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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (Economics)** - School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK **2005**
Thesis Title: *"Poverty and Inequality in Vietnam: Legacies from the Past"*
Supervisors: Professor Anne Booth, Professor John Weeks and Dr. Jonathan Pincus
- Professional Accreditation** - Teaching and Learning in Higher Education **2001**
Institute of Education, University of London, United Kingdom
- M.A. (Economics)** - University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada **1992**
- B.Sc. (Mathematics and Economics)** - University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada **1991**

OVERVIEW OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ 25 years economic development research: poverty alleviation strategies, empirical analysis, baseline survey questionnaire design, project evaluation, development governance
- ❖ 20 years lecturing: economics, statistics, public policy analysis and research methods (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Canada, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Singapore, UK, Vietnam)
- ❖ Extensive fieldwork: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Madagascar, Nepal, Vietnam

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR and CONSULTANT **May 2014 –present**
National University of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKY SPP), Singapore
Disaster Governance Asia Program

- Lecturing in Research Methods, Disaster Governance and Development Policies
- Researching on Disaster Governance in Asia and Poverty Alleviation Strategies
- Consultant on Poverty Alleviation in South and Southeast Asia
- Trainer in Research Methods, Economic Development, Public Policy, Disaster Governance

ASSISTANT DEAN (Academic Affairs) and SENIOR LECTURER **Jan 2012 - April 2014**
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR **June 2002 - June 2011**
National University of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKY SPP), Singapore

- Recipient of the National University of Singapore *Annual Teaching Excellence Award 2010*, and the LKY SPP *Annual Teaching Excellence Award 2008 and 2013*

- Lecturing in Research Methods and Policy Process and Analysis, Empirical Analysis for Public Policy, Statistical Techniques for Public Policy (Econometrics), Poverty Alleviation Strategies, Economic Development Policy and Aid Governance
- Researching on economic growth, poverty and income inequality in Asia, aid governance and rural development and disaster governance
- Consulting on poverty reduction strategies, statistical analysis for sectoral development policies
- Strategic thinking on curriculum development and teaching excellence

LECTURER and RESEARCHER

April 97 – May 02

University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, Birkbeck College, and Centre for Financial and Management Studies, London, United Kingdom

- Lectured in Quantitative Methods for Economics and Financial Management: algebra, calculus, statistics, probabilities, financial arithmetic, and econometrics. Tutored in micro and macroeconomics, maths, and statistics
- Ph.D. Research on the relationship between economic growth and income inequality and poverty in Vietnam

RESEARCHER and CONSULTANT

May 98 - May 99

National Economics University, Institute for Economics and Development Studies, Hanoi, Vietnam

- Published a report on the impact of the Southeast Asian financial crisis on the rural areas and the agricultural sector in Vietnam, jointly with researchers in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Canberra, for AusAID
- Researched and developed a conceptual framework to disaggregate living standard data for child poverty in Vietnam, for Save the Children UK, Hanoi
- Literature survey on the impact of globalisation on poverty in Vietnam, for ActionAID, Hanoi

ECONOMIST

Dec 95 - Dec 96

CARE-Bangladesh, Rural Maintenance Programme, Co-ordination Unit, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Finance and Administration: Established financial monitoring systems, assisted in the co-ordination and edition of quarterly reports to donors, participated in setting up a local NGO to take over the Income Diversification unit.
- Monitoring, Evaluation and Training: Assisted in the implementation of the Integrated Monitoring System, reported on the impact on women of fund-generating activities and savings and credit programmes, monitored field offices activities.
- Designed/imparted statistics training (SPSS), evaluated and assisted in the design of gender training

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR

July 93 - Dec 94

UNICEF-Madagascar, Integrated Development Programme, Economic Unit, Manakara, Madagascar

- Participatory Community Development: Organised and co-ordinated twenty poor communities in setting up a hundred micro-projects, provided technical training on micro-project management, reported periodically to UNICEF
- Monitoring and Evaluation: Built a socio-economic database by designing and implementing baseline survey questionnaire for village monographs

ECONOMIST**Sept 92 - June 93****Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Community Development Branch, Toronto, Canada**

- Programme Development Research: Elaborated economic development strategies for Ontario communities and programme directives for community loan funds and bonds, compared provincial economic strategies-
- Computer Programming: Developed a computer programme to test economic models of community loan funds

