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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 1998 PhD in the Field of History, The University of Queensland.
- 1994 Bachelor of Arts (1st Class Honours) in the field of History, The University of Queensland
- 1980 BA, The University of Newcastle

RESEARCH AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2018 Elected a Fellow, Australian Academy of the Humanities
- 2009 Research Partner, IRASEC (Research Institute on Contemporary Southeast Asia, Bangkok, Thailand.) IRASEC is one of the research centres of the French Foreign Ministry that is under a joint tutelage with the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS).
- 1999 Winner of the 1999 ASAA Presidents' Prize for the 'most outstanding Australian thesis on Asia in 1998'
- 1998 Included in the University of Queensland Postgraduate Dean's Commendation List for Outstanding PhD Theses, 1998

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

- 2015 International Convention of Asia Scholars 9 [ICAS9] and Malaysia and Singapore Society of Australia, Adelaide, July 2015. "Singapore at 50: History Wars over the National Narrative"
- 2014 The Japanese Language and Literature Association of Korea Annual Conference, Chonbuk National University, Jeonju, Korea, 11 October 2014. "Asian Studies and the West: The Orientalist Dilemma".

DIPLOMATIC BRIEFINGS

- 2025 Provided written and oral expert commentary for the draft of an 'Advisory' report on Singapore being prepared by Dragoman Global for the Australian High Commission in Singapore, 11 September 2025.
- 2016 Briefing to South Australian Department of Premier and Cabinet on implications of the election of Donald Trump for Southeast Asia, November 2016.
- 2013 Briefed Ms Rebecca Jones of the Office of National Assessments, 14, 15 March 2013.
- 2012 Briefed Ambassador Janne Julsrud and staff of the Royal Embassy of Norway in Singapore, 20 April 2012.
- 2012 Held discussions Mr Philip Green, incoming Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, 25 October 2012.

INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURES/PARTICIPATION

- 2020 One of four speakers in a COVID-era international webinar titled, "Singapore's GE2020: the real watershed election?", organised by the **Sydney Southeast Asia**

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- Centre and the Malaysia and Singapore Society of Australia**, 11 September 2020. Available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRrI20MqUu0>.
- 2020 Sponsored speaker at an international workshop on “Negotiating Ethnic Diversity and National Identity in History Education: An East-West Comparison”, organised by the Institute for Malaysian and International Studies, **National University of Malaysia**, 12 and 13 February 2020, in Kuala Lumpur. Paper was titled ‘Singapore comes to terms with its Malay past: The politics of History in a Chinese-multiracial city-state’.
- 2016 Guest speaker to staff and students in the Department of International Relations, **Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta**, Indonesia, 19 August 2016. My paper was titled ‘Singapore’s retreat from Democracy and Good Governance’.
- 2016 Sponsored guest of the University of Sydney to deliver a paper and take part in a workshop that I helped organise and separate public round-table forum at **University of Nottingham (Kuala Lumpur)** on ‘Singapore Governance: Reform without Democratisation’.
- 2013 Fully sponsored participation in Forefront Asia Workshop and Journal Editors Meeting, hosted by **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore**, 14, 15 August 2015.
- 2102 Fully sponsored participant in a workshop on ‘Anticipations of the Asian Century’, at the **London School of Economics**, 3 and 4 May 2012.
- 2012 Guest speaker at **Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore**, 12 April 2012.
- 2010 Sponsored guest, public lecture for the Institute of Occidental Studies, **National University of Malaysia (UKM)**, February, 2010.
- 2008 Guest seminar presentation for the Department of History, **National University of Singapore (NUS)** on ‘School Days in Singapore: Education in the Land of “Scholars” and “Farmers”’, 2008.
- 2006 Fully sponsored participant at ‘Governance for Harmony: Linking Visions’ closed-door symposium, Governance in Asia Research Council, **City University of Hong Kong**, June 9 and 10 2006.
- 2005 Delivered paper at ‘Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Postwar Singapore’ symposium, Singapore, 14 and 15 July 2005, hosted by the **Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore**.

DOMESTIC/NATIONAL GUEST LECTURES/PARTICIPATION (A SELECTION)

- 2021 Delivered the 21st James C. Jackson Memorial Lecture, delivered to the 22nd MASSA (Malaysia and Singapore Society of Australia) symposium on 12 November 2021 at the University of Tasmania. Lecture title: ‘Singapore Comes to Terms with its Malay Past: The Politics of Crafting a National History’. Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W50t8G_wXa0
- 2019 Sponsored guest speaker at the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics Seminar Series, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University on ‘The Singapore School: Technocracy or Less’, 17 August 2019.

