

**LAI AH ENG – CURRICULUM VITAE (as at 8 March 2017)**

**PERSONAL PARTICULARS**

Name: LAI, Ah Eng

**EDUCATION**

D.Phil. (Social Anthropology) University of Cambridge (1992)

M.Phil. (Development Studies) University of Sussex (1981)

B. Soc. Sc. (Economics) Universiti Sains Malaysia (1977)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

July 2013 –

Adjunct Senior Fellow, University Scholars Programme, National University of Singapore (NUS)

- Teaches two modules “USP3506 Religious Issues in the Contemporary World” and “USE2317 Multiculturalism and Its Contested Meanings in Singapore”
- Conducts research on multiculturalism and heritage

January 2007 – June 2013

Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute (ARI), and University Scholars Programme (joint appointment), NUS

- Conducted research and coordinated research projects on migration, family and religion
- Organized, chaired, commented and participated in conferences, workshops and seminars
- Wrote and edited books, chapters, articles and commentaries
- Networked and collaborated with local, regional and international scholars and organizations
- Undertook responsibilities as member of the following committees and clusters in ARI: Migration cluster, Steering committee, Seminar committee, Newsletter and Outreach committee
- Taught module on religious issues at University Scholars Programme (2012-13) in joint appointment.

2002 - 2006

Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore,

- Conducted research and coordinated projects on multiculturalism and social cohesion, religion and family (as principal investigator)
- Organized, chaired, commented and participated in conferences, seminars and discussions
- Prepared and presented reports and briefs
- Wrote and edited papers, books and news articles
- Networked and collaborated with key stakeholders in Singapore society on local and international issues affecting Singapore

September - November 2001

Instructor (part-time), Edith Cowan University (Perth, Australia) & Advent Links-Sauc Centre for Children and Family Studies (Singapore),

- Taught B. Soc. Sc. module on Doing Research on Families

2000 - 2001

Adjunct Fellow, Department of Social Work, National University of Singapore

- Lectured and tutored module on Social Work and Social Intervention
- Coordinated social service agency visits
- Conducted research on family-work and community issues

1997 - 1999

Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

- Conducted research, wrote papers and presented research findings
- Edited *Sojourn*, internationally refereed journal on social and cultural issues
- Coordinated activities (seminars, workshops, conferences, visiting affiliations) of the institute's Social and Cultural Studies Programme
- Networked for research and exchanges with scholars on Southeast Asia

1995 - 1997

Research Officer, Oral History Centre, National Heritage Board, Singapore

- Conducted and coordinated research for oral history projects
- Prepared publication and archival materials based on research findings

1983 - 1987

Research Officer, Housing and Development Board, Singapore

- Conducted research and prepared in-house reports on housing policies, housing management and community relations
- Drafted policy recommendations and held negotiations with policy-makers
- Organized in-house seminars and discussions on housing and community issues

1982 - 1983

Senior Tutor, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

- Tutored and lectured Introduction to Sociology and Sociology of Urbanisation
- Supervised undergraduate students' research projects

1978 - 1979

Tutor, School of Comparative Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia,

- Tutored/lectured Introduction to Development Studies and Microeconomics I
- Supervised undergraduate students' field projects

1977 - 1978

Education Officer Consumers' Association of Penang, Malaysia

- Conducted research and wrote reports and articles on consumer and environmental issues
- Set-up and managed consumer education societies and projects in schools
- Organized exhibitions and gave public talks on consumer awareness

#### **MAJOR CONSULTANCIES AND PUBLIC/COMMUNITY SERVICES RENDERED**

1 Aug 2015 - 31 July 2017

Director, Malay Heritage Foundation Board. This Board acts as a platform for Malay heritage both to the Malay community and to all Singaporeans, and to foster intercultural understanding and appreciation.

Jan 2014 – Dec 2015

Member, SG50 Culture & Community Committee, Ministry of Community and the Arts.

- This committee provides ideas and assesses projects for Singapore50.

