

Research Highlights Newsletter

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Lee Kong Chian NUS-Stanford Distinguished Fellowship

FASS welcomed [Professor Anne Booth](#) as the 2016 Lee Kong Chian NUS-Stanford Distinguished Fellow on Contemporary Southeast Asia. Dr Booth is Emeritus Professor of Economics (with reference to Asia) at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. She has published extensively on economic, labour and development issues pertaining to ASEAN. Dr Booth visited NUS from 4 July to 17 August to continue with her research and writing on the changing living standards in Southeast Asia in the 20th century.








29 July: [Book Launch: *Economic Change in Modern Indonesia: Colonial and Post-colonial Comparisons*](#), co-organized with the LKC Fellowship & Cambridge University Press



Approved Tier 1 projects for FRC meeting round 1 of FY2016

Abstracts available [here](#).

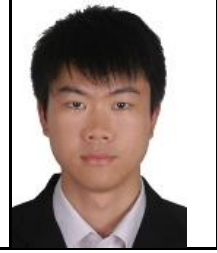
<p>1. 'The Seventh CLS International Conference - CLaSIC 2016 "Learning in and beyond the classroom: Ubiquity in foreign language education"' by Dr Cheong Lee Peng (CLS)</p>	
<p>2. 'The emergence and evolution of Singapore Colloquial Mandarin grammar: A case of constraints in dialectal contact' by A/P Phua Chiew Pheng (Chinese Studies)</p>	
<p>3. 'Signs of Meaning: A film about the science and philosophy of biosemiotics' by A/P Donald Favareau (Communications and New Media/USP)</p>	
<p>4. 'Theory and variation in extraction marking and subject extraction asymmetries' by Dr Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine (English Language & Literature)</p>	
<p>5. 'Population ageing, bequest motives, and retirement financial decisions in Singapore' by A/P Liu Haoming (Economics)</p>	
<p>6. 'Generic relations for rational strategic behaviour' by A/P Luo Xiao (Economics)</p>	

<p>7. 'Premarital investments, financial decisions, and the marriage market' by Dr Yi Junjian (Economics)</p>	
<p>8. 'One day conference on "Asian Port Cities: Dialogues between Past and Present" and an edited volume arising from this conference' by Prof Brian P Farrell (History)</p>	
<p>9. 'Neural mechanisms of loss value and the integration of gain and loss in the value-to-utility transformation' by Dr O'Dhanial A Mullette-Gillman (Psychology)</p>	
<p>10. 'Uncovering the psychological processes behind religious harmony and conflict' by A/P Eddie M W Tong (Psychology)</p>	
<p>11. 'Air Vietnam and the making of the Republic of Vietnam 1945-1975' by Dr Gerard Sasges (Southeast Asian Studies)</p>	

Recently Approved T2 Projects

<p>1. 'Stages of family in the making in Singapore from antenatal to postnatal period' by Prof Catherine Tang (CFPR/Psychology)</p>	
<p>2. 'Government as venture capitalist, patron of science and institution builder' by A/P Albert Hu (Economics)</p>	

3. 'Visual saliency and reward saliency guide decision making' by Dr Yu Rongjun (Psychology)



RESEARCH CLUSTERS



RECENT EVENTS

12-13 May: [Constructing Asia: Materiality, Capital, and Labour in the Making of an Urbanizing Landscape](#)



9 June: [The Politics of Policy Mobilization: Powerful Ideas, Urban Spaces, and Social Movements by Prof Eugene McCann \(Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada\)](#)



14 June: [Capital Dreaming: Speculative Planning and Spectacular Urbanism in Amaravati \(India\)](#) by Prof Carol Upadhy (National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, India)



RECENT EVENTS

30 June: [Promoting the Status of Qualitative Research Writing in Health and Social Care](#) by Prof Ian Shaw, NUS S R Nathan Professor of Social Work. *Co-organized with the Department of Social Work.*



19 August: [Aging in Asia: Demographic Trends & Implications](#) *Co-organized with the Centre for Family and Population Research and the Department of Japanese Studies.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

2 September: Roundtable on the Impacts and Challenges of Caregiving, co-organized with the Tsao Foundation and Duke-NUS.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2 September: Open cluster meeting from 11am to 1pm at the FASS Faculty Lounge.

October (date TBC): Roundtable discussion on research and activism among migrant communities in Singapore, co-organized with [CARE-CCA](#).

9-10 January 2017: Workshop on Migration and Aging, co-organized with Humboldt University. Invited speakers include Prof Paul Statham (University of Sussex) and A/P Loretta Baldassar (University of Western Australia).