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- 2016 Sponsored speaker at Sydney Southeast Asia Centre Policy Roundtable on 'Politics in Action: Democratic Updates from Southeast Asia', 29 July 2016.
- 2015 Sponsored guest of Australian Institute of International Affairs (WA Branch) and the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, to address an AIIA symposium on Singapore's 50th Anniversary (21 July 2015) and an ARC seminar (22 July 2015).
- 2013 Sponsored guest speaker at a conference on 'Political Dynamics in Singapore after the 2011 Elections', organised by the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Perth, 12 November 2013.
- 2013 Paper to Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences-Centre for US and Asia Policy Studies, Adelaide, 19 November 2013. 'Riding the Dragon: Singapore's textured response to the rise of China'.
- 2013 Paper to 'Political Dynasty in Southeast Asia Workshop', Flinders University, Adelaide, 16 November 2013. 'Singapore: A dynasty by merit?'.
- 2012 Sponsored presenter and panellist, 'Malaysia and Singapore Update' and a forum on 'Malaysia and Singapore: Models for the Asian Century?', 12 September 2012, at Australian National University. Presented by the Asia-Pacific Learning Community, in conjunction with the College of Asia and the Pacific, the ANU Southeast Asia Institute, the Department of Political and Social Change, and the Crawford School of Public Policy. The video of the presentation is available on the New Mandala blog and can be viewed at this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CTEI-Zhv38&feature=plcp>
- 2011 Sponsored participant in a workshop on 'Conflict, Religion and Culture: Domestic and International Implications for Southeast Asia and Australia', organised by the La Trobe University Centre for Dialogue, 17 February 2011
- 2009 Sponsored to present a paper to the 'Transmission of Academic Values in Asian Studies Workshop', in June 2009, at the Australian National University, Canberra. Sponsored by the Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration.

ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2016 Co-convenor with Lily Rahim (primary convenor) and Terence Lee, of Governance in Singapore: Reform Without Democratisation workshop, in University of Nottingham, Kuala Lumpur. Sponsored by Sydney Southeast Asian Studies Centre and the University of Sydney.
- 2015 Co-convenor (with Lily Rahim) of MASSA Panel (Malaysian and Singapore Society of Australia) of ICAS9 (9th International Convention of Asian Scholars), Adelaide, 7 July 2015.
- 2013 Co-convenor of and presenter at the Centre for US and Asia Policy Studies second annual conference, 7 September 2013, in Adelaide. Conference theme: 'Expectations of Politics: convergence, divergence and misunderstandings across the Pacific'.
- 2010 Member, Organising Committee of Asian Studies Association 2010 Biennial Conference.

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2005 Co-convenor (with Carl Trocki and Chua Beng Huat) of an international symposium sponsored by the Asia Research Institute in July 2005. Speakers from Singapore, Australia, the UK, the US, Macau and the Netherlands.

EDITORIAL ROLES



2022- 24 Deputy Editor, *Asian Studies Review*

2017- 21 Associate Editor, *Asian Studies Review*

2017- Member, Asian Studies Review Advisory Board

2012-17 Editor-in-Chief, *Asian Studies Review* (2 x 3-year terms)

2014- Member, Editorial Board, *International Journal of Diaspora and Cultural Criticism* [Korea]

2012-13 Member, Editorial Board, *Asia Pacific and Globalization Review*

[Canada]

2010-13 Member, Editorial Board, Asia Online: Flinders Asia Centre Occasional Papers, 2010–2013.

2010 – With Elizabeth Morrell, co-editor of the Proceedings of the 18th Biennial Asian Studies of Australia Biennial Conference (held in July 2010).

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

2019- Academic Status as Associate Professor in International Relations, College of Business, Government and Law, Flinders University

Retired December 2018

2017- 18 Associate Professor in International Relations, College of Business, Government and Law, Flinders University.

2014-17 Associate Professor in International Relations, School of History and International Relations, Flinders University

2009-14 Senior Lecturer in International Relations, Department of International Relations, School of International Studies, Flinders University

2007-14 Lecturer in International Relations, School of Political and International Studies, Flinders University

2002-06 Lecturer in History and Australian Research Council Post-doctoral Research Fellow, School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics (HPRC), University of Queensland

1999-02 Queensland University of Technology Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre of Social Change Research, QUT

1998-99 Various positions on the general staff of the University of Queensland after submitting PhD.