1 Apr 2012 – 31 Mar 2014

Member, Arts Advisory Panel (Research), National Arts Council.

- This panel provides research ideas.

July – Oct 2011

Consultant, Local-Foreign Cohesion Project. Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports.

- This research project is on issues pertaining to local-new immigrant integration.

April 2011 –

Member, United Nations media project Global Experts.

- This is an online resource of opinion leaders and experts who provide quick reactions and accurate analysis on political, social and religious issues and crises. Global Experts is a central part of the Alliance of Civilization (UNAoC) established in 2005.

Jan 2010 (annual renewal) –

Consultant and member, Housing and Development Board Research Advisory Panel

- This consultancy is for research projects with social implications undertaken by the HDB. The Panel reviews and makes recommendations for research and policy related to public housing matters.

2008 – 2011, 2011-13, 2013-15

Member, Advisory Panel, Family Research Network, Ministry of Social Development (MSF, formerly Ministry of Community, Development, Youth and Sports)

- This network discusses issues facing families and reviews research on family in Singapore.

2007 – 2010

Member, Associate Panel

Economic and Social Research Network (ESRN), Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports and Ministry of Trade & Industry

- This network discusses and shares research work on economic and social issues affecting Singapore and makes policy recommendations.

2006 – current

Member, Community Education Programme, Ministry of Information and the Arts

- This network provides views and comments on inter-racial and inter-religious issues in Singapore and how to deal with them.

2007 – 2008

Member, Social and Community Landscape Strategy Subcommittee, Catholic Social and Community Council, The Catholic Church of Singapore

- This council serves beneficiaries of the Singapore community, particularly the poor, prisoners, migrant workers, disaster victims and displaced peoples, health workers, people with HIV/AIDS and people with legal needs, through leadership, coordination and support.

2006 – 2007

Consultant, *Multicultural Children's Rhymes of Singapore*, National Heritage Board

- This consultancy project compiles, translates and analyses traditional children's rhymes from

the various cultural traditions in Singapore.

2004 – 2006

Member, National Steering Committee on Inter-racial Confidence Circles, Ministry of Community, Development and Sports

- This committee provides views and comments on inter-racial and inter-religious issues in Singapore and how to deal with them.

2004 – 2007

Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, Parent-Teacher Support Group, Katong Convent Secondary School

- This group provides support to the school and its teachers in the holistic education of girls.

2003 – 2004

Member, Steering Committee on International Service Learning, Singapore International Foundation

- This Committee explores opportunities for international service learning for Singaporean youths.

2001 – 2002

Consultant, Research on Family Issues in Singapore, Family Resource Training Centre

- This project draw ups a research programme on major issues affecting families in Singapore.

2000 – 2001

Volunteer, Healthy Start Programme, Ang Mo Kio Family Service Centre

- This programme is assist young parents in early childhood parenting.

1999

Consultant, Project on Making Workplaces in Singapore More Family Friendly, Ministry of Community Development and Sports

- This project draws up a working paper on major family-work issues and suggests recommendations for firms to be more family-friendly in their policies.

1998 – 2000

Member, Work Group on Family-work Stresses Committee on the Family, Ministry of Community Development

- This committee discusses issues, provides views and makes recommendations to the government.

1996 – 1998

Member, Committee on the Family; Chairperson, Subcommittee on Neighbourhood Family Circles, National Advisory Council on the Family and the Aged, Ministry of Community Development

- This council discusses issues, provides views and makes recommendations to the government on family matters..

1985 – 1987

Founding and executive committee member; Member, Subcommittee on Research and Publications, Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE)

- This association is a civil society association that works towards gender equality in Singapore.

