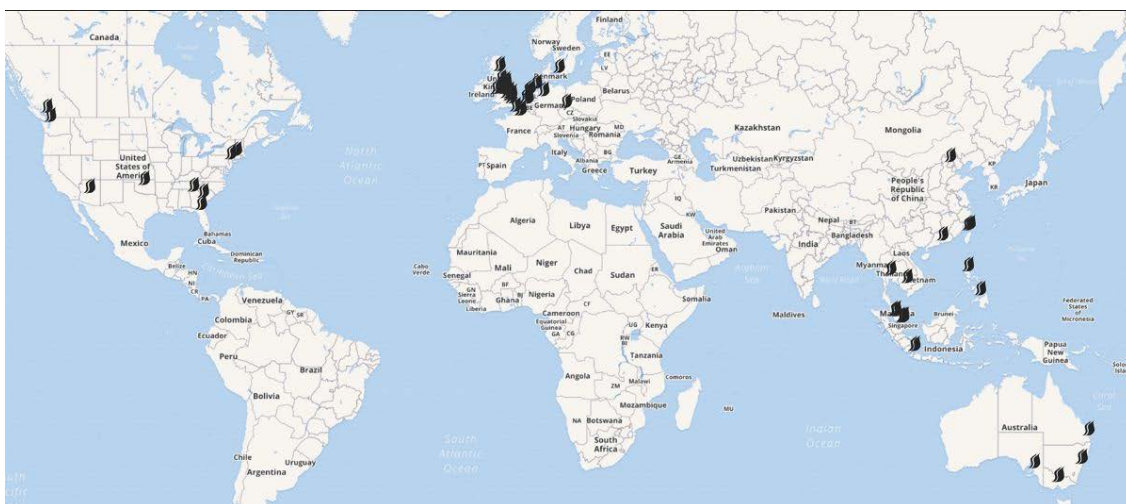




LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre



LSE-Southeast Asia Early Career Researcher Network News

Welcome to this July edition of the ECR Newsletter. We hope you will enjoy catching up with the activities of your fellow ECR Network members.

SEAC launches our LinkedIn page! [Connect with us via LinkedIn to stay up-to-date with the work of the Centre.](#)

We are in the process of updating the [ECR Map](#). If your information has changed in the past year, for example a new job, a completed PhD, a new research focus, please let us know by emailing seac.admin@lse.ac.uk

ECR Network News and Updates



Congratulations to Dr Inkiwang on the award of his PhD

Congratulations to Dr Frega F. Wenas Inkiwang whose PhD was awarded by the LSE on 30 June 2021, and whose PGCertHE was awarded on 7 July 2021.



Maria Pilar Lorenzo is interviewed by Women in Foreign Policy

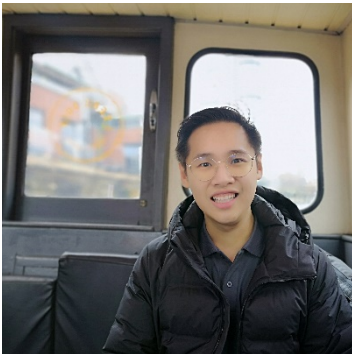
Maria Pilar Lorenzo was [recently interviewed about her initiation into foreign policy](#) and her current doctoral research where she examines the phenomenon of higher education regionalisation and problematises it within a specific historical world order backdrop.

Maria was also a Panelist on "[The Future University - The Future of Education](#)", in the 26th International Summer University organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies Köszeg in cooperation with the Institute of Social and European Studies, the University of Pannonia Köszeg Campus, and the UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage and Sustainability.



Congratulations Dr Niki Cheong on the 2021 Dissertation Award

Congratulations to Dr Niki Cheong for being awarded the [2021 Best Dissertation Award](#) from the Association of Internet Researchers for "Cybertrooping and the Online Manipulation of Political Communication in Malaysia: The Barisan Nasional Years."