1995-98 PhD Candidate, Department of History, University of Queensland. Australian Postgraduate Award (with stipend)

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FLINDERS UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- 2018- Deputy Chair, College of Business, Government and Law Student Progress Committee
- 2014- Director, MA (International Relations)
- 2014-18 Director, Master of International Development
- 2015 Member, Review Committee, Master of Health and International Development
- 2014-17 Director, Bachelor of International Relations
- 2009-14 Director, Bachelor of International Studies
- 2009-17 Director, International Relations Major
- 2016-17 Member, Teaching and Learning Committee, School of History and International Relations
- 2010-13 Chair, Course Management Committee, Bachelor of International Studies
- 2009-10 Head, Department/Discipline of International Relations, School of International Studies
- 2010 Chair, Course Management Committee, Graduate Programmes in International Relations
- 2010 Co-ordinator, Appointment Committee for Flinders University-DSTO Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of International Studies
- 2010-13 Member, Course Management Committee, Master of Law (International Law and International Relations)
- 2010-12 Member of University Academic Promotions Committee (Level A to B)
- 2009 Co-ordinator, Appointment Committee for Lectureship in International Relations, School of International Studies
- 2009 Acting Chair, Undergraduate Standing Committee, Faculty of Social Science
- 2009 Acting Chair, Examinations Board, Faculty of Social Science
- 2007-10 Member of University Postgraduate Scholarships Committee
- 2008-09 Deputy Chair, Undergraduate Standing Committee, Faculty of Social Sciences

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TO FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

- 2016 Represented the School of History and International Relations in an address to parents and prospective Flinders students at Universitas Gadjah Mada, in Yogyakarta, 20 August 2016
- 2010 Delivered an intensive advanced-level lecture series in International Political Economy in the Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta Department of International Relations, February 2010

RESEARCH AND HIGHER DEGREE COMPLETIONS

- 2023 Dr Abdul Rahman Yaacob, 'No one wants to be on the losing side: The Formation of Singapore's Defence Policy During the Cold War, 1965-1989', PhD. Associate Supervisor.
- 2022 Dr Aryanta Nugraha, 'Indonesia's Foreign Policy in the Making of Regional International Society in Southeast Asia', PhD. Principal Supervisor.

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- 2019 Ms Dahlia Martin, 'Birthing the Melayu Baru: Gender, Family and Malay-Muslim Identity', MA. Principal Supervisor.
- 2017 Dr Muhamad Nadzri Mohamed Noor, 'Class and Politics in Malaysian and Singaporean Nation Building', PhD. Principal Supervisor.
Monograph of the thesis published by Routledge, 2024.
- 2016 Dr Edwin Tambunan, 'Going Political during Violent Conflict: Lessons from Aceh (Indonesia) and Patani (Thailand) regarding the Ideas and Roles of Elites in Peace Building', PhD. Principal Supervisor.
- 2014 Dr Natasha Bissett, 'Political change in Singapore: the place of the internet', PhD. Principal Supervisor.
- 2013 Dr Zatul Himmah Adnan, 'Islamisation Policy in Malaysia: A Policy Study in a Multi-religious society', PhD. Associate Supervisor.
- 2012 Dr Rizwana Abdul Azeez, 'Malayness, Language and Power in Singapore', PhD. Co-Supervisor.
A monograph of the thesis published by Sussex Academic Press in 2016.
- 2010 Dr Anantharaman Govindasamy, 'From Subservience to Assertion: A Study of Peninsula Malaysian Indians' Responses to Marginalisation', PhD. Associate Supervisor.

HONOURS AND COURSEWORK MASTERS SUPERVISION

- 7 International Relations Honours theses
- 3 International Relations Masters theses
- 3 International Development Masters theses

RESEARCH IMPACT

Google Scholar H-index 28; i10-index 40. Details of citations can be found at

https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?hl=en&user=3NIJdEQAAAAJ&view_op=list_works

MONOGRAPHS

1. IN PRESS. *The Ruling Elite of Singapore: Leadership beyond Lee* (London: Bloomsbury).
2. 2019 *Singapore: A Modern History* (London and New York: I.B.Tauris/Bloomsbury, 2019) hbk. pp. 257+xxxv.
 - 2020 Paperback edition (London and New York: Bloomsbury, 2020).
3. 2014 *The Ruling Elite of Singapore: Networks of Power and Influence* (London and New York: I.B.Tauris. hbk; Kuala Lumpur, New Asian Library, 2014 pbk; ebook, Bloomsbury), pp. 200 + xvii.
4. 2008 *Constructing Singapore: Elitism, Ethnicity and the Nation-Building Project* (with Zlatko Skrbiš, second author) (Copenhagen: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies Press, 2008) hbk and pbk. pp. 304 + xii.
 - 2012 Arabic translation (Abu Dhabi: Kalima Project for Translation, Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage), hbk. 510 pp.