ECONOMIST**May 92 - Aug 92****Ontario Ministry of Treasury and Economics, Community Economic Branch, Toronto, Canada**

- Researched on innovative financing, joint venture, community bond programmes, loan funds, municipal tax rebates

RESEARCH ASSISTANT**May 91 - Sept 91****National Institute of Scientific Research, INRS-Urbanisation, Montreal, Canada**

- Assisted building a public account matrix of the Montreal economy to test incoming and outgoing capital flows

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Faculty – Royal Institute for Governance and Strategic Studies, Thimphu, Bhutan**

Lecturing for the Senior Executive Leadership Programme (SELP-5) on: Political Economy of Public Policy and Governance “*The Role of Public Policy in Private Sector Development*” (September 2015)

Lecturer – Asian Institute of Technology (Vietnam) and The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)

Lecturing in the Executive Master in Development Policies and Practices, and thesis advisor, Joint-Program in Hanoi, Vietnam (July - December 2015)

Executive Trainer – Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

Teaching senior executives on public policy, economic development, research methods, for participants from Singapore and the Asian region (Ongoing since 2002)

Visiting Lecturer – Khuruthang Training Centre, Bhutan, Research Methods workshop for the Ministry of Agriculture of Bhutan, five-day training financed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation. (December 2009)

Assistant Professor - National University of Singapore, LKY School of Public Policy (June 2002 to present) in Statistical Techniques for Public Policy (Econometrics), Empirical Analysis for Public Policy (Introductory statistics), Poverty Alleviation Strategies and Economic Development Policy

Visiting Lecturer – BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Master in Governance and Development (February 2006) in Lessons in Development Economics

Lecturer – University of London, Birkbeck College, Department of Management (Oct 2000 - June 2002) in Quantitative Methods I: financial arithmetic, statistics, probabilities, sampling and hypothesis testing, Quantitative Methods II: calculus, regression analysis, linear programming, statistics, network analysis

Lecturer – University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, Dept. of Economics (Oct 2001 - June 2002) in Quantitative Methods for Economics: calculus, statistics, probabilities, financial arithmetic (undergraduate), Quantitative Techniques in Statistical Analysis: probabilities, statistics, econometrics

Tutor – University of London, Centre for Financial and Management Studies, Distance Learning (Feb 2001- June 2002) in Microeconomics, Macroeconomic, Mathematics and Statistics

Visiting Lecturer – University of Hong Kong, School of Professional and Continuing Education (Oct 2001) in Quantitative Methods for Financial Management, Econometrics

Visiting Lecturer – Singapore Institute of Management, Master’s Programme in Financial Management (Sept 2001) in Quantitative Methods for Financial Management, Econometrics

Tutor – University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, Dept. of Economics (Oct 1999 - April 2000) in Quantitative Methods: calculus, statistics, probabilities, arithmetics

Tutor- University of Toronto, Canada, Department of Economics (Sept 1991 - April 1992) in Macroeconomics: theories on economic cycles, inflation, unemployment, price adjustments

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Disaster Governance in Bhutan: Fighting Poverty While Increasing Resilience”

“Narratives from Low Income Households in Singapore” with Ola El Taliawi

“The Aftermath of Aid: Assessing the Effectiveness and Sustainability of Post-Disaster Reconstruction in Aceh, Indonesia” with Patrick Daly, Nanyang Technology University, Singapore

“Governing Compound Disasters in Urbanizing Asia” from a Tier 2 research grant by the Ministry of Education of Singapore, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore (Case Studies on Nepal and Bhutan)

“Singapore’s Humanitarian Assistance in Asia: Effectiveness, Principles and Applications”

“Research Methods in Disaster Studies” (Edited Volume)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

“In/Security Issues in Contemporary Southeast Asia” with Anne Raffin, Asian Journal of Social Science, Special Issue on *“Human insecurities in Southeast Asia”*, Brill Academic Publishers Vol. 42, No. 1-2, pp. 3-7, 2014

“*Resilience in Post Disaster Societies: From Crisis to Development*” with Anne Raffin, Asian Journal of Social Science, Special Issue on “*Resilience in Post Disaster Societies: From Crisis to Development*”, Brill Academic Publishers Vol. 39, No. 4, pp. 417-424, 2011