Congratulations to Dr Chatinakrob on the award of his PhD

Congratulations to Dr Thanapat Chatinakrob, who graduated with a doctoral degree in international law from the University of Manchester on 7 July 2021. His thesis was entitled "The Use of Practice in Treaty Interpretation."



Congratulations to Dr Loong on the award of her DPhil

Congratulations to Dr Loong whose DPhil was awarded by the University of Oxford.

Dr Loong recently published a report titled [Centre-Periphery Relations in Myanmar: Leverage and Solidarity After the 1 February Coup](#) on ethnic conflict and the coup in Myanmar for the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies' *Trends in Southeast Asia* series.



Thai Van Nguyen presents research at the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre

Thai Van Nguyen will present his proposed PhD study entitled “Gender-Livelihoods-Water Nexus and Resilience to Flood Disasters: Case Studies in Flood-prone Areas of the Vietnamese Mekong Delta” at the [Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Emerging Scholars Conference](#) during session 6: Environment and Resources. This event will be taken place in 28 July, 2021 via Zoom.



Cast But One Shadow: Afro-Southeast Asia, Expanding Regionalisms Exhibition opens at the UP Vargus Museum in Manila from 11 September 2021 to 15 January 2022.

The second exhibition of an iterative research project by Kathleen Ditzig and Carlos Quijon, Jr. that situates Southeast Asia as a compelling coordinate to review global solidarities, opens on 11 September.

Focusing on Southeast Asia as both geopoetic and geopolitical framework in a post-WWII anticolonial project of world-making, the project traces historical lines of affinity that draw together Southeast Asia and other regions of the world through thematic threads of racial presence, anti-colonial struggle, and the interventive ways of navigating colonial and neocolonial relations.

Developed in partnership with KONNECT ASEAN (an ASEAN Foundation arts programme funded by the Republic of Korea), the exhibition is part of a three-year project that brings together curatorial and historical research from Singapore, the Philippines, and South Korea. It represents one of the first initiatives by the ASEAN Foundation to examine an expanded international history of Southeast Asia.

New Publications and Media



Yogi Permana's article [Subnational sectarianisation: clientelism, religious authority, and intra-religious rivalry in Aceh](#) is published in the Journal of Religion, State and Society. And, his article on [Why politics matters: an insight from Indonesia's flood management](#) is published at New Mandala.

Dorothy Ferary (UCL) contributed to the International Briefs for Higher Education Leaders published by the American Council of Education. Her article entitled "[Women's Leadership in a Diverse Higher Education Landscape: The Case of Indonesia](#)" looks at the potentials and challenges for Indonesian women to lead in the country's higher education institutions.



Panggah Ardiyansyah and Louise Tythacott's edited volume [Returning Southeast Asia's Past: Objects, Museums, and Restitution](#) has been published by NUS Press. It considers object restitution and related issues across Southeast Asia. The book launch was also celebrated with an [online event, which can be watched here](#).

Pavan Mano's article [Rethinking the heteronormative foundations of kinship: the reification of the heterosexual nuclear family unit in Singapore's COVID-19 circuit-breaker restrictions](#) was recently published in Culture, Theory, and Critique.

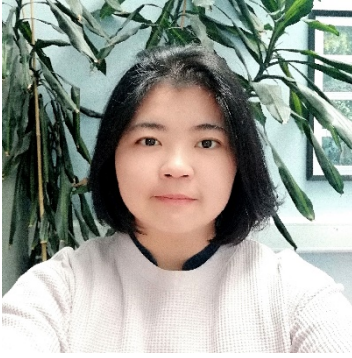
He also co-edited a special edition of the Journal of Language and Sexuality entitled "[Pink Dot: Discursive Formations, Constructions, and Contestations](#)" that studies the resistance of homophobia and the LGBT movement Pink Dot in Singapore.