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5. 2002 ***Cultural Politics and Asian Values: The Tepid War*** (London and New York: Routledge, 2002) hbk. pp. 235.
 - 2004 Paperback edition (London and New York: Routledge, 2004) pbk. pp. 235.
6. 2000 ***Lee Kuan Yew: The Beliefs behind the Man***, (London: Curzon Press; Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2000). hbk. pp. 273.
 - 2009 New paperback edition with a new introduction and postscript (Kuala Lumpur: New Asian Library, 2009). pbk. pp. 282 + xviii.
 - 2022, third edition, (Kuala Lumpur: New Asian Library, 2009), with a new postscript.

EDITED BOOKS AND SPECIAL EDITION OF JOURNAL

1. 2019 ***The Limits of Authoritarian Governance in Singapore's Developmental State***, co-editor with Lily Zubaidah Rahim (lead editor), (London: Palgrave, 2019). Hbk pp. 329 +xxii.
 - Paperback published by Strategic Information and Research Development Centre (SIRD), Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, 2019.
2. 2010 'Religious Nationalism and Nation Building in Asia'. Guest editor of a special edition of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 64:3 (2010).
3. 2008 ***Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Post-War Singapore***, co-editor with Carl A. Trocki (Singapore: National University of Singapore Press, 2008).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

1. COMMISSIONED IN 2020: 'Constitutions: Shaping sovereignty, representation and power', Chapter 2 in Volume 3 of ***The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*** (Second Edition), (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press). General Editor: Barbara Watson Andaya. Volume Editor: Robert Cribb.
2. 2024 'Lee Kuan Yew (1923–2015): from political insurgent to national manager', in Malcolm Murfett (ed.), ***Political Leadership in an Era of Decolonisation: Case Studies from Across the Globe***, (London and New York: Routledge, 2024), pp. 24-49.
3. 2023 'Singapore's national narrative: ripe for renewal', in Zhouxiang Lu (ed.), ***Routledge Handbook of Nationalism in East and Southeast Asia*** (London and New York: Routledge, 2023), pp. 534–48.
4. 2023 'National Identity and History Teaching in Singapore: Bringing the Malays back in', in Helen Ting Mu Hung and Luigi Cajani (ed.), ***Negotiating Ethnic Diversity and National Identity in History Education: An East-West Comparison*** (Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan), pp. 263–83.
5. 2022 'Lee Kuan Yew: Autocracy, Elections and Capitalism', in K. Larres (ed.), ***Autocrats and Dictators: Securing Power across Global Politics***, (London and New York: Routledge, 2022), pp. 141–53.

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6. 2020 'The Singapore School: Technocracy or Less', in Stephan Ortmann and Mark R. Thompson (eds), *China's 'Singapore Model' and Authoritarian Learning* (London and New York: Routledge, 2020), pp. 54–71.
7. 2019 'Ethno-Nationalism Travels Incognito in Singapore', in Jasper Trautsch (ed.), *Civic Nationalism in Global Perspective* (London and New York: Routledge, 2019), pp. 110–28.
8. 2019 'New Politics and Old Managerialism: Welcome to the New Normal' in Lily Zubaidah Rahim and Michael D. Barr (eds), *The Limits of Authoritarian Governance in Singapore's Developmental State* (London: Palgrave, 2019), pp. 131–49.
9. 2019 (with Lily Zubaidah Rahim, first author), 'Introduction: Authoritarian Governance in Singapore's Developmental State', in Lily Zubaidah Rahim and Michael D. Barr (eds), *The Limits of Authoritarian Governance in Singapore's Developmental State* (London: Palgrave, 2019), pp. 1–25.
10. 2016 'Confucianism: Classical, Neo- and "New"', in Jeffrey Haynes (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Politics*, Second Edition (London and New York: Routledge, 2016), pp. 55–69.
11. 2014 'Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew: Travelling Light; Travelling Fast', in Ramachandra Guha (ed.), *Makers of Modern Asia*, (Cambridge, Mass and London, England, Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2014), pp. 245–66.
12. 2012 'Turning conservative Muslims into "good citizens": New allies in the management of Islam after 9/11', in Joseph Anthony Camilleri and Sven Alexander Schottmann (eds), *Culture, Religion and Conflict in Muslim Southeast Asia: Negotiating tense pluralisms* (London and New York: Routledge, 2012), pp.70–88
13. 2010 'Harmony, Conformity or Timidity? Singapore's Over-achievement in the Quest for Harmony' in Julia Tao, Anthony Cheung, Li Chenyang and Martin Painter (eds), *Governance for Harmony in Asia and Beyond* (London and New York: Routledge, 2010), pp. 73–102.
14. 2008 'Confucianism, from above and below', in Jeffrey Haynes (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Politics* (London and New York: Routledge, 2008), pp. 64–78.
15. 2008 'J.B. Jeyaretnam: a moral stand, but without a programme', in J.V. D'Cruz, Nathan Hollier and Gloria Davies (eds), *Profiles in Courage: Political Actors and Ideas in Contemporary Asia* (Melbourne: Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2008 pp. 197–209.
16. 2008 'Paths Not Taken: Introduction', with Carl A. Trocki (first author), in Michael D. Barr and Carl A. Trocki (eds.), *Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Post-War Singapore* (Singapore: NUS Press, 2008), pp. 1–14
17. 2008 'Singapore's Catholic Social Activists: Alleged 'Marxist Conspirators'', in Michael D. Barr and Carl A. Trocki (eds.), *Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Post-War Singapore* (Singapore: NUS Press, 2008), pp. 228–47
18. 2005 'Singapore', in Robin Gauld (ed.), *Comparative Health Policy in the Asia-Pacific*, (Maidenhead, UK: Open University Press, 2005), pp. 146–73