RECENT EVENTS

3-6 August: [Popular Culture, Religion, and the Anthropocene Workshop](#)

Speakers: A/P John Whalen-Bridge (NUS), Dr Rebecca Raglon (NUS), A/P Lisa Sideris (Indiana University Bloomington), Prof Luis Vivanco (University of Vermont), Prof Adrian Ivakhiv (University of Vermont), and A/P S. Brent Rodriguez-Plate (Hamilton College).



[Monkey God](#), from SRN's [SG Photobank](#)



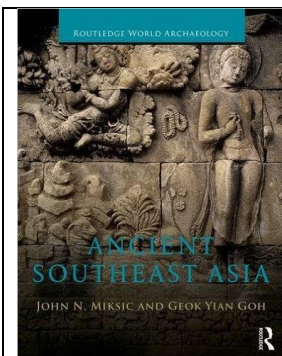
UPCOMING EVENTS

26 August: Lunch roundtable discussion (closed to the public) to exchange ideas and thoughts on housing, healthcare and social inclusion, with visitors from the Brown School of Social Work at the University of Washington in St Louis, Drs Molly Metzger and Jason Purnell.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Launch: *Ancient Southeast Asia*



11 November, Friday, from 7-8:30pm at The Pod, NLB.

Learn more about and pre-order *Ancient Southeast Asia* [here](#).

Further details and registration info forthcoming.

Date may be subject to change.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR FAMILY & POPULATION RESEARCH



RECENT EVENTS

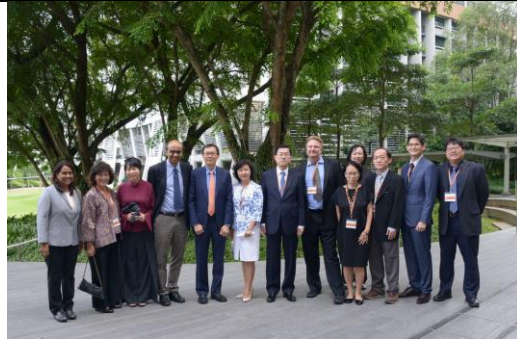
[CFPR Training Program in Social Sciences from April to July 2016](#)

Courses: Population & Society, Social Research Methods, Data Analysis with R, Quantitative Data Analysis with SPSS, Quantitative Data Analysis with Multivariate Regression, Qualitative Research Methods, Multilevel Modeling with R, Computer-assisted Analysis of Qualitative Data, Propensity Score Matching Analysis, Policy Evaluation and Causal Inference using Social and Field Experiments, Longitudinal Data Analysis, and Structural Equation Modeling with R



26-28 May: [International Sociological Association RC28 Conference on Social Stratification and Mobility](#), co-organized with NTU HSS; co-sponsored by Global Asia Institute, NUS Department of Sociology, ARI, & SMU School of Social Sciences; supported by STB





UPCOMING EVENTS

CFPR Seminar Series

16 September: [“Marriage, migration and ethnic boundaries in Indonesia”](#)

by Dr [Ariane Utomo](#), Research Fellow at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University and Visiting Senior Research Fellow at ARI.

30 September: Seminar by Dr [Sarah Mills](#), Senior Lecturer, Department of Human Geography, Loughborough University, UK

7 October: Rooted in Relations of Power: Care as Politics by Dr [Ann Bartos](#), Lecturer, Department of Environment, University of Auckland

14 October: Dragon Babies: Fortune of Birth and Life Outcomes by Dr [Tan Poh Lin](#), Assistant Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS

21 October: Seminar by Dr [Ryan Hong](#), Assistant Professor, NUS Dept of Psychology

28 October: Seminar by A/P [Chong Yap Seng](#) and Ms [Soh Shu E](#).

A/P Chong is the Executive Director, Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences (SICS), A*STAR; Director, Singapore Centre for Nutrition Sciences, Metabolic Diseases, and Human Development (SiNMeD), A*STAR-NUS; Vice Dean (Academic Medicine), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS; and Senior Consultant, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, NUH. Ms Soh is a Research Scientist, SICS, A*STAR; Department of Paediatrics, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS.

