political Participation Among Overseas Indonesian Voters'.
- (In progress, with Tomsa, D. and Muhtadi, B.) 'Covid-19 and Anti-Chinese Sentiments in Indonesia'.
- (In progress, with Chong, W-L.) 'Challenging the Habitus? Chinese Indonesia Politicians in the post-Suharto Era'.
- (2023, with Stenberg, J & Kung, C-W.) 'From Pulau to Pulo: Archipelagic Perspectives on Southeast Asian Chinese Ethnicity from the Philippines and Indonesia'. *Asian Ethnicity*, **24**(1), pp. 1-6.
- (2023) "'We are People of the Islands": Translocal Belonging Among the Ethnic Chinese of the Riau Islands'. *Asian Ethnicity*, **24**(1), pp. 108-131.
- (2021) 'The Pandemic as Political Opportunity: Jokowi's Indonesia in the Time of Covid-19'. *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies*, **57**(3), pp. 1-24.
- (2018, with Tomsa, D) 'New Forms of Political Activism in Indonesia: Redefining the Nexus between Electoral and Movement Politics'. *Asian Survey*, **58**(3), pp. 557-581.
- (2017) 'Harnessing the Potential of the Indonesian Diaspora.' *Trends in Southeast Asia*, **18**.
- (2016) "'A Beautiful Bridge": Chinese Indonesian Associations, Social Capital and Strategic Identification in a New Era of China-Indonesia Relations'. *Journal of Contemporary China*, **25**(102), pp. 822-835.
- (2014, with Major, G., Terraschke, A. and Major, E.) 'Working It Out: Migrants' Perspectives of Social Inclusion in the Workplace'. *Australian Review of Applied Linguistics*, **37**(3), pp. 249-261.
- (2011 with Williams, A.) 'Visiting 'Home': Contacts with the Homeland, Self-Reflexivity and Emergent Bilingual Identities'. *TESOL in Context* **21**(1), pp. 27-36.
- (2010 with Barker, T.) 'Imagining 'Indonesia': Ethnic Chinese Film Producers in Pre-Independence Cinema'. *Asian Cinema: Special Issue on Indonesian cinema*, **21**(2), pp. 11-19.
- (2008). 'Filming Ambiguity: To be 'Chinese' Through the Eyes of Young Chinese Indonesian Filmmakers'. *International Journal of Humanities* **6**(10), pp. 19-30.
- (2005). 'Questioning Proximity: East Asian TV Dramas in Indonesia'. *Media Asia* **32**(4), pp. 31-39.

### **Chapters in Books:**

- (2019) 'Anti-Chinese Sentiments and the 'Return' of the Pribumi Discourse' in Fealy, G. and Ricci, R., *Contentious Belonging: The Place of Minorities in Indonesia*, Singapore: ISEAS Publications, pp. 192-211.
- (2016) 'Being Chinese Again: Learning Mandarin in Post-Suharto Indonesia' in Li, W (ed.), *Multilingualism in the Chinese Diaspora*, London: Routledge, pp. 141-157.

- (2013) 'Chineseness, belonging, and cosmopolitan subjectivities in post-Suharto independent films' in Hoon, C-Y. and Sai, S. (eds.), *Chinese Indonesians Reassessed: History, Religion and Belonging*, London: Routledge, pp. 25-36.
- (2010 with Barker, T.) 'Membayangkan Indonesia: Produser etnis Tionghoa dan sinema pra-kemerdekaan' in Imanjaya, E., Khoo, G-C. and Barker, T. (eds.), *Mau Dibawa Kemana Sinema Kita? Beberapa wacana seputar film Indonesia*, Jakarta: Binus Publishing, pp. 17-26