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. 2022 'Singapore comes to terms with its Malay past: The politics of crafting a national history'. *Asian Studies Review* 46:2, 350-68 (2022), DOI: 10.1080/10357823.2021.1972934.
2. 2021 'Background Figures in a British Portrait: The Johor Royal Family in Nineteenth Century Singapore'. *History Australia* 18:2 (2021), pp. 283–301. DOI: 10.1080/14490854.2021.1917302.
3. 2016 'The Lees of Singapore: A Quality Brand', *South East Asia Research*, 24:3 (2016), pp. 341–54.
4. 2016 'Ordinary Singapore: the decline of Singapore exceptionalism', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 46:1 (2016), pp. 1–17. DOI: 10.1080/00472336.2015.1051387
5. 2014 'The Bonsai under the Banyan Tree: Democracy and Democratisation in Singapore', *Democratization*, 21:1 (2014), pp. 29–48. DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2012.706606
6. 2013 'Law and Order in a Land of Tough Love', *Australian Journal of Asian Law*, 14:1 (2013), pp. 1–6.
7. 2010 'Marxists in Singapore? Lee Kuan Yew's Campaign against Catholic Social Justice Activists in the 1980s', *Critical Asian Studies*, 42:3 (2010), pp. 335–62.
8. 2010 'Religious Nationalism and Nation Building in Asia: An Introduction', *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, 64:3 (2010), pp. 255–61.
9. 2010 With Anantha Raman Govindasamy (second author), 'The Islamisation of Malaysia: Religious Nationalism in the Service of Ethnonationalism', *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, 64:3 (2010), pp. 293–311
10. 2008 'No Island is a Man: The Enigma of the Lee Kuan Yew Story', *Harvard Asia Quarterly*, 11:2/3 (2008), 45–56.
11. 2008 'Singapore: The Limits of a Technocratic Approach to Health Care', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 38:3 (2008), pp. 395–416.
12. 2006 'Advanced Asia's Health Systems in Comparison', with Robin Gauld (lead author), Naoki Ikegami, Tung-liang Chiang, Derek Gould, and Soonman Kwon, *Health Policy*, 79 (2006), pp. 325–36
13. 2006 'Racialised Education in Singapore', *Educational Research for Policy and Practice*, 5:1 (2006), pp. 15–31.
14. 2006 'Beyond Technocracy: The Culture of Elite Governance in Lee Hsien Loong's Singapore', *Asian Studies Review*, 30:1 (2006), pp. 1–17.
15. 2005 With Jevon Low (second author), 'Assimilation as Multiracialism: The Case of Singapore's Malays', *Asian Ethnicity*, 6:3 (2005), pp. 161–82.
16. 2003 'J.B. Jeyaretnam: Three decades as Lee Kuan Yew's bête noir'. *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 33:3 (2003) pp. 299–317.
17. 2003 'Perpetual Revisionism in Singapore: The Limits of Change', *The Pacific Review*, 16:1 (2003), pp. 77–97.

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18. 2001 'Medical Savings Accounts in Singapore: A Critical Inquiry', *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 26:3 (2001), pp. 707–24. *Published with commentaries by three specialists on health care funding* (pp. 727–45).
19. 2000 'Trade Unions in an Elitist Society: The Singapore Story', *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, 46:4 (2000), pp. 481–98.
20. 2000 'Lee Kuan Yew and the "Asian Values" Debate', *Asian Studies Review*, 24:3 (2000), pp. 309–34.
21. 2000 'Lee Kuan Yew's Fabian Phase', *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, 46:1 (2000), pp. 109–24
22. 1999 'Lee Kuan Yew: Race, Culture and Genes', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 29:2 (1999), pp. 145–66.
23. 1997 'Lee Kuan Yew in Malaysia: A Reappraisal of Lee Kuan Yew's Role in the Separation of Singapore from Malaysia', *Asian Studies Review*, 21:1 (1997), pp. 1–17.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPER

- 2008 With Anantha Raman Govindasamy (second author), 'Hegemony without Conversion: Religious Nationalism in Modern Malaysia', refereed and published on the website of the Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS), at <http://www.uq.edu.au/ocis/published-proceedings>.

