

Research Highlights Newsletter

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LKC NUS-Stanford Distinguished Fellowship
Prof David Timberman
Visiting Professor
De La Salle University
Manila, Philippines



David Timberman is a political analyst and development practitioner with 30 years of experience analyzing and addressing political and governance challenges, principally in Southeast and South Asia. He is working on two books on the Philippines: an edited volume exploring the politics and consequences of recent budget reforms and a volume of essays on key aspects of the Philippines' political economy. He has lived and worked in the Philippines, Indonesia and Singapore, including experiencing first-hand the democratic transitions in the Philippines (1986-1988) and Indonesia (1998-2001). Prof Timberman has written extensively on political and governance issues in the Philippines and has edited or co-edited multi-author volumes on the Philippines, Cambodia, and economic policy reform in Southeast Asia. Read more about him [here](#). Prof Timberman will be at NUS until 30 November.

28 September: [State of Shock: The Inception of the Duterte Government](#)



FASS Research Awardees

Award for Promising Researcher (APR)

[Dr Hajimu Masuda](#)

(History)

Representative research:

Cold War Crucible

The Korean Conflict and the Postwar World
Masuda Hajimu



Learn more & order [here](#).

The end of World War II did not mean the arrival of peace. The major powers faced social upheaval at home, while anticolonial wars erupted around the world. American–Soviet relations grew chilly, but the meaning of the rivalry remained disputable. *Cold War Crucible* (HUP, 2015) reveals the Korean War as the catalyst for a new postwar order. The conflict led people to believe in the Cold War as a dangerous reality, a belief that would define the fears of two generations.



[Dr Winston Chow](#) (Geography)

Representative research: [A multi-method and multi-scale approach for estimating city-wide anthropogenic heat fluxes](#), *Atmospheric Environment* 99 (2014), pp. 64-76.

- Urban anthropogenic heat (QF) was estimated over different spatial-temporal scales.
- A novel multi-method approach (inventory and BEM) was utilized to estimate QF.
- The approach shows improved QF sensitivity to weather vs. previous methods.
- Strong regional variations in QF exist, especially notable over space and time.



Award for Excellent Researcher (AER)

[A/P Konstadina Griva](#) (Psychology)

Research focus: Chronic disease management, especially kidney disease and dialysis.

- Interlinked studies in Singapore to evaluate outcomes (emotional and behavioural) in renal patients established on different therapeutic treatment/dialysis methods in a local context.
- Developing and evaluating the effectiveness of theory-driven yet pragmatic interventions to support adherence and adjustment in patients with Chronic Kidney Disease, which are culturally sensitive and produced in partnership with community groups and patients.



Approved Tier 1 projects for FRC meeting round 2 of FY2016

Abstracts available [here](#).

1. 'Classical Chinese Poetry and Poetry Society in Singapore (late 19th century to 1950)' by A/P Lam Lap (Chinese Studies)



2. 'Incentives in Private & Public Organizations: Crimes, Aid, Team Formation & Project Implementation' by A/P Parimal Bag (Economics)



3. 'Procurement Auctions with Moral Hazard and Comparing Auctions with Risk Averse Bidders' by A/P Indranil Chakraborty (Economics)



4. 'Competitions in Dynamic Environments: Auctions and Contests' by A/P Lu Jingfeng (Economics)



5. '2016-17 10th Asian Conference on Applied Microeconomics and Econometrics' by A/P Jessica Pan (Economics)



6. 'Information Intervention to Facilitate Job Mobility among Migrants in Singapore: Follow-up Survey' by Dr Slesh A Shrestha (Economics)



7. 'Engagement, enchantment or entrenchment? A geographical analysis of social enterprise' by A/P Harvey Neo (Geography)



8. 'Chasing Dragons: Western Military Power and Reordering Modern Asia' by Prof Brian P. Farrell (History)



9. 'The Impact of Schooling Type on Student Achievement in Dhaka' by Prof John C. Ham (CFPR/Economics)



Writing Fellowship Awardees

Congratulations to the recipients of the FASS Writing Fellowship!