11 November: Doing Research on Class in Singapore by A/P [Tan Ern Ser](#), Dept of Sociology; Academic Adviser, Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies, NUS

Media Series with Lianhe Zaobao

CFPR’s first regular column in Lianhe Zaobao is from their August 14th issue and titled [“Living alone: Trend of one-person households in Asia”](#). In it, CFPR Director Prof Jean Yeung shares findings from a special issue in the journal Demographic Research on one-person households (OPH) in Asia that she and Assistant Professor Adam Cheung (Hong Kong Institute of Education) edited. The collection of 11 papers analyses the historical trends, policy implications, and impact on individual well-being of OPH in 15 countries in Asia, including Singapore. With population ageing, declining fertility and marriage rates,

and increase in divorce and migration, it is expected that OPH in Asia will continue to increase in the future.

During the next few months, Lianhe Zaobao will feature research and commentaries by CFPR Deputy Directors A/P Thang Leng, Prof Catherine Tang, and other members of the CFPR research team.



Global Production Networks Centre
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

RECENT EVENTS

9-11 May: [Global Value Chain: Opportunities for the Free Zone of the Future](#) Panel by [Professor Henry Yeung](#), NUS, at the 2nd Annual International Conference & Exhibition in Dubai

20 May: [The Uptake of Global Value Chains by International Organizations](#) Seminar by [Professor Gary Gereffi](#), Duke University, joint with NUS Department of Sociology



24 May: [Governing Sustainability in a World of Global Value Chains](#) Seminar by [Professor Stefano Ponte](#), Copenhagen Business School



25-26 May: [SMU-NUS Joint Trade Workshop](#)

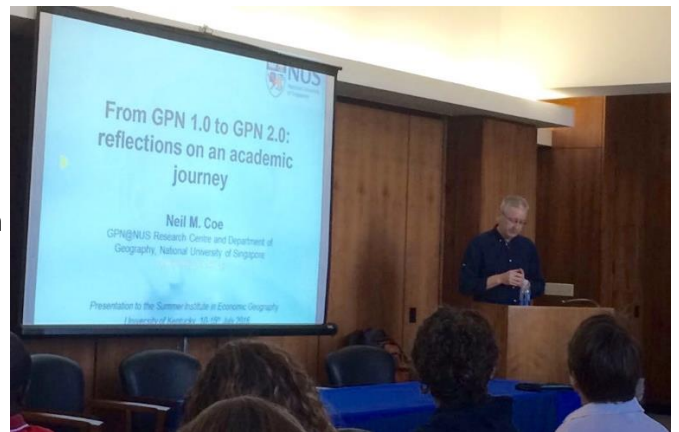
Keynote speakers: Jonathan Eaton, Distinguished Professor of Economics at Pennsylvania State University, and Samuel Kortum, James Burrows Moffatt Professor of Economics at Yale University.

50 faculty members and PhD students from SMU and NUS attended and Davin Chor (Associate Director at GPN@NUS) and Tom Zylkin (Post-doctoral fellow at GPN@NUS) were among the presenters. The workshop was a very positive engagement for colleagues working on topics related to international trade that intersect



with issues related to development and global production.

14 July: [From GPN 1.0 to GPN 2.0: Reflections on an Academic Journey](#) by Professor Neil Coe, NUS, plenary presentation to the 8th Summer Institute in Economic Geography, University of Kentucky.



12 August: [Funding, Financing and Governing Urban Infrastructure](#) by [Professor Andy Pike](#), Henry Daysh Professor of Regional Development Studies; Director of the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS), Newcastle University, UK



16 August: [Smart Manufacturing: The new manufacturing model and implications for inclusive and renewing regional prosperity](#) by [Professor Lisa De Propris](#), Professor of Regional Economic Development; Director of the Global Value Chain Research Cluster @ Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham



UPCOMING EVENTS

30 August: “Brexit, UK automotive and implications for industrial policy”, by [Prof David Bailey](#), Professor of Industrial Strategy, Economics & Strategy Group, Aston Business School, Birmingham University



Next Age Institute
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UPCOMING EVENTS

23 September: [NAI's Featured Panel on Asset Building for Retirement Security at the 6th McDonnell Academy International Symposium](#)



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5 July: [“Developing Good Practitioner Research: An Agenda for Research Commissioners, Agencies and Practitioners”](#) by Prof Ian Shaw, S. R. Nathan Professor of Social Work

19 August: [“Protecting the Elderly in Singapore: The Mental Capacity Act \(MCA\) and Proposed Vulnerable Adults Act \(VAA\)”](#) by Ms Charlotte Beck (Senior Director, Family Development Group, MSF) and Dr Alvin Tan (Deputy Director, Family Policy and Legislation Branch, MSF)



UPCOMING EVENTS

14 September: “Effects of SES on Smoking-related Cancer” by Dr Wong Ting Hway (Assistant Director, Health Services Research, Singapore General Hospital)