ENCYCLOPAEDIA AND REFERENCE BOOK ENTRIES

- 2004-11 Revised and updated the chapter, 'Singapore History', in Lynn Daniel (ed.), *The Far East and Australasia* 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 (London: Europa Publications, 2004– 2011)
- 2008 'Singapore: Economy' entry for *World and Its Peoples*, Set 2, Vol. 9 (New York: Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 2008), pp. 1289-1291. [ISBN: 978-0-7614-7642-92008]
- 2008 'Meritocracy, Multiracial' entry for William A. Darity, Jr. (Editor-in-Chief), *International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences*, Second Edition, Volume 5, (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008), pp. 100–101.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2017 \$15,000 ARC Near Miss Grant awarded by Flinders University
- 2017 \$2,750 grant from School of History and International Relations, Flinders University.
- 2015 Member of a team that won a \$20,000 grant from the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, Sydney University for an international workshop, in Kuala Lumpur, 2016
- 2011 \$50,000 from Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), with matching funds from Flinders University School of International Studies for a Research Fellowship for a project on "Understanding Local Conflict Dynamics in Conflict-Affected Societies: A Case Study of the Nature of Conflict in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan".

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- 2010 \$50,000 from Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), with matching funds from Flinders University School of International Studies for a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship for a project on “Conflict and Early Warning Assessment”.
- 2007-2018 Various internal research grants, Flinders University.
- 2005 In-kind support from the Asia Research Centre, National University of Singapore to the value of Singapore \$10,000 to fund an international workshop as part of the Paths Not Taken project
- 2002 \$190,000 Australian Research Council Discovery Grant with Prof. Carl Trocki, Dr Yao Souchou and Dr Lily Rahim, 2003–2005: Paths Not Taken: Political Pluralism in Postwar Singapore.
- 2002 \$9,500 University of Queensland New Staff Research Start-Up Grant
- 2001 \$225,000 Australian Research Council Discovery Grant and Postdoctoral Fellowship, including \$27,500 for non-salary research costs. 2002–2005
- 2001 \$5,000 Australian Technological Network Universities Grant (with Prof. Carl Trocki) for a pilot study to prepare an ARC Discovery Grant application.
- 2001 \$3,000 grant from the QUT Centre for Social Development Research.
- 1999-2002 QUT Postgraduate Research Fellowship: Awarded an academic salary and a \$6,000 research budget over the three years.

CONSULTANCIES

- 2019 Country Expert, Varieties of Democracy Project, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Value approx. AUD\$1,000.
- 2017 Country Expert, Varieties of Democracy Project, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Value approx. AUD\$1,000.
- 2009 A €3,000 commission from the Research Institute on Contemporary Southeast Asia (IRASEC) – a research institute sponsored by the French Foreign Ministry and the *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* (CNRS) – to produce a not-for-publication briefing paper (delivered September 2009) and a book for publication on Singapore’s Networks of Power and Influence.

RESEARCH GRANT ASSESSOR

- 2017 Assessor for Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Research Award
- 2017 International Assessor for Israel Science Foundation
- 2011-17 International Assessor for Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, 2017, 2014, 2013 and 2011.
- 2010 International Assessor for Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, 2010.
- 2008 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREE THESIS EXAMINER (LISTED BY UNIVERSITY)

- National University of Singapore (PhD, most recently 2019)
- Monash University (PhD, 2018),

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- Australian National University (PhD, most recently 2017),
- Murdoch University (PhD, most recently 2014),
- University of Melbourne (PhD, most recently in 2011),
- University of Sydney (PhD, most recently in 2010),
- University of Adelaide (PhD, 2010),
- University of Western Australia (PhD, 2008),
- Griffith University (Masters),
- Murdoch University (Masters),
- University of Queensland (Masters).

PEER REVIEWER, MONOGRAPHS (LISTED BY PUBLISHER)

- Bloomsbury (most recently 2024)
- Routledge (most recently in 2024)
- Peter Lang (2024)
- University of Hawai'i Press (2023)
- Palgrave (most recently in 2020)
- Rowman and Little (2020)
- Springer (2015)
- Stanford University Press (2014)
- Nordic Institute of Asia Studies (most recently 2013)
- Monash Asia Institute (2010)
- University of Wisconsin Press (2010);
- Australian Association of Asian Studies Monograph Series (2009)

PEER REVIEWER OF JOURNAL ARTICLES (LISTED BY JOURNAL)