Dr Wang Jinping
(History), Semester 1



Dr Yi Junjian (Economics),
Semester 1

Dr Yu Rongjun (Psychology),
Semester 1



Dr Elmie Nekmat
(Communications and New
Media), Semester 1

Dr Winston Chow
(Geography), Semester 2



Dr Xu Xiaohong (Sociology),
Semester 1



Dr Indira Arumugam
(Sociology), Semester 2



Dr Patrick Taylor Smith
(Political Science), Semester 1



Forthcoming visitors to FASS under the Isaac Manasseh Meyer Fellowship (IMMF)

Please join us in welcoming our visitors during their stay at FASS in early 2017.

More details on the application process available [here](#).

Professor Hon Chan



Professor Hon Chan has worked with the City University of Hong Kong since 1989 and was Head of the Department of Public and Social Administration from 2005 to 2011. Prof Chan specializes in public policy and administration. His major teaching and research interests cover public sector personnel management, performance measurement, civil service reforms, comparative institutional and policy capacity studies and environmental policies. He has received grants from the Research Grant Council and CityU (HK), and the National Science Foundation of the Executive Yuan (Taiwan). Nominated by Dr Gao Jie (Political Science), he will tentatively be visiting from 10th to 20th February 2017.

Professor Jens Leth Hougaard

University of Copenhagen



From the Production and Technology Division, University of Copenhagen, Professpr Jens Leth Hougaard's main expertise is on applied microeconomics, efficiency analysis and benchmarking, allocation rules, health economics, network economics, and cooperative game theory. He has written on adjudicating conflicting claims, discrete choice experiments, business models for selling digital music, railway reforms, and the Chinese health care system. Nominated by Dr Ko Chiu Yu (Economics), he will tentatively be visiting from 8th to 18th February 2017.

RESEARCH CLUSTERS



RECENT EVENTS

20 October: [Singapore Inc. & Vancouverism: Hazards of modelling City Growth](#) by Dr Charles Greenberg, Capilano University, North Vancouver, British Columbia; *co-organized with SRN*



7 November: [Urban Studies Workshop: Relational Cities in the Age of Globalization and Reflections on Singapore](#) by Professor Markus Hesse and Dr Catherine Wong, Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Luxembourg, *for faculty and researchers only, not open to students*



UPCOMING EVENTS

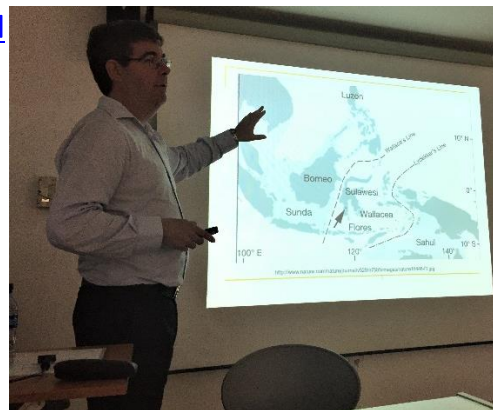
TBC January 2017: [Plotting and Scheming: Land Acquisition and Market Values in Colonial Bombay City, 1898–1920](#) by Dr Shekhar Krishnan, Post-Doctoral Fellow at the ARI Science, Technology & Society Research Cluster



PAST EVENTS

16 November: [Developments in Quaternary Tropical Palynology](#) Seminar by A/P Patrick Moss, School of Geography, Planning and Environment, University of Queensland

This was followed by a discussion with graduate students on the same day, and on the 17th, a field visit with students to sites in Singapore, and work in the GEOLAB with staff on analysis protocols on the 18th.