AREAS OF RESEARCH
<p>Topics: Integration and multiculturalism; migration; ethnicity, culture and religion; family; local and regional histories and heritages</p> <p>Geographical areas: Singapore, Southeast Asia</p>
AREAS OF TEACHING
<p>Urban Sociology, Religion, Ethnic Relations, Multiculturalism.</p>
ACADEMIC AWARDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridge-Malaysia Scholarship, Cambridge Commonwealth Trust and Cambridge Malaysia Foundation, Cambridge, United Kingdom (1987-88, 1989-90)</li> <li>• Overseas Research Student Award, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom (1987-88, 1989-90)</li> <li>• Communities and Community Networks Programme Award, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (1988-89)</li> <li>• Leverhulme Foundation Scholarship, United Kingdom (1979-1981)</li> <li>• ASEAN Pre-University Scholarship, Singapore (1972-1973)</li> </ul>
MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS / PROGRAMMES / CONFERENCES / COLLABORATIONS & ROLES
<p>October 2012. <b>Conference on Inter-Asia Roundtable on Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts</b>, Asia Research Institute, NUS. Role: Organiser, commentator and joint paper writer.</p> <p>2008 – 2012. <b>Research Project and Conference on Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts</b>, Asia Research Institute, NUS Roles: Principal researcher and coordinator, book editor and chapter writer.</p> <p>31 July - 1 August 2010. <b>Conference on Faith and Globalisation</b> Student Conference on Living with Religious Diversity, University Scholars Programme, National University of Singapore and Tony Blair Faith Foundation Role: Organiser</p> <p>20 May 2009. <b>Public Seminar on Asia Trends 2009</b>, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. Role: Organiser.</p> <p>16 - 17 March 2009. <b>Conference on “Migration, Societal and Market Transformations — Perceptions, Debates and Policies in Asia and Europe”</b>. Asia Research Institute and European Union Centre. Role: Co-organiser (with Yeo Lay Hwee, European Union Centre).</p> <p>2007- 2008. <b>Research Project and Conference on How Fares the Family? Resilience and Transformation of Families in Asia</b>, Asia Research Institute, NUS</p>

Role: Co-organiser and volume editor

2007-2008. **Conference on In and Out of Asia: Migrating Talent, Globalising Cities**, Asia Research Institute, NUS

Roles: Principal coordinator and volume editor

2007 – 2008, 1 Apr 2008 - 30 June 2009. **Writing Project on Life Histories of Older Women in Singapore** (Stages 1 and 2), Asia Research Institute, NUS

Roles: Principal investigator and writer.

2007. **Research Project on State, Religion and Secularism in Three Societies**, ARI, NUS

Principal investigator: Bryan Turner (co-collaborators: Lai Ah Eng & Maznah Mohamad)

Role: Researcher on Public and Private Management of Religion in Cross-Cultural Marriages and Families in Singapore.

2005 – 2008. **Research Project and Conference on Religious Diversity in Spore**, Institute of Policy Studies.

Roles: Principal investigator and coordinator, researcher, book editor and chapter writer.

2006. **Public Forum on Singapore Perspectives 2006**. Institute of Policy Studies.

Roles: Principal coordinator and volume editor.

2004-5. **Research Project on Madrasah Education Project**. Institute of Policy Studies.

Roles: Principal researcher and coordinator, researcher, book editor.

2002 – 2004. **Research Project and Public Forum on Ethnic Relations in Singapore**, Institute of Policy Studies.

Roles: Principal investigator and coordinator, researcher, book editor and chapter writer.

2004. **Public Dialogues on Religion and Culture – The IPS Intercultural Dialogues**. Institute of Policy Studies.

Roles: Principal coordinator and volume editor.

1997-1998. Workshop on Cultures and Institutions in Southeast Asian Economic Development, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.

Role: Principal co-coordinator and researcher.

1995-1887. **Oral History Research on Older Women in Singapore**. Oral History Dept, National Archives of Singapore, National Heritage Board, Singapore.

Roles: Project Coordinator, interviewer.

1984-1987. **Research Project on Family Lifestyles of HDB Residents**. Housing & Development Board, Singapore.

1985-1986. **Research Project on Accommodation Statuses of Divorcees**. Housing & Development Board, Singapore.