#### Research Reports & White Papers:

- (2018, with Warburton, E. & Simandjuntak, D.) *Indonesia's 2018 Regional Elections: Between Local and National Politics*, Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.
- (2018) *Chinese Investments and Presence in the Riau Islands*, Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.
- (2017) *Chinese Indonesians in the Eyes of the Pribumi Public*, Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.
- (2017) *Ahok's Downfall and the Rise of Islamist Populism in Indonesia*, Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.
- (2017) *The Jakarta Election Continues: What Next for Embattled Governor Ahok?*, Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.
- (2016) *Ethnic Chinese in Contemporary Indonesia: Changing Identity Politics and the Paradox of Sinification*, Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.
- (2012 with Piller, I., Terraschke, T. and Major, G.) *Workplace Participations and Settlement Success Among Newly Arrived Migrants in Australia*, Sydney: Department of Linguistics, Macquarie University.
- (2011 with Michael, M. and Camilleri, J.) *Building an Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue Network in Melbourne's Northern Suburbs*, Bundoora: Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University.
- (2010 with Yates, L., Ficorilli, L., Kim, S-H., Lising, L., MacPherson, P., Taylor-Leech, K., Terraschke, A., Williams, A.) *Language Training and Settlement Success: Are they related?*, Sydney: AMEP Research Centre, Macquarie University.

#### Newspaper/Magazine Articles:

- (2018, with Hui, Y-F) 'Indonesian regional elections not a barometer for 2019 presidential poll', *TODAY*, 3 July 2018.
- (2018, with Simandjuntak, D & Warburton, E.) 'Are Indonesia's regional elections a barometer for 2019?', *TODAY*, 22 June 2018.
- (2017) 'Ahok's sentence gives Islamic hardliners a boost', *TODAY*, 12 May 2017.
- (2017) 'Grounds of Islamic politics shifting rapidly in Jakarta', *TODAY*, 24 April 2017.
- (2017) 'An uphill battle for Indonesia's ethnic Chinese Christian incumbent', *East Asia Forum*, 18 April 2017.
- (2017) 'Jakarta run-off poll a test of voter maturity — and for Jokowi, too', *TODAY*, 22 February 2017.
- (2017) 'Religious freedom on trial in Indonesia', *East Asia Forum*, 5 January 2017.
- (2016, with Saat, N) 'The End for the Incumbent Governor?' *Today*, 22 November 2016.
- (2016) 'Big Party Politics and Discontent of Urban Poor Behind Jakarta Unrest', *The Straits Times*, 8 November 2016.
- (2014) 'Striving for Safety: Chinese Indonesians head to the polls', *New Mandala*, 4 July 2014

- (2010) 'Cautiously Promoting Humanism: A Chinese school tries to promote 'universal' humanism', *Inside Indonesia* **102** (Special Issue on Multicultural Education), October-December 2010.
- (2009) 'Filming Ambiguity: Young Chinese Indonesian filmmakers examine questions of Chineseness', *Inside Indonesia* **95** (Special Issue on Chinese Indonesians in the post-Suharto era), January-March 2009.

### **Selected Guest Lectures, Seminars & Conference Presentations**

- (2023, with Soedirgo, J.) 'Coerced Name Change as the Performance of State Power: The Case of Chinese Indonesians', paper presented at the 2023 Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) summer conference at the School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, 1 August 2023.
- (2022) 'Searching for Relevance in a New Age: Chinese Voluntary Associations in Indonesia', paper presented at the "Forging Theoretical Agendas in the Study of Chinese Voluntary Associations" conference at Asia Research Institute, National University Singapore, 4 March 2022.
- (2022) 'Memories of Unbelonging: Ethnic Chinese Identity Politics in Post-Suharto Indonesia', Lund University's Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies (ACE) public lecture series, 29 January 2022.
- (2021) 'The Pandemic as Opportunity: Jokowi's Indonesia in the Time of Covid-19', political update headline paper presented at the 2021 Annual Indonesia Update Conference, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 15-16 September 2021.
- (2019) 'An Archipelagic People: The Ethnic Chinese of the Riau Islands', paper presented at the "Towards a New Nanyang Studies: Examinations of Tionghoa and Tsinoy Beyond the Sinophone" workshop, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Kyoto, Japan, 16-17 December 2019.
- (2019) Invited political update discussant for the 2019 Annual Indonesia Update Conference, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 6-7 September 2019.
- (2018) 'Anti-Chinese Sentiments and the Return of *Pribumi* Narratives', presented at the 2018 Annual Indonesia Update Conference, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 14-15 September 2018.
- (2017) 'Fake News and Anti-Chinese Discourses in Contemporary Indonesian Politics', presented at the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas conference, University of Nagasaki, Japan, 17-19 November 2017.
- (2016) 'A Beautiful Bridge? Chinese Indonesians in a New Era of Sino-Indonesian Relations', presented at the Asian Studies Association of Australia conference, 5-7 July 2016.
- (2015) 'Happy Reunion or Dangerous Liaisons? China Rising and Its Implications for Overseas Chinese Communities in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand,' seminar presented at the Kijang Initiatives Forum, Department of International Relations, Bina Nusantara University, Jakarta, Indonesia, 4 May 2015.
- (2014) 'Chinese Indonesians and China: The Paradox of Resinification,' presented at the Bridging the Unbridgeable: An International Conference in Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Department of Malay-Indonesian Studies conference, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, 14-16 May 2014.
- (2014) 'Diasporic Perspectives: Negotiating Chineseness and the Rise of China in Contemporary Indonesia', presented at the International Conference on the New Horizons of Diasporic Chinese Studies: Evolving Themes, Changing Frameworks, Future Directions,