- Democratization [UK] (most recently 2025)
- Journal of Contemporary Asia [currently Australia] (most recently in 2025)
- Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society [UK] (2025)
- Southeast Asian Studies [South Korea] (most recently 2025)
- Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs (Germany and France] (most recently 2025)
- Oxford Review of Economic Policy [UK] (2024)
- Asian Journal of Social Science (2024)
- Asian Studies Review [Australia] (most recently 2023)
- Development and Change [Netherlands] (2023)
- Contemporary Politics [Australia] (most recently 2022)
- Die Welt des Islams: International Journal for the Study of Modern Islam [European] (2021)
- Australian Journal of International Affairs (most recently 2021)
- International Journal of Social Welfare [Sweden] (2021)
- Nations and Nationalism [UK] (2020)
- Journal of Urban History [US] (most recently 2020)
- Australian Journal of Politics and History (most recently 2020)
- Government and Opposition [UK] (most recently 2019)

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- Asian Security [US] (2019)
- Asian Politics and Policy [UK] (2019)
- New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies (2019)
- Politics [UK] (2018)
- Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education [UK and Australia] (2018)
- Asian Journal of Political Science [Singapore] (2018)
- Asian Journal of Comparative Politics [Japan] (2018)
- Social Science [US] (2017)
- Current Sociology [UK] (2017)
- Modern Asian Studies [UK] (2016)
- Ethnic and Racial Studies [UK] (2016)
- The Pacific Review [UK] (2016)
- Journal of Social Policy [UK] (2016)
- Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration and Institutions [US] (2016)
- Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power [UK] (2015)
- Review of International Studies [UK] (2015)
- Critical Policy Studies [UK] (2015)
- Plus, Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia [Singapore]; Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism [US]; Asian Ethnicity [Taiwan]; Asia Pacific and Globalization Review [Canada]; Asia Pacific Journal of Education [Singapore]; Australian Journal of Asian Law; Australian Religion Studies Review; Social Problems [US]; Identity in the Information Society [UK]; Asian Pacific Economic Literature [Australia]; British Journal of Sociology [UK]; Crossroads, an Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies [US]; Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars [US]; Social Science and Medicine [Canada].

OTHER EXTERNAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

2025-27 Head of the Asian Studies Section of Australian Academy of the Humanities

2025 Member of judging panel for two Postdoctoral Writing Grants (Asian Studies Association of Australia)

2012-24 Executive Member (various positions), Malaysia and Singapore Society of Australia

2021 Chaired judging panel for John Legge Prize for Best PhD Thesis on Asian Studies (Asian Studies Association of Australia)

2020 Judging panel for Mid-Career Book Prize (Asian Studies Association of Australia)

2012-17 Executive Member, Asian Studies Association of Australia

2014-18 Secretary/Treasurer Malaysia and Singapore Society of Australia

2011-12 General Councillor, Asian Studies Association of Australia.

2010 Adviser to the Malaysia/Singapore Coordinator, International Secretariat, Amnesty International on its 2010 submission to the United Nations Examination of the Human Rights Situation in Singapore.

2010 Member, AIESEC Flinders' Review Board, to award international work placements for AIESEC, an international student organisation based in France, 2010.

2010 Member, Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide's Working Party on Euthanasia (October–December 2010).

2008-11 Member, Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration Overseas Travel Fellowships Selection Committee, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.

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Fellow, Australian Academy of the Humanities.

Member, Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA); Historians of Southeast Asia (HISEAS);
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TELEVISION, RADIO AND PODCAST APPEARANCES

- 2025 ABC TV News Channel and ABC TV, five-minute lead interview on “The Business”, 24 September 2025.
- 2025 Singapore 2025 Election Webinar, 16 May, hosted by Malaysia and Singapore Society of Australia and Sydney Southeast Asia Centre (University of Sydney), available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRvh7hdKxQ8>.
- 2024 ABC TV (live, “The World” on the national and international news channel), 23 October 2024.
- 2024 BBC TV News (live), 16 May 2024 and 23 March 2015
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- 2024 20 minute interview on BFM89.9, Kuala Lumpur, 15 May 2024, available at <https://www.bfm.my/podcast/morning-run/the-breakfast-grille/lawrence-wong-new-prime-minister-of-singapore-leadership>; 10-minute interviews on 20 April 2022 [<https://www.bfm.my/podcast/morning-run/morning-brief/will-lawrence-wong-be-the-next-pm-for-singapore>], 13 July 2020 and 21 June 2017 [<https://www.bfm.my/podcast/the-bigger-picture/live-learn/michael-barr-ruling-elite-of-singapore>]
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- 2020 Half-hour interview with Faizah Zakaria on the New Books Network podcast. Published 20 November 2020. Available at <https://newbooksnetwork.com/singapore>.
- 2020 Half-hour interview with Viktor Löfgren for Swedish Public Radio podcast, “Technocracy or the Death of Expertise?”, released 11 November, 2020. Available at <https://sverigesradio.se/avsnitt/1615295>.
- 2020 Panellist with Lewis Mayo, moderated by Ali Moore, on Asia Institute (University of Melbourne) podcast, Ear to Asia, on Power, privilege and race in Singapore. Broadcast 18 March 2020 at <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/power-privilege-and-race-in-singapore/id1160004765?i=1000468305829>. Reposted by Jakarta Post at <https://www.thejakartapost.com/multimedia/podcast>
- 2018 Interview on Trans Pacific Partnership, ABC Radio (Adelaide)
- 2018 Appeared on a television panel on ‘Roundtable’, from the London studio of TRT World, on 31 May 2018. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1AcbJivFaU>.
- 2015 ABC Radio National – PM, 10 September 2015
- 2015 ABC News 24, (Evening News), 7 August 2015
- 2015 Voice of America, 23 March and 16 June 2015