“*Aid Effectiveness and Inclusiveness in the Housing Sector in Post-Disaster Contexts*” with Patrick Daly (Asia Research Institute), Asian Journal of Social Science, Special Issue on “*Resilience in Post Disaster Societies: From Crisis to Development*”, Brill Academic Publishers Vol. 39, No. 4, pp 508-533, 2011

“*Measuring of Aid Governance in Developing Countries: An Application to Post-Tsunami Aceh, Indonesia*”, International Review of Administrative Science, Vol. 75. No. 4, pp. 629-648, 2009

“*Multi-level Assessments for Better Targeting of the Poor: A Conceptual Framework*”, with Scott Fritzen in Progress in Development Studies, Volume. 7, Number. 2, pp. 99-113, 2007

“*Bat Binh Dang va Nhung Lua Chon Chinh Sach*” [Inequality: A Policy Assessment], with Scott Fritzen, Hoat Dong Khoa Hoc [Science Activities Review], Vol. 47, No. 2, pp. 57-60, 2006 [Vietnamese academic journal published by the Ministry of Science and Technology]

“*Wage and Labour Regulation Within the Poverty Alleviation Agenda in Vietnam*”, Policy and Society, Volume 23, Number 2, pp. 49-77, 2004

Edited Books

“*Natural Disaster Management in the Asia-Pacific: Policy and Governance*” edited with David W. Giles and Arnold M. Howitt (Harvard University), Springer Japan, 2015, 240 pp.

“*Labour Market Regulation and De-regulation in Asia: Experiences in the Recent Decades*”, edited with Sarthi Acharya, Academic Publishers, Delhi, 2006, 229 pp.

Book Chapters

“*Disaster Governance, Inequality and Poverty Alleviation in Bhutan: Towards Integrated and Preventive Policies*” Chapter 8 in “*Development Challenges in Bhutan: Perspectives on Inequality and Gross National Happiness*” Edited by Johannes Dragsbaek, SAGE (forthcoming 2016)

“*Confronting Disaster: Recent Lessons from the Asia-Pacific*” with Arnold M. Howitt and David W. Giles, Chapter 1 in Brassard, C., David W. Giles and A. M. Howitt (Eds) “*Natural Disaster Management in the Asia Pacific: Public Policy Perspectives*” Springer, Japan, 2015, pp. 1-13.

“*The Role and Limitations of Public Policy in Ensuring Gender Equity*” with Suzaina Kadir and Ola Gamil Mahmoud El-Taliawi, chapter for the edited book “*Gender Equity: Issues of Theory, Practice and Policy in the Asia Pacific*”, National Commission for Women, Government of India, New Delhi, Edited by the UGC-ASC, Kumaun University, Nainital and the Srinakharinwirot University (forthcoming 2015)

“*Bhutan: Cautiously Cultivated Positive Perception*” Chapter 3 in “*Rising China: South Asian Perspectives*”, edited by S.D. Muni and Tan Tai Yong from the Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Routledge, 2012, pp. 72-95.

“*Development, Decentralization and Democratization in Bhutan*”, Chapter 2 in “South Asia Societies in Political and Economic Transition”, edited by Tan Tai Yong, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Manohar Publishers, New Delhi, 2010, pp. 47-82.

“*Introduction and Overview*”, with Sarthi Acharya, Chapter 1 in “Labour Market Regulation and De-regulation in Asia: Experiences in the Recent Decades”, edited with Sarthi Acharya, Academic Publishers, Delhi, 2006, pp. 21-31.

“*Impact of Wage and Labour Regulation in Vietnam*” Chapter 4 in “Labour Market Regulation and De-regulation in Asia: Experiences in the Recent Decades”, edited with Sarthi Acharya, Academic Publishers, Delhi, 2006, pp. 81-109.

Guest Editor

Guest editor for the special issue of *Asian Journal of Social Science* on “Human Insecurities in Southeast Asia” Brill Academic Publishers Vol. 42, No. 1-2 (2014)

Guest editor for the special issue of *Asian Journal of Social Science* on “Post Disaster Societies”, Brill Academic Publishers Vol. 39, No. 4 (2011)

Book Reviews

Review of “Humanitarian Economics: War, Disaster and the Global Aid Market” by Gilles Carbonnier (2015) Hurst, London, *Asian Journal of International Affairs*, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore (2016).