Luis Zuriel P. Domingo wrote an article for the Scottish Centre for Global History titled [Resurgence of Filipino Nationalism: Post-colonial Forces against Foreign Control of the Economy in the Philippines](#)

Dr Laura Antona's article for New Naratif, [Singapore: Stop Sending Migrant Workers Back to Crisis in Myanmar](#) has been published.





Jiayen Lai's new article [Transmigrants Experiences of Recognitional \(in\)Justice in Indonesia's Environmental Impact Assessment](#) has been published in *Society and Natural Resources*.

Dr Thomas Barker's article [Indie Cinema and the Short Film Assemblage](#) has been published in the *Bijdragen tot de taal-, land- en volkenkunde / Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia*.



Charles Dunst has published [Hun Sen's Mistake? The Domestic Political Ramifications Of His Chinese Shelter](#) for the East-West Centre, [Myanmar is a danger to its neighbors — will anyone step in?](#) for GZERO Media, and [Give It Another Shot, Uncle Sam](#) with the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.

Congratulations also to Charles who recently [joined Eurasia Group](#) as an associate with their Global Macro practice, focusing on Chinese foreign policy and Southeast Asia.

Dr Yifei Yan's article "Policy capacity matters for capacity development: comparing teacher in-service training and career advancement in basic education systems of India and China" is now officially published in Volume 87 Issue 2 of the *International Review of Administrative Sciences* in June.



Congratulations to **Dr Sokphea Young** whose book [Strategies of Authoritarian Survival and Dissensus in Southeast Asia: Weak Men Versus Strongmen](#) has been published by Palgrave Macmillan.

Dr Joseph Scalice's article [Cadre as informal diplomats: Ferdinand Marcos and the Soviet Bloc, 1965-1975](#) was published in *History and Anthropology* and explored the previously unexamined history of relations between Philippine President Marcos and the Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas (PKP).



And, his co-authored article [Reinvented Revolutionaries: Indonesian and Filipino Communist Exiles in China](#) was published in *Diplomatic History* and examined both the history of Communist exiles in China as well the impact of Covid-19 on our scholarship.



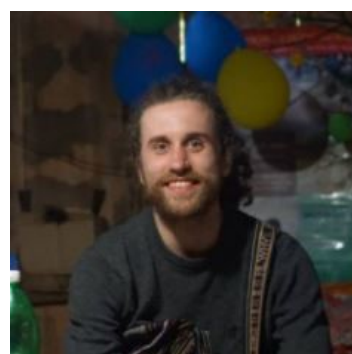
In a recent project on "Localising Digital Knowledge to Combat Disinformation on Covid-19 in Timor-Leste" **Dr Ying Hooi Khoo**, and Fernando Ximenes, produced an [educational music video entitled, "Hakoi Lia Hoax"](#) (in English, Bury the Hoax) which was released live in TVE Entertainment, a local TV station in Timor-Leste.

Cleve Arguelles has recently published [The Populist Brand is Crisis: Durable Duterte amidst Mismanaged COVID-19 Response](#) in the *Journal of Southeast Asian Affairs* published by the [ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute](#).



Prashant Poddar has recently published a co-authored paper titled [From Safe Motherhood to Cognitive Ability: Exploring Intra-household and Intergenerational Spillovers](#) in LSE's *Economica* journal. While the paper is in the context of South Asia, the results are relevant for developing countries, in general. The paper was also presented at the Annual Conference of the Asian & Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE), organized by the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2019.

Seb Rumsby's new article "[Historical Continuities and Changes in the Ethnic Politics of Hmong-Miao Millenarianism](#)" has been published in *Asian Studies Review*.





Wichita Teeratanabodee published a commentary piece "[Feminism and the Pro-Democracy Cause in Thailand](#)" on ISEAS Perspective. It highlights the complexity of pro-democracy protests in Thailand, presenting feminist groups, their call for gender equality, and their struggles -- even against fellow protestors.