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- 2015 CNBC [TV], 23 April 2015
2015 ABC Radio National – Late Night Live (Philip Adams), 15 April 2015
2015 ABC TV – The Drum, 23 March 2015
2015 ABC Radio National – AM, 23 March 2015
2015 Radio National/ABC Australia Plus, 18 January 2015
2011 ‘Connect Asia’, Radio Australia, 20 April 2011.

OP-ED PIECES

- Inside Story, 9 April 2025, 7 May 2024, 7 July 2023, 13 July, 26 June and 29 March 2020, 4 August and 1 February 2019, 3 and 13 September 2015.
- East Asia Forum (ANU), 14 January 2025, 12 May 2024, 25 July 2023, 31 December 2022, 19 December, 14 April and 6 January 2021, 12 July 2020, 19 December 2019, 14 December 2018, 22 June 2017, 13 December, 8 June and 3 January 2016, 15 September, 6 September and 31 March 2015, 2 April 2014, 23 June 2011.
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 - On 21 May, *AFR* published a letter to the editor from the Singapore High Commissioner to Australia responding to my article of 13 May. My response to the High Commissioner was published on 22 May.
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- The Diplomat, March 2022 (leader)
- The Independent (Singapore), 20 July 2020, 25 October 2017.
- New Naratif (Malaysia), 16 April 2020, 27 January 2019.
- Southeast Asia Globe Magazine (Phnom Penh), 23 March 2020 (lead story); 5 September 2019; 4 June 2015 (cover story).
- Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA), ‘Asian Politics in Australian Universities’, 28 February 2020.
- Asia Dialogue (University of Nottingham), 8 March 2019.
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- Asian Currents (Asian Studies Association of Australia), 7 April 2015, 16 August 2014.
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- Asian Currents, November 2010, October 2009
- ‘Asia-Pacific Programme’, Radio National, 7 April and 16 May 2010.
- ‘The Edge’, Radio Adelaide, 29 March 2007.

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- The ABC website, 25 September 2025
- The Sydney Morning Herald, 10 August 2025 and 15 May 2024
- The Age, 10 August 2025
- Nikkei Asia (formerly Nikkei Asian Review) [Japan], 4 May and 15 April 2025, 14 May and 23 April 2024, 12 September, 3 August, 29 June 2023, 26 and 15 April and 8 March 2022, 20 December and 9 April 2021, 11 July 2020, 12 January 2019
- The Online Citizen, 10 April, 15, 23 and 24 January 2025.
- The Australian, 29 January 2025
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- The Australian Financial Review, 13 May 2024, 22 December 2023, 10 July and 24 June 2020
- South China Morning Post, 13 May 2024
- East Asia Forum (ANU), 12 May 2024 (quoted in editorial)
- Southeast Asia Globe, 20 September 2023
- The Independent Singapore News, 14 September and 1, 9 and 23 August 2023, 21 and 17 July 2020, 7 August 2019
- Al Jazeera, 30 August 2023
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- The New York Times, 12 April 2023
- The Financial Times, 7 March 2023, 2 November 2022, 23 November 2018, 9 July, 14 and 16 June 2017
- DW (Germany), 2 January 2023, 28 April 2022
- Business AM [Brussels], 27 April 2022
- Free Malaysia Today, 26 April 2022
- The Economist, 23 April 2022 and 31 July 2021
- Asia Times, 8 April 2022; 22 December, 9 July and 21 February 2020, 12 August 2019, 29 November 2018, 20 June, 19 July, 24 October, 13 November and 30 November 2017, 14 September 2015, 23 March 2015
- Fortune magazine website, 14 November 2021
- South China Morning Post [Hong Kong], 24 April, 2021
- New Straits Times, Yahoo! News Australia, and other places, 9 April 2021
- Infobae [Argentina], 29 November 2020
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