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Academic employment	Senior Research Fellow; Head, Case Insights Unit and Social Inclusion Project, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 2020– Assistant Professor, LKY School, NUS, 2014–20
Education	PhD Social Policy (Titmuss Prize for Best PhD Thesis in Social Policy), The London School of Economics and Political Science, 2014 MSc Public Policy and Administration (Distinction), LSE, 2009 BSocSci Social Work (Honours, First), NUS, 2003
Research interests	Income security, minimum income standards, public housing policy, homelessness
Publications (selected)	Research reports Ng KH, Wong YL, Teo YY, Neo YW, Maulod A, & Chok S. (2023). <i>Minimum income standard 2023: Household budgets in a time of rising costs</i> . [https://whatsenough.sg/key-findings-mis2023] Ng KH. (2022). Inequality and democracy in Singapore. In R. Hass & P. M. Kim (Eds.), <i>Democracy in Asia</i> (pp. 71–76). Washington, DC: Brookings. [https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FP_20230508_democracy_in_asia.pdf] Ng KH, & Sekhon Atac JS. (2022). <i>Seeking shelter: Homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic in Singapore</i> . Singapore: LKY School. [https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/research/social-inclusion-project] Ng KH, Teo YY, Neo YW, Maulod A, Chok S, & Wong YL. (2021). <i>What people need in Singapore: A household budgets study</i> . [https://whatsenough.sg/key-findings-mis2021] Ng KH. (2020). Social housing. In <i>UN-Habitat Housing Practice Series – Singapore</i> (pp. 10–27). Nairobi: United Nations Human Settlements Programme. [https://unhabitat.org/housing-practice-series-singapore] Ng KH. (2019). <i>Homeless in Singapore: Results from a nationwide street count</i> . Singapore: LKY School. [https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/docs/default-source/faculty-publications/homeless-in-singapore.pdf] Ng KH, Teo YY, Neo YW, Maulod A, & Ting YT. (2019). <i>What older people need in Singapore: A household budgets study</i> . [https://whatsenough.sg/key-findings-mis2019] Academic journals Ng KH, Neo YW. (2020). Housing problems and social work advocacy in a home-owning society. <i>Journal of Social Service Research</i> , 46(5), 671–84.

Ng KH. (2016). Future of family support: Projected living arrangements and income sources of older people in Hong Kong up to 2030. *Australasian Journal on Ageing*, 35(2), 113–8.

Ng KH. (2011). Review essay: Prospects for old-age income security in Hong Kong and Singapore. *Journal of Population Ageing*, 4, 271–293.

Ng KH, Ow R. (2005). Meeting healthcare costs: The case of childhood cancer in Singapore. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 14, 33–43.

Book and chapters

Ng KH. (2024). Policy research as practising dissent. In C Singam & M Thomas (Eds.), *We are not the enemy: The practice of advocacy in Singapore* (pp. 35–50). Singapore: Ethos Books.

Ng KH, & Sekhon Atac JS. (2023). Transnational housing insecurity: Mobility, homelessness, and the COVID-19 pandemic. In KSY Tan & SKL Chan (Eds.), *Populations and precarity during the COVID-19 pandemic: Southeast Asian perspectives* (pp. 120–43). Singapore: ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute.

Ng KH, Neo YW, Teo YY, Maulod A, & Ting YT. (2020). Measuring needs and setting standards in Singapore. In C Deeming (Ed.), *Minimum income standards and reference budgets: International and comparative policy perspectives* (pp. 83–96). Bristol, UK: Policy Press.

Ng KH, & the Cassia Resettlement Team. (2019). *They told us to move: Dakota–Cassia*. Singapore: Ethos Books.

Ng KH. (2015). Can Singapore's Central Provident Fund still meet retirement income needs? In M Sherraden, L Zou, H Ku, S Deng & S Wang (Eds.), *Asset-building policies and innovations in Asia* (pp. 104–22). Oxon: Routledge.

Op-eds (selected)

Ng KH, & Sekhon Atac JS. (2022, August 26). Accessible and adequate housing key to tackling homelessness. *The Straits Times*.

Ng KH, & Teo YY. (2022). A living wage for Singapore. *Directors Bulletin (Singapore Institute of Directors, Quarter 2, 2022)*.

Teo YY, & Ng KH. (2022, January 14). How people think about basic needs. *The Karyawan*.

Ng, KH. (2021). Why it is time for a different approach to income security. *MENDAKI Policy Digest 2020*.

Ng, KH. (2020, November 23). How far have we come in tackling homelessness in Singapore? *Rice*.

Teo YY, & Ng KH. (2020, March 17). Crisis is exactly the time to make structural changes to address poverty and inequality. *Academia.sg*.

Teo YY, & Ng KH. (2019, July 2). Menetapkan garis dasar yang tidak harus ada sesiapa dibawahnya. *New Naratif*.

Teo YY, & Ng KH. (2019, June 21). 解析年长者设定的收入基本线. *联合早报*.