Congratulations to Wichita for graduating (with the highest score in her programme) with an MSc in Strategic Studies from the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies - Nanyang Technological University and being awarded the United Overseas Bank Gold Medal.

Dr Seng Boon Lim has published in the Journal of Sustainability Science and Management, entitled "[SDGs, Smart Urbanisation, and Politics: Stakeholder Partnerships and Environmental Cases in Malaysia](#)"; and two articles in the Malaysian Journal of Society and Space, entitled "[Lessons from differences in the global and local discourse views on the safe city status of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia](#)", and "[Impact of social enterprise to the vulnerable community development and environment in Malaysia](#)".



Say Jye Quah will present "Worldmaking in Post-Colonial Indonesia: Sukarno's Theory of Decolonisation", at the International Conference on Southeast Asian studies at Mahidol University on Saturday 31 July.

Congratulations to Say Jye for being the valedictorian of his master's course at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies.

Raras Cahyafitri has published a new post for the Southeast Asia Blog on [Indonesia's Sovereign Wealth Fund: A New Era of Incorporation into the Global Private Market](#).



Opportunities



SEAC PhD Research Support Fund now accepting applications

Are you an LSE PhD Student with a focus on Southeast Asia? Apply now to SEAC's PhD Research Support Fund which provides funding toward field research expenses in Southeast Asia (max £2,000) and conference attendance (max £500).

[Further details can be found here.](#)



Call for Expressions of Interest: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships Scheme

SEAC welcomes expressions of interest by post-doctoral candidates who wish to apply for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships Scheme to be hosted at SEAC Deadline Thursday 12 August 11.59pm BST

[Further details can be found here.](#)



Call for Papers: Malaysia and Singapore Society of Australia (MASSA) Symposium 2021

The Malaysia and Singapore Society of Australia (MASSA)'s next symposium will be hosted by the Asia Institute, University of Tasmania, on 11-12 Nov 2021.

The conference theme will be "*Malaysia and Singapore under Covid-19 Lockdown*". We are keen to hear from scholars the impact of Covid-19 on Malaysia and/or Singapore's constitutional and legal system, democracy and civil society, economy, politics and political economy, education, society, culture and the arts. We also welcome other non-Covid-19 topics related to Malaysia and Singapore.

If you are keen to participate, please email your paper title and an abstract not exceeding 300 words to Prof James Chin (James.chin@utas.edu.au), with a copy to Dr Yeow-Tong Chia (yeowtong.chia@sydney.edu.au), by **17 September 2021**.

University of Oslo Doctoral Research Fellowship: Applications now open

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) Asia area studies is available at the Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo. The fellowship is part of the project '[Strongmen of Asia: Democratic Bosses and how to understand them](#)' – funded



by the Norwegian Research Council.

As a fellow you will be affiliated with the Faculty's organised research training. The academic work is to result in a doctoral thesis that will be defended at the Faculty with a view to obtaining the degree of PhD. You will be expected to join the existing research milieu and contribute to its development. The appointment is for a duration of 3 years.

[Full details can be found here.](#)



The Asia Competitiveness Institute at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS is hiring!

The Asia Competitiveness Institute is currently recruiting Research Fellows, Research Associates and Research Assistants to join the team in economic development research.

[Full details can be found here.](#)



Postdoctoral Research Associate Position at the University of Sydney

The Sydney Southeast Asia Centre (SSEAC) is recruiting a Postdoctoral Research Associate. SSEAC's postdoctoral positions are available to postdoctoral researchers working on topics related to our five research clusters—economic and social development, environment and resources, health, heritage and the arts, state and society—in any Southeast Asian country (or countries) and in any discipline. Applicants must have held their PhDs for no more than four (4) years as of 30 June 2021 (or equivalent if the candidate has substantive career interruptions). Appointments are for two years.

[Full details can be found here.](#)

Don't forget, SEAC hosts a wealth of publications by staff and Associates and podcasts of past SEAC events, which you can access via the [SEAC Publications and Media page](#).