Roles: Co-coordinator and researcher, report/book editor.

1985-1987. **Inhouse Seminar Series**. Housing and Development Board, Singapore.

Roles: seminar coordinator.

## KEYNOTES, PLENARIES, RESEARCH and PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 Aug 2016. Conference on Managing Diversity in Spore, organised by Institute of Policy Studies.

Paper presented: Navigating Cultural Diversity in Singapore.

18 April 2015. Heritage Talks at The National Museum, Singapore.

Talk titled "The Amazing Maze and Minefield of Multiculturalism in Singapore".

29-31 May 2014. International Conference on Comparing Public Commissions on Cultural and Religious Diversity: Receptions and Challenges of Implementing Their Public-Policy Recommendations, organised by KAICIID, Vienna, Austria.

Paper presented: Public-Policy Discourse on Selected Significant Issues of Cultural and Religious Diversity in Singapore.

25 Mar 2014. Policy Panel on Migration and Integration, organised by Institute of Policy Studies & Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

Panellist on Immigration and Integration in Singapore.

7 Mar 2014. Workshop organised Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Migration & Policy Cluster.

Presentation: Making Spaces for Migrant Workers in Multicultural Singapore,

11 June 2013. Workshop on Social Cohesion in Europe and Asia: Prospects and Challenges. EU-Asia Dialogue, organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, European Policy Centre, European Union Centre in Singapore and East Asia Institute, NUS.

Commentator.

23 Feb 2013. Diversity Symposium 2013: Achieving an Inclusive Community: Challenges and Opportunities, organised by the NUS Community Engagement Programme Student Network, National University of Singapore.

Presentation on "Immigration and Cohesion Issues".

3 May 2012. Workshop on The Population Conundrum organised by the Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore.

Paper presented: Viewing Each Other: Differences, Disconnects and Divides and Locals and Immigrants in Singapore, at the Panel on Family and Society,

25 Feb 2012. The Singapore Heritage Society, Cakap Heritage Series.

Inaugural talk titled "Talking Shops: When Big Capital Enters the Small Local Economy".

23 July 2011. MENDAKI Post-General Election 2011 Forum organised by MENDAKI.

Presentation on Rethinking Singapore's Social Compact: Issues of Immigration and Educational Mobility.

15 April 2011. Forum on "Conversations on Race and Religion" organised by the Community Engagement Programme, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts.

Speaker on 'Religious Proselitization'.

31 Mar – 3 Apr 2011. Joint Conference of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) and International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS), Honolulu.

Paper presented at the Panel on Multi-Multiculturalisms in Asia: Everyday Life Multiculturalism among Public Housing Residents in Singapore.

Sept 2010. Pacific-Basin Institute Talks, Pomona College, California.  
Presentation titled Migration and the Multicultural Coffeeshop.

1 July 2010. Racial Harmony Forum for Racial Harmony Month, organized by the Ministry of Education.  
Presentation titled Embracing Diversity, Building Community.

14 - 15 January 2010. International Symposium on Limitations and New Horizons for Social Integration Policy: Reexamining the Role of Government and Municipality, organized by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Tokyo.  
Paper presented: Singapore's Multiculturalism and Social Integration: Background, Approaches and Issues.

3 - 4 November 2009. The 9<sup>th</sup> China-Singapore Forum, organized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Singapore and Ministry of Foreign Affairs China, Beijing.  
Presentation title: Social Harmony in Singapore.

10 September 2009. Beyond the Pink IC: What Does being Singaporean Mean Anyway?  
Public Forum organized by the Sociological Society, National Technological University.  
Keynote speaker.

5 September 2009. The Singapore Heritage Society Annual Talk.  
Talk title: The Multicultural Kopitiam in Singapore.

27 - 28 July 2009. Inaugural Singapore-Australia Dialogue, organized by Singapore Institute of International Affairs and Australia Institute of International Affairs.  
Talk title: Multiculturalism Within and Between Countries – the Case of Singapore.