Teo YY, & Ng KH. (2019, June 4). S\$1,379 a month needed for basic needs? This is how Singapore's seniors agree on this baseline. *Today*.

Ng KH. (2018, June 23). Direct interventions, not just social mixing, needed to narrow housing inequalities. *Channel NewsAsia*.

Ng KH. (2018, May 30). Tackling inequality requires robust measures and clear standards. *Today*.

Ng KH. (2018, February 22). Why we shouldn't ask for Budget hongbao. *The Straits Times*.

Ng KH, & Neo YW. (2018, February 16). HDB should apply its own occupancy rules to rental housing. *The Straits Times*.

Ng KH. (2017, October 1). 99-year HDB flats a chance to review homeownership and retirement policies. *Channel NewsAsia*.

Ng KH, & Teo YY. (2017, June 5) Civil society's role cannot be to provide public goods. *The Straits Times*.

Ng KH. (2017, May 18). Elderly workers: Many working out of need, not out of choice. *The Straits Times*.

Conferences
(selected)

Data, data, everywhere... Knowledge Praxis Conference, Academia SG, May 2024.

Gig work and income insecurity in the liberal welfare state: The case of Singapore. 18th EASP Annual Conference, June 2022.

Minimum income standards for older people in Singapore: How much is enough? Social Service Research Centre Conference, Singapore, July 2019.

Work participation and minimum income standards among older people in Singapore. 15th EASP Annual Conference, Bristol, UK, July 2018.

Retiring in a workfare state: Concerted activation and irregular transfers. 14th EASP Annual Conference, Nagoya, Japan, August 2017.

Invited talks,
interviews
(selected)

We are not the enemy: The practice of advocacy in Singapore. CAPE Book Club, April 2024.

The community and culture I want to build. Saturday Conversations, Orange & Teal, April 2024.

Not everyone is thriving in Singapore. The Business Times: Lens on Singapore (podcast), March 2024.

\$6693 is the minimum income standard in Singapore today. The Financial Coconut (podcast), January 2024.

Social inclusion project, minimum income standards, and homeless in Singapore. The Beverage Report Podcast, LSE, February 2023.

National Youth Dialogue: Renewing our social compact. National Youth Council, July 2022.

Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue: The paradox of cohesion. NTU-University Scholars Programme, July 2022.

Does a family of 4 in Singapore need \$6,426 a month for basic living standard? The Straits Times: In Your Opinion (podcast), May 2022.

Gender and Minimum Income Standard in Singapore. AWARE, January 2022.

On homelessness, minimum income standards, and bridging research, practice, and policy. Socialservice.sg (podcast), March 2021.

Homelessness and community. Singapore Polytechnic, March 2021.

The impact of COVID-19 on Singapore: Lessons learnt. Tembusu Forum, January 2021.

To tackle inequality, stop expecting the same rules to make a difference. Rice, October 2020.

Panel discussion on the film 'What it takes to make a home.' Archifest Film Festival, The Projector, October 2020.

Prospects and pressures for retirement income security in Singapore. Singapore Actuarial Society, September 2020.

The ground speaks: Civil society after GE2020. Ethos Books, July 2020.

Can we do anything about inequality? Our Grandfather Story, July 2020.
[<https://www.facebook.com/ourgrandfatherstory/videos/320275168997121>]

Writing for a cause. Singapore Writers Festival, November 2019.

Challenging the nuclear family: The HDB life cycle. First storeys, The future of our pasts, March 2019.

Inequality in Singapore: The role of public policies. 12th Leaders in Administration Programme, Civil Service College, October 2018.

Homeownership and the hardships of social housing in Singapore. Social Mission Conference, Caritas Singapore, July 2018.

Teaching experience (selected)	Case study workshop, Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Public Policy, 2024 Building a society for the third age, Social Inclusion Project, LKY School, 2022 Qualitative research methods for public policy (PP5408), LKY School, 2016–18 Social welfare in East Asia (PP5150), LKY School, 2014–19 Social policy 201: Design, implementation and outcomes, Civil Service College, 2018 Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) executive fellows programme (executive education), LKY School, 2016– Senior management programme (executive education), LKY School, 2017–
Professional experience	Scrutiny Unit, House of Commons, United Kingdom Parliament, 2009 Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, 2004–2008
Academic awards (selected)	Titmuss Prize for Best PhD Thesis in Social Policy, LSE, 2014 United Kingdom Commonwealth Scholarship, 2008–09
Service and affiliations (selected)	President, Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics (HOME), 2024– Member, Panel of Experts, AWWA, 2022–24 Assessor and Interviewer, McCall MacBain Scholarship, McGill University, 2022– Member, Programmes and Services Committee, Beyond Social Services, 2021–22 Programme Chair, Master in Public Policy, LKY School, 2018–20 Associate, Social Service Research Centre, NUS, 2014– Member, UK Social Policy Association, 2012– Member, East Asian Social Policy Network, 2011–