Review of “After the Great East Japan Earthquake: Political and Policy Change in Post-Fukushima Japan” edited by Dominic Al-Badri and Gijs Berends, Nias Press, Copenhagen (2013), *Asian Journal of Social Science*, Brill Academic Publishers, Netherlands, Vol. 43, No. 6 (2015) pp 843-845

Review of “Vietnam’s Development Strategies” by Pietro Masina, Routledge, *Asian Journal of Social Science*, Brill Academic Publishers, Netherlands, Volume 35, No. 4-5 (2007), pp. 714-715

Review of “The Vietnamese Economy: Awakening the Dormant Dragon” by Binh Tran Nam and Chi Do Pham (Eds.), Routledge, *Singapore Economic Review*, Vol. 48, No. 2 (2003) pp. 213-216

Reports and Consultancies

“*Teaching and Learning at BRAC University – A Background Note*” for the Vice Chancellor of BRAC University (May 2015)

“*Living on a Tight Budget in Singapore: A Qualitative Study of 25 Low-Income Malay/Muslim Households*” for Yayasan MENDAKI, Singapore (February 2015) Available at:
http://www.mendaki.org.sg/upload_files/cuteeditor/Document/Research%20Report%20Book%2013042015.pdf

“Advanced Leadership Program Pre-Assessment Report” for the Executive Program for Senior Civil Servants in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, with Erik Hertzman and Mc Ronald Banderlipe, for the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore (November 2014)

“External Assessor Report for the Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Government and Public Policy Programme” for the Tun Abdul Razak School of Government (TARSOG), University Tun Abdul Razak, (June 2014)

“Creating Sustainable Impact Through Short Term Volunteering in Asia: an Analysis of Singapore International Foundation’s Capacity Building Projects in Indonesia, Vietnam, and Cambodia”, Singapore International Foundation, with Emma Jones, (January 2013).

“Emerging Perspectives on International Volunteerism in Asia”, FORUM 2010 Research Paper with Margaret S. Sherraden and Ben Lough, for the International Volunteer Co-operation Organisations (IVCO), with assistance from the Singapore International Foundation, October 2010. Available at: http://www.sif.org.sg/files/ivco2010_emerging_perspectives.pdf

“Curriculum Review Exercise for the Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration” for the Royal Institute of Management, Thimphu, Bhutan, December 2005

“Vietnam Inequality Report 2005: Assessment and Policy Choices” with Scott Fritzen, Synthesis paper for the Department for International Development (UK) DFID Drivers of Inequality in Vietnam” Project commissioned by the Vietnam National Assembly, Hanoi, August 2005

“Agriculture in Times of Crisis: Impacts in South East Asia of the Economic Crisis”, for the Australian Agency of International Development, with Gus Hooke, Peter Warr, Barry Shaw, and Adam Fforde, 1999. Available at: <http://www.usaid.gov.au/Publications/Documents/agricultureinrimesofcrisis1999.pdf>

“The Living Standards of Children in Vietnam: A Conceptual Framework to Disaggregate Data From The Living Standard Measurement Survey 1992/1993”, Save the Children Fund, UK, Hanoi, Vietnam, 1999.

“The Impacts of Globalisation on Poverty in Vietnam: A Literature Survey”, ActionAid, Hanoi, Vietnam, 1998.

“Initiation to the Statistical Package for Social Statistics (SPSS/PC+)”, CARE-Bangladesh, Dhaka, 1996

“Baseline Survey Questionnaire of the Manakara-Vohipeno Region”, UNICEF-Madagascar, Manakara, 1994

Other Articles

“Singapore’s Agenda for the Next 50 Years: Reducing Poverty and Inequality” in Mendaki Policy Digest 2015, pp. 39-43. Available at: <http://www.mendaki.org.sg/qws/slot/u50178/2.%20Publication%20&%20Resources/2.3%20Policy%20Digest/MENDAKI%20Policy%20Digest%20SG50%20Special%20Edition.pdf>

“Low-Income Malay/Muslim Households in Singapore: Challenges and Coping Strategies” Mendaki Policy Digest 2014, pp. 68-87. Available at: http://www.mendaki.org.sg/upload_files/cuteeditor/Document/POLICY%20DIGEST%202014.pdf

“*Learning from Responses to Large-scale Disasters*” Box 2.7 in the Global Risk Report 2014, World Economic Forum, p. 46.