15 April 2009. The 3<sup>RD</sup> CENTRAL/EAST REGION Inter-religious Community Circles (IRCCs) Networking Session organized by the Community Relations and Engagement Division, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports.  
Keynote presentation: "Religious Diversity in Singapore: Growing Religiosity, Everyday Encounters and Negotiating Conflicts".

25 - 26 September 2008. Conference on Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts, organized by the Asia Research Institute, NUS.  
Paper presented: The Kopitiam in Singapore: An Evolving Story about Migration and Cultural Diversity.

21 April 2008. Workshop on Inhabiting Diversity in the Asia-Pacific, organised by Centre for Research on Social Inclusion, Macquarie University, Sydney.  
Presentation title: Religious Diversity in Singapore.

30 May 2007. Symposium "Migration and Gender in a Multicultural Perspective: Experiences of Asian Countries", organized by Korean Women's Development Institute, Seoul.  
Presentation title: Migration and Diversity in Multicultural Singapore: A Broad Perspective of Some Patterns and Issues.



12 April 2007. "Singapore-Expatriates Dialogue: Building a Multicultural Global Community in Singapore: Sharing the Joys and Responsibilities", organized by Singapore International Foundation and American Association, American Club, Singapore. Panellist.

11 April 2007. Presentation on the "Management of Multiculturalism and Religion in Singapore" for visiting delegation from Muhammadiyah, Indonesia, organized by Institute of Policy Studies and Muhammadiyah, Indonesia, Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore.

26 March 2007. Harvard College in Asia Singapore Conference), National University of Singapore, NUS University Scholars Programme. Presentation title: Multiculturalism in Singapore.

2006. Talks on the Hill: Cultural and Religious Dialogues, organized by Asia-Europe Foundation. Participant and discussant.

2006. Youth Interfaith Dialogue, Pamplona, Spain, organized by Asia-Europe Foundation. Chief Rapporteur, participant and Report writer.

21-22 July 2005. Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Conference on Interfaith Dialogue: Building Interfaith Harmony in the International Community, Bali. Participant and Report writer.

2005. Workshop on Minorities, Budapest, Hungary, organized by Asia-Europe Foundation. Participant and discussant.

23th Aug 2004. Consultation on Singapore Trends and Issues with civil servants, Strategy Policy Office, Prime Minister's Office.

5 Aug 2004. "Appreciating Ethnic Differences: A Long Road Ahead?" Singapore International Foundation International Student Symposium. Panellist.

12 Feb 2004. Multicultural Awareness Training Programme for Teachers, National Institute of Education. Speaker.

8 March 2003. Symposium on Empowering Women for Life' organised by Singapore Council of Women's Organisation. Facilitator of Panel on 'Return to Work'.

18 Jan 2003. Workshop on Singaporean Women as Workers, Mothers and Caregivers: Coping with Changes, Challenges and Commitments. Workshop co-organised by Family Studies Research Programme and Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. Commentator of papers of Panel on Family Friendly Management Practices.

8-9 Nov 2002. Young Singaporeans' Conference: The Singapore Identity in a Changing World' organised by Institute of Policy Studies. Paper presented: Multiculturalism: Singapore Culture and Identity.

24 Oct 2002. Forum on Ethnic Relations in Singapore, organised by Institute of Policy Studies,

Orchard Hotel, Singapore.

Principal organizer of forum. Paper presented: Cross-Cultural Issues in Social Service Delivery by Family Service Centres (with Rosaleen Ow).

31 July – 2 Aug 2001. Millennium Challenges and Action for Social Work Education and Practice, 16<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Social Work Conference, Mandarin Hotel, Singapore.

Paper presented: *Neighbours and Friends: Family Support Networks in the Local Community – A Case Study in Singapore*.

4-6 Oct 2000. Conference on Families in the Global Age: New Challenges Facing Japan and Southeast Asia, organised by Centre for Advanced Studies, National University of Singapore.