Nanyang Technological University, 21-22 March 2014.

### **Research Grants and Scholarships**

- Research Collaborator. Singapore Social Science Research Council Thematic Grant, 2020-2023. Project Title: 'The Anatomy of Choice: Southeast Asia between the Superpowers' (amount awarded S\$2,047,500).
- Principal Investigator. Singapore Ministry of Education Academic Research Fund Tier 1 Grant, 2019-2021. Project title: 'Seeking a Better Life: Skilled Indonesian Migrants in Singapore and Malaysia' (amount awarded S\$17,090).
- Co-Investigator. Nanyang Technological University College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Incentive Scheme for the Development of Competitive Grant Applications, 2015. A pilot study (with Professor Liu Hong from NTU) entitled 'Happy Reunion or Dangerous Liaisons? Chinese Rising and its Implications for Ethnic Chinese Communities in Southeast Asia' (amount awarded S\$5,000).
- Principal Investigator. La Trobe University Research Enhancement Grant for Early Career Academics and Postgraduate Students, 2008 (amount awarded A\$5,000).
- La Trobe University Postgraduate Research Scholarship, School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University, 2006-2012.

### **Teaching**

#### **Singapore Management University**

- Exploring Asian Identities (GA001)
- History of Southeast Asia (GA203)
- Managing Diversity in Asia (GA205)
- Global Asia Study Mission (GA305)
- Inter-Asian Mobilities (SOCG227)
- Southeast Asia: Past and Present (IDIS010)
- Global Asia Independent Study (GA307)
- Overseas Project Experience: Applied Social Sciences in Globalised Asia (GA308)

#### **Singapore University of Social Sciences**

- Economic and Political Development for Social Well-being (CSD503)

#### **Nanyang Technological University**

- Special Topics in History – Global Asia (Modernization and Nation Building in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: A comparison between China and Indonesia) (HH4090)

#### **Monash University**

- Visualising Culture: Film & Ethnography (ATS3373)
- Asian Cinema (ATS3539)

#### **La Trobe University**

- Introduction to Asia (Indonesia & Japan) (AST1)

### **Media Appearances**

Expert commentaries on identity and electoral politics in Indonesia for international media outlets such as the Economist, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Al-Jazeera, the LA Times, the Guardian, the Sydney Morning Herald, and Channel NewsAsia among others.

### **Research Fellowship**

- Visiting Senior Research Fellow, School of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University, July 2022-July 2025.
- Affiliated Research Fellow, Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) at Leiden University, the Netherlands, November-December 2008.
- Visiting Fellow, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta, Indonesia, December 2006-June 2008.

### **Service to the Profession**

- Faculty Senate, Singapore Management University (representing the School of Social Sciences), 2021-present
- Executive Committee Member, Australian Society of Asian Humanities, 2020-present
- Peer reviewer for academic journals such as *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Chinese Overseas*, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, and *Asian Ethnicity*.

### **Professional Memberships**

- Association for Asian Studies
- American Anthropological Association
- Australian Anthropological Society
- Asian Studies Association of Australia
- Australian Society of Asian Humanities

### **Languages**

English, Indonesian (native speaker), Javanese (fluent), Dutch (beginner).