“*The Future of Disaster Risk Governance*”, in Global-Is-Asian, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Newsletter, with Anum Anis and Lilia Saetova, Issue 21, June/September 2014, pp. 7, 14.

“*Public Policy and Disaster Management in Asia*” in Global-Is-Asian, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Newsletter, Issue 14, April/June 2012, pp 46-47.

“*The Missing Capacities for Mega Disaster Management*” in Global-Is-Asian, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Newsletter, Issue 12, October/December 2011, pp 38-39.

“*International Volunteerism in Asia*” with Margaret Sherraden and Benjamin Lough, in Humanity Magazine, 6th edition, February 2011, pp. 37-40.

“*The Riddle of Measuring Qualitative Growth, Happiness and Well-Being*”, in Global-Is-Asian, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Newsletter, Issue 08, October/December 2010, pp 6-7

“*The Collaborative Learning Model*”, CDTL Brief, Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, National University of Singapore, September 2010, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp. 1-3, 14

“*Disaster Aid Coordination: Lessons for Haiti from Aceh*”, in Global-Is-Asian, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Newsletter, Issue 06, April/June 2010

“*Bhutan’s Contribution to Public Policy Making*”, Asian Journal of Public Affairs, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Volume 2, Issue 1, February 2008

“*Teaching Quantitative Methods Through a Community-Based Data Analysis Exercise*”, in Ideas on Teaching, Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, National University of Singapore, Vol. 5, December 2007

“*Protecting Values in a Changing World*”, Kuensel, National Newspaper of Bhutan, Thimphu, July 17, 2004

“*Are Learning Patterns Different on Mars and Venus?*”, Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning Brief, National University of Singapore, Vol. 7, No 1, 2004

Case Studies

“*Mr Yamazaki’s Story: A Japanese Tsunami Survivor*” published online, May 16, 2015 at <http://blog.nus.edu.sg/disastergovernance/2015/05/16/mr-yamazakis-story/>

“*Taiwan Red Cross in China’s Wenchuan Earthquake Relief*” (edited) by Allen Lai, prize winner in the case study competition, May 2012

“*The use of data by the media: Reporting on the Permanent Housing Delivery for Aceh and Nias Tsunami Victims*” with Angel Lam and Rita Padawangi, June 2008

“The Role of the Singapore Armed Forces in Post-Tsunami Relief in Aceh and Nias” with Jenny Ong, March 2008

“Land-Titling and Gender Equity in Post-Tsunami Aceh”, with Meutia Chaerani, September 2007

“Building from the Rubble: The Reconstruction of Aceh and Nias and Indonesia’s Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency” with Windel Anne Barizo Lacson, September 2006 presented at the workshop on “Evolving a Regional Model for Good Governance in Rural Development” organized by the Centre for Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in collaboration with the London Commonwealth Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan (November 26-30, 2007)

“Streaming in Education: Singapore’s New Education System in 1979” with TC Lai, February 2006

Blogs

Monthly blog contributions to <http://blog.nus.edu.sg/disastergovernance/> supported by the Singapore Ministry of Education through a Tier 2 research grant “Governing compound disasters in urbanizing Asia”.

ACADEMIC PAPERS - PRESENTATIONS

Paper on *“Gaps in Disaster Governance Research”* for the workshop organised by the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, USA (March 10-11, 2016)

Paper on *“Disaster Governance in Bhutan: Fighting Poverty While Increasing Resilience”* at the workshop on Post-disaster Governance for Resilient Cities and Regions, in collaboration with NUS and China Academy of Urban Planning and Design (CAUPD), Chengdu, China (September 18-19, 2015)

Report on *“Living on a Tight Budget in Singapore: A Qualitative Study of 25 Malay/Muslim Low-Income Households”*, presented at the Mendaki Research Seminar 2015 on “Empowering Learning Families, Realising Aspirations”, Lifelong Learning Institute, Singapore (April 25, 2015)