Paper presented: *'The Family-Friendly Firm: Public Discourse and Workplace Policies towards Family Interests in Singapore'*.

27 May 2000. Family Forum 2000, organised by the Committee on Family, Institute of Policy Studies and Ministry of Community Development, Singapore.

Participant at Workshop on 'Better Services and Support for Families'.

15-16 March 2000. 'Work-Life 2000 Conference: Past, Present and Future' organised by the Conference Board and the Family-Work Institute, New York City, Participant.

1-3 Dec 1998. Conference on 'Costed, Not Valued: Women Workers in Industrialising Asia', University of New England, Australia, organised by International Institute of Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden and Dept of Economic History, University of New England, Australia.

Paper presented: 'Women in Industrialising Asia: The Singapore Case'.

26-28 Nov 1998. Conference on International Conference on the Ethnic Chinese: Inter-cultural Relations and Cultural Transformation of Ethnic Chinese Communities, Manila.

Paper presented: *Rituals and Riots: Singapore's History and Tradition of Ethnic Harmony and Conflict*.

2 Nov 1998. Workshop on Volunteerism: The Way Forward, Singapore, jointly organised by Ministry of Community Development, National Council of Social Services and Institute of Policy Studies.

Moderator.

27-28 Aug 1998. Research Symposium on 'Fields of Knowing: Gender, Culture, Praxis', Monash University, Australia, organised by Centre for Women's Studies and Gender Research, Monash University and Centre of Asian Studies and Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Hong Kong.

Paper presented: 'Bridging Research and Community Interests: Two Cases among Older and Younger Women in Singapore'.

30 July – 1 August 1998. ISEAS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference on 'Southeast Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Challenges of Globalisation', Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. Discussant of paper on 'Capitalism and Familism in Southeast Asia'.

8-9 June 1998. Workshop on Cultures and Institutions in Southeast Asian Economic Development, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.

Paper presented: *Change, Choice and Chance - Economic Development and Reconstructions of*

*Family and Work in Singapore.*

June 1998. ASEAN Confederation of Women's Organisations, 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Conference, Singapore.

Paper presented: *Women in an Industrialised Economy: The Singapore Case.*

19-21 September 1997. Conference on 'Singapore's Multiculturalism: On Paper and In Practice', The Substation Annual Conference, Singapore.

Paper presented: *"Rituals and Riots: Singapore's History and Tradition of Ethnic Harmony and Conflict"*.

8-9 September 1997. UN Regional Conference on Sharing Experiences in Poverty Eradication, Jakarta.

Presentation at the Session on Empowerment of Women.

1995. The Substation Conference on 'Space, Spaces and Spacing', Singapore, 1995.

Paper presented: *Everyday Spaces, Ordinary People and Everyday Life Activities.*

1990. Workshop on Oral History in Southeast Asia, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, January 1990.

Paper presented: *Some Experiences and Issues of Cross-Cultural Fieldwork in Singapore.*

March 1989. Workshop on Southeast Asian Communities and Community Networks, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. Paper presented: *Ethnic Relations in a Residential Community in Singapore - Some Research Notes on the Management of Ethnic Differences.*

1988. People's Plan 21: Conference of NGOs and Committees for Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Tokyo. Paper presented: *The Status of Women in Singapore.*

1985. Asian Women's Conference to Assess the Impact of the UN Decade for Women, Davao City.

Paper presented: *The UN Decade for Women in Singapore - An Alternative Country Report* (co-written with Ng Shui Meng and Vivienne Wee).

July 1985. Non-Governmental Organisations' Forum on the UN Decade for Women, Nairobi, Kenya, July 1985.