RECENT EVENTS

19 October: ["Am I Allowed To Get Pregnant?": Awareness of Pregnancy Protection Laws Among Migrant Domestic Workers in Hong Kong](#) by Dr Anju Mary Paul, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Public Policy at Yale-NUS College

4 November: [Desiring-Migration: Mobility Regimes and Migrant Aspirations in 21st Century South Korea](#) by Dr Francis L. Collins, Senior Lecturer in Geography and a Rutherford Discovery Fellow at the University of Auckland.



7 November: Graduate student reading group meeting with Prof Rhacel Parrenas, Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at USC and author of, notably, *Illicit Flirtations: Labor, Migration and Sex Trafficking in Tokyo* (2011).

14 November: [Brown Bag Panel on migration and ethnicity with Dr John Solomon, Ms Ritu Jain, and Ms Nur Aisyah Kotarumalos](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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).



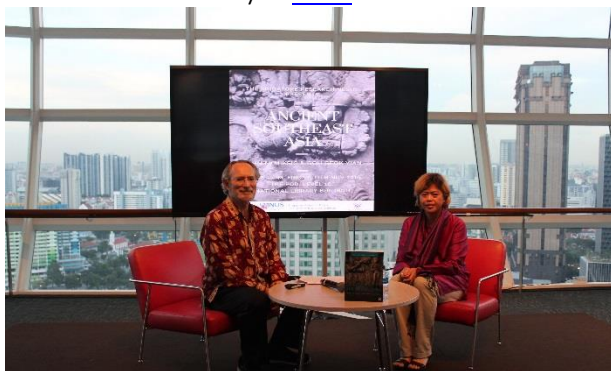
RECENT EVENTS

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.



RECENT EVENTS

11 November: Launch of *Ancient Southeast Asia* by John Miksic and Goh Geok Yan
 Learn more [here](#) and order *Ancient Southeast Asia* [here](#). 30% discount available till 30 November via the flyer [here](#).



RESEARCH CENTRES



RECENT EVENTS

CFPR Seminar Series

5 September: [Occupational Choice, Matching and Earnings Inequality](#) by Prof Aloysius Siow, Goh Keng Swee Professor, NUS Dept of Economics; Professor of Economics, University of Toronto



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: [‘A rite of passage’? National Citizen Service and the Geographies of Youth Citizenship](#) 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 E. Bartos, Lecturer, Department of Environment, University of Auckland



13 October: [Women’s Empowerment and Son Preference in Southeast Asia: What Matters Most?](#) by Dr Ly Phan, Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU
Joint with ARI.



14 October: [Dragon Babies: Fortune of Birth and Life Outcomes](#) by Dr Tan Poh Lin, Assistant Professor, LKYSPP



21 October: [Developmental Trajectories of Maladaptive Perfectionism in Middle Childhood](#) by Dr Ryan Hong, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, NUS



28 October: [Studying Maternal and Child Health in Birth Cohorts](#) by A/P Chong Yap Seng & Dr Soh Shu E. A/P Chong is the Executive Director, Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences (SICS), A*STAR; and is holding joint positions with A*STAR-NUS, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, and NUH. Dr Soh is a Research Scientist at SICS, A*STAR, and the Department of Paediatrics, YLL School of Medicine.



1 November: Workshop: [Demographic and Social Changes in China](#) (joint with Chinese Academy of Social Science, CASS) moderated by Prof Wei-Jun Jean Yeung, CFPR Director, Department of Sociology, and ARI.



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



18 November: [Too Hot to Hold: The Effects of High Temperatures during Pregnancy on Endowment and Adult Welfare Outcome](#) by Mr Zihan Hu, Dept of Economics, NUS



25 November: [CFPR Year-End Celebration](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

18 January: Seminar by Professor Mary Brinton, Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, *joint with Department of Sociology*

19 January: Distinguished Public Lecture on Family and Population by Professor Mary Brinton, Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, *joint with Global Asia Institute*

10 February: Seminar by Dr Kriti Vikram, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, NUS

Recent Media Appearances

[3 September, Lianhe Zaobao](#)

A/P Thang Leng Leng, Deputy Director of CFPR, compared conceptions of what constitutes a good grandparent between Singapore and Japan.