Paper on *“Emerging Forms of Collaborative Networks in Post Disaster Humanitarian Aid”* at the 2014 Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra (February 13-14, 2014)

Paper for the Conference on “Disaster Governance: The Urban Transition in Asia” on *“Humanitarian Aid Effectiveness in Post-Disaster Contexts”* at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore (November 7-8, 2013)

Paper for the ACE 2013 Fifth Asian Conference on “Learning and Teaching in Changing Times”, on *“Three Debates on Team Teaching”* with Namrata Chindarkar, Osaka Japan (23-27 October, 2013), supported by an NUS Teaching Enhancement Grant, final paper presented at the NUS Centre for the Development of Teaching and Learning TEG talks (April 21, 2015)

Paper for the 10th ASEAN Inter-University Seminars on Social Development: Human Insecurities on *“Natural Disaster and Volunteerism for Social Development: Prospects and Challenges in ASEAN”*, University Brunei, Darussalam (December 10-12, 2012)

Paper for the International Conference on “Decentralization and its Discontents: Recalibrating Public Service Delivery in Asia”, on “*Local Governance and Community Development in Nepal*”, Centre for Governance and Citizenship, The Hong Kong Institute of Education, Hong Kong (November 18-19, 2011)

Commissioned Joint Paper for the International Volunteer Cooperation Organisation Annual Conference on “*Emerging Perspectives on International Volunteerism in Asia*”, Singapore International Foundation (October 3-6, 2010)

Paper for the 9th ASEAN Inter-University Seminars on “Aid Effectiveness and Inclusiveness in the Housing Sector in Post-Disaster Contexts” with Patrick Daly (Asia Research Institute), Banda Aceh, Indonesia (May 25-27, 2010)

Paper for the International Conference of Education Research and Innovation (ICERI) on “*Collaborative Learning at the Post Graduate Level: Partnerships for Innovative Curricula in Public Policy*”, virtual presentation, Melia Castilia Convention Centre, Madrid, Spain (November 16-18, 2009)

Paper for the Development Studies Association Annual Conference on “*Key Principles Underlying the New Modes of Aid Governance in Asia*” with Teresita Cruz-del Rosario, for the panel organised for the 60th anniversary of the journal *Public Administration and Development* on “What Future for Development Management?”, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland (September 2-4, 2009)

Paper for the International Conference on Public Policy for Sustainable Development, on “*Trajectories of Inequality in Vietnam: Lessons from China*”, and panel discussant at the International Institute of Public Policy and Management (INPUMA), University of Malaya, 4-5 August 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (August 4-5, 2009)

Invited paper for the International Workshop on Remaking the Vietnamese State: Implications for Vietnam and the Region, on “*The Employment Agenda in Vietnam: What’s in it for the Poor?*” City University, Hong Kong (August 21-22, 2008)

Presented paper at the Specialised Conference on International Aid and Public Administration, International Institute of Administrative Science, on “*Towards a Measurement of Aid Governance in Developing Countries: An Application to Post-Tsunami Aceh, Indonesia*”, Ankara, Turkey (June 22-28, 2008)

Invited participant at the International Conference on International Political Economy and Computational Approaches, on “*Labour Market Regulation and Deregulation in Vietnam: Impact on Poverty and Inequality*”, Department of Public Policy and management, I-Shou University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan (May 16, 2008)

Invited paper on “*Towards a Conceptual Framework to Measure Aid Governance: With an Application to Vietnam*”, at the National Taipei University Department of Public Policy, Taipei, Taiwan (May 14, 2008)

Invited paper on “*Good Governance and Rural Development in South Asia*” for the workshop on “Evolving a Regional Model for Good Governance in Rural Development” organized by the Centre for Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in collaboration with the London Commonwealth Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan (November 26-30, 2007)

Presented paper at the 10th International Winelands Conference on Public Management and Development: Illusion, Delusion, Illumination? on “*Bhutan’s Contribution to Development Thinking: Pursuing Gross National Happiness*”, Stellenbosch University, South Africa (April 5-7, 2006)

Convenor and presented paper at the Fourth International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS) in Shanghai, on “*Forgotten Pillars of Development in Asia: Implementation of the Development Strategy in Bhutan*” (August 20-24, 2005)