Panelist for session on *Evaluation of the Decade for Women in Asia.*

1981. Workshop on Child Labour, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, January 1981.

Paper presented: *Child Workers in the Small-scale Industries of Penang, Malaysia.*

November 1981. Study Seminar on Women in Export-oriented Industries, organised by the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex and Sri Lankan Social Science Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Paper presented: *Colonial State Policy in Malaya and the Control of Women.*

1978. International Organisation of Consumer Unions Regional Seminar, Manila, 1978.

Paper presented: *Consumer Education - The Experience of the Consumers' Association of Penang.*

<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>
<b>Authored Book and Monograph</b>
<p>2017 (in press). <i>Religious Diversity and Issues in Singapore</i>. Singapore Chronicles Series. Institute of Policy Studies, NUS.</p> <p>1995. <i>Meanings of Multiethnicity: A Case Study of Ethnicity and Ethnic Relations in Singapore</i>. Oxford University Press, Kuala Lumpur: 1995 (233 pages). (Highly Recommended Book Prize, National Book Development Council of Singapore, 1999).</p>
<b>Edited Book or Journal</b>
<p>2012. Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts (ed. by Lai Ah Eng, Francis Leo Collins and Brenda Yeoh, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Publishing, Singapore (pp.1-276).</p> <p>2011. How Fares the Family? Resilience and Transformation of Families in Asia (coedited with Bina Ghubaju). Special issue in <i>Marriage and Family Review</i>, vol. 47/Number 8 (December) (pp.505-665).</p> <p>2011. Report for Children's Geographies: Inter-Asia Roundtable on Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts. <i>Children's Geographies</i>: Vol. 10, No. 1, pp. 123-129. (with <a href="#">Brenda S.A. Yeoh</a>, <a href="#">Cheryll Alipio</a>, <a href="#">Lan Anh Hoang</a>, <a href="#">Theodora Lam</a> &amp; <a href="#">Melody C.W. Lu</a>)</p> <p>2008. <i>Religious Diversity in Singapore</i>, ISEAS and Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore (723 pages).</p> <p>2008. 'Talent' Migration In and Out of Asia: Challenges for Policies and Places (guest co-editor, with Brenda Yeoh). <i>Asian Population Studies, Special Issue Volume 4 (3) 2008</i> (pp.235-261).</p> <p>2006. <i>Singapore Perspectives 2006: Going Glocal – Being Singaporean in a Globalised World</i>, Marshall Cavendish International, Singapore.</p> <p>2005. <i>Secularism and Spirituality: Striving for Integrated Knowledge and Success in Madrasah Education in Singapore</i> (with Noor Aisha Abdul Rahman), Marshall Cavendish (Academic), Singapore (191 pages).</p> <p>2005. <i>Facing Faiths, Crossing Cultures: Key Trends and Issues in a Multicultural World</i>, SNP for Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore (254 pages).</p> <p>2004. <i>Beyond Rituals and Riots: Ethnic Pluralism and Social Cohesion in Singapore</i>, Eastern Universities Press, Singapore (368 pages).</p> <p>1998. <i>Families in Southeast Asia: Facing Fundamental Changes</i>. <i>Sojourn Special Focus Issue</i>, vol. 13 no. 2, October. (co-editor with Myrna Blake).</p> <p>1985. 'Housing a Nation: 25 Years of Public Housing in Singapore' (assistant editor, Aline K. Wong and Stephen Yeh (eds.)), Maruzen Asia for Housing &amp; Development Board, Singapore.</p>
<b>Book Chapter</b>