[25 September, The Straits Times](#)

A/P Liu Haoming, CFPR steering committee member, shared his views on the factors driving the rise of unemployment in Singapore.

[2 October, Lianhe Zaobao](#)

Prof Catherine Tang, Deputy Director of CFPR, shared the findings of her study about the influence of gender roles on work-family balance and mental health of Asian women.

[9 October, The Straits Times](#)

A/P Thang Leng Leng shared her views on how parents help their children in dealing with exam stress.

[13 October, BBC Radio 5](#)

CFPR Director Prof Jean Yeung shared her views on how most Singaporeans' life courses, including birth timing decisions, and social lives are built around the prevailing HDB culture. She mentioned that the HDB mentality was a significant landmark of a young person to have transitioned into adulthood and thus it would be difficult to change the mentality that couples marry or have children before acquiring a HDB unit. The interview segment starts at 03:23:15.

[6 November, Lianhe Zaobao](#)

Dr Vincent Chua, CFPR steering committee member, discussed the under researched dimension of network inequality in Singapore.



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RECENT 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



4 November: [Pervasive but neglected?: Conceptualising services and global production networks](#), by Dr Jana Kleibert, Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Dynamics of Economic Spaces Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS), Erkner, Germany



Next Age Institute
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

RECENT EVENTS

22-23 August: [Annual Social Exclusion Discussion Series: Southeast Asia McDonnell International Scholars Academy Network](#)

26 August: [Seminar on Social Inclusion](#)

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

10-11 October: 2nd Multipartite Regional Meeting on **Abstract the Financial Security of Older Women in East and Southeast Asia 2016**, organised by *International Longevity Centre Singapore, Tsao Foundation*.

NAI Co-Director A/P Chia Ngee Choon shared an [Innovative Policy Response on Housing Inclusion and Social Equity](#).



Housing inclusion and social equity in Singapore are made possible by the tight link between housing and CPF policies. Asset-rich retirees could unlock housing assets using the lease buyback scheme to cope with retirement needs. Other social innovative policies include the Silver Support Scheme, which provides structured support for needy elderly; and the Pioneer Generation Package which helps finance healthcare needs of the pioneer generation. This paper reports on the economic state and pattern of retirement financing for retirees in different housing types. It also presents some simulation results on sustainability of the Pioneer Generation Package to cover healthcare subsidies for the current elderly cohort.

15-16 October: “Vulnerable families and childhood situation in China: Social work's responses and challenges” **Workshop**, Shandong Youth University of Political Science, Jinan, Shandong, China. Organised by the *PKU-HK PolyU China Social Work Research Centre (CSWRC)*

NAI Co-Director A/P Corinne Ghoh spoke on [Social work with vulnerable families and children – The Singapore Experience](#). The presentation focused on Singapore's policies and approaches on family and child welfare and touched on social work approaches to intervention with vulnerable families and children.

18 November: [Symposium on People and Climate Change: Vulnerability, Adaptation, Social Justice](#), *WUSL, St. Louis, MO, USA*



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RECENT EVENTS

28 September: [Effect of Socioeconomic Disparities on Survival of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma Patients](#) by Dr Wong Ting Hway, Consultant, Health Services Research, Singapore General Hospital



19 October: [Engaging Juvenile Delinquents and Youths-at-risk - Youth Workers' Use of Social Media for Mediated Pastoralism](#) by A/P Lim Sun Sun, NUS Dept of Communication and New Media



10 November: [Finding a Home: Housing Experiences of Interim Rental Housing Residents and Single Mothers](#) by Dr Neo Yu Wei, Research Fellow, SSR, NUS and Dr Teo Poh Leng, Senior Lecturer, UniSIM