Participant at the Singapore Economic Review Conference (SERC) on Growth and Development Economics, “*Maximising Gross National Happiness: A Critical View of the National Development Concept in Bhutan*” (August 4-5, 2005)

Convenor and presented paper on the Wage and Labour Panel for the Conference on “Regulation, De-Regulation and Re-Regulation in Globalizing Asia” presented paper on “*Wage and Labour Regulation Within the Poverty Alleviation Agenda in Vietnam*”, National University of Singapore (March 22-24, 2004)

Participant at the International Institute of Administrative Sciences Second Regional Conference on “Shared Governance: Combating Poverty and Exclusion” presented paper on “*Multi-level Assessments for Better Targeting of the Poor: A Conceptual Framework*”, with Scott Fritzen, Yaounde, Cameroon (July 14-18, 2003)

INVITED SPEAKER - ORGANISER - PARTICIPANT

Keynote Speaker at the International Seminar on Poverty Alleviation on “*Disaster Governance and Poverty Alleviation*” at Yayasan Bina Mandiri Gorontalo, Indonesia (September 29, 2015)

Speaker at the National Consultation Meeting with Academicians organised by the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies of Dhaka University and OXFAM, in preparation for the World Humanitarian Summit of 2016, Dhaka University, Bangladesh (May 13, 2015)

Participant at the Global Forum on Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination organised by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, the World Humanitarian Summit Secretariat, Singapore Changi Naval Base (April 13-15, 2015)

Speaker on “*Environmental Disasters and Disaster Risk Reduction*”, at the World Readiness Conversations 2015 organised by the Singapore Chinese Girl’s School (April 8, 2015)

Member of the organizing committee of the Working Session on “*Governance and Development Planning*” for the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Coordinated by the UNISDR, Sendai, Japan (March 14-18, 2015)

Discussant at the ASEAN-Canada Forum on ‘*Natural Resources Management for Sustainable Growth*’, Singapore (July 24-25, 2014)

Guest-of-Honour speech for the Finals of the 6th Inter-school Debate on International Humanitarian Law (IHL), Anglo-Chinese Junior College, Singapore (July 20, 2014)

Speaker at Builders Connect Learning Programme, on “*Aid Governance and Collaborative Networks*”, University Scholar’s Program, National University of Singapore (May 14, 2014)

Joint organiser and Speaker at the UNISDR Expert Workshop on “*The Future of Disaster Risk Management: The Governance Challenge*” and speaker on “The Role of Communication Technology in Disaster Management” with Naomi Aoki, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, in preparation for the 2015 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction, LKY SPP, Singapore (April 10-11, 2014)

Guest-of Honour speech for the World Red Cross Day Celebration, Enrolment Ceremony and Recognition Day 2014, National University of Singapore (March 29, 2014)

Speaker at the practitioner roundtable at the conference “*Religion and the Politics of Development: Priests, Potentates and Progress*”, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore (August 28-29, 2013)

Discussant at the ASEAN-Canada Forum and Public Symposium, organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University and the Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia, hosted by Ho Chi Minh University of Social Science and Humanities, Vietnam (August 20-12, 2013)

Keynote speaker at the Humanitarian Forum Indonesia, on “*Humanitarian Non-Structural Movement: Opportunities and Challenges*”, Jakarta (July 18, 2012)

Keynote speaker at the 4th ASEAN Youth Convention 2012, on “*Governance of Aid and Policy: The Case of Post-Tsunami Aid in Aceh*”, Singapore (June 18, 2012)

Keynote speaker and joint organiser of the 2nd Annual Asia Public Policy Forum: Disaster Management in Asia jointly organised with the Harvard Kennedy School, presentation on “*Humanitarian Aid, Charity Fatigue and Community Resilience*”, LKY SPP, Singapore (May 13-15, 2012)

Speaker at Builders Connect Learning Programme, on “*Development and Poverty Alleviation: Impact of the Economic Crisis*”, University Scholar’s Program National University of Singapore (May 8, 2012)

Keynote speaker on “*Humanitarian Aid and Development in Asia*” at the 3rd ASEAN Youth Convention, SMA Institute of Higher Learning City Campus, Singapore (August 7, 2011)

Plenary speaker on “