- 2017 (in press). Maze and Minefield: Reflections on Multiculturalism in Singapore. In *Living with Myths in Singapore*, edited by Loh Kah Seng, PJ Thum and Jack Chia. Spore: Select Books. (Also in "The Idea of Singapore", *Commentary* vol 22, 2013, Singapore (pp.66-76).
- 2017 (in press). Public-Policy Discourses on Selected Significant Issues of Cultural and Religious Diversity in Singapore. In Solange Lefebvre and Patrice Brodeur (eds.), "Public Commissions on Cultural and Religious Diversity: Analysis, Reception and Challenges of Implementing Their Public-Policy Recommendations, Ashgate Publishing.
- 2017 (forthcoming). Managing Differences, Disconnects and Divides among Locals and Immigrants in Singapore. In Mathew Mathews (ed.), *Local-Immigrant Divides and Issues* (working title).
2016. Navigating Disconnects and Divides in Singapore's Cultural Diversity (with Mathew Mathews), in Mathew Mathews and Chiang Wai Fong (eds.), *Management of Diversity in Singapore*. London: Imperial College Press and Singapore: Institute of Policy Studies. Pp3-40.
2015. *The Kopitiam in Singapore: An Evolving Story about Cultural Diversity and Cultural Politics*. In Lily Kong and Vineeta Sinha (eds.), *Foods, Foodways and Foodscapes: Culture, Community and Consumption in Post-colonial Singapore*, World Scientific Press, Singapore.
- May 2015. *Mothering and Parenting: The Superwoman Myth*. In Margaret Thomas and Kanwaljit Soin (eds.), *Our Lives to Live: The Women of Singapore*. World Scientific Press, Singapore. Pp.135-147.
2014. Maze and Minefield: Reflections on Multiculturalism in Singapore. In *The Idea of Singapore*, *Commentary* vol 22, 2013, Singapore (pp.66-76).
2012. Viewing Each Other: Differences, Disconnects and Divides and Locals and Immigrants in Singapore. Report prepared for the CSC-IPS The Population Conundrum Roundtable on Singapore's Demographic Challenges, Institute of Policy Studies.  
[http://www.spp.nus.edu.sg/ips/RT\\_Singapore\\_Demographic\\_Challenges\\_030512.aspx](http://www.spp.nus.edu.sg/ips/RT_Singapore_Demographic_Challenges_030512.aspx)
2012. Introduction: Approaching Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts (with Francis Collins & Brenda Yeoh), in Lai Ah Eng, Francis Leo Collins and Brenda Yeoh (eds.), *Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts*, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Publishing (pp.1-28).
2012. The Kopitiam in Singapore: An Evolving Story about Migration and Cultural Diversity, in Lai Ah Eng, Francis Leo Collins and Brenda Yeoh (eds.), *Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts*, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Publishing, (pp.209-232)
2012. "A Neighbourhood In Singapore: Ordinary People's Lives `Downstairs'", in Hee Limin, Boontharm Davisi and Erwin Viray (eds.), *Future Asian Space: Projecting the Urban Space of New Asia*, National University of Singapore Press (pp.115-137).
2011. Introduction, in Bina Ghubaju and Lai Ah Eng (eds), *How Fares the Family? Resilience and Transformation of Families in Asia*. Special issue in *Marriage and Family Review*, vol. 47/Number 8 (December) (pp.505-510).
2011. "Sit Down and Shut Up! Stand Up and Speak Out! An Ethnographic Account of the AWARE Extraordinary General Meeting", in Terence Chong (ed.), *The AWARE Saga: Civil*

Society and Public Morality in Singapore, National University of Singapore Press (pp.133-155).

2010. "Religious Diversity in Singapore" in Chong, Terence (ed.), *Management of Success: Singapore Revisited*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

2010. "The Women I Met", in Loh Kah Seng and Liew Khai Khiun (eds.), *The Makers and Keepers of Singapore History*, Ethos Books and the Singapore Heritage Society.

2008. Introduction. 'Talent' Migration In and Out of Asia: Challenges for Policies and Places (guest co-editor, with Brenda Yeoh). *Asian Population Studies, Special Issue Volume 4 (3) 2008* (pp.235-245).

2008. "Introduction" and "Conclusion", in Lai Ah Eng (ed.), *Religious Diversity in Singapore*, ISEAS Publishing, Singapore (Introduction pp.xliii-lix, Conclusion pp.689-693).

2008. "The Inter-Religious Organisation of Singapore", in Lai Ah Eng (ed.), *Religious Diversity in Singapore*, ISEAS Publishing, Singapore (pp.605-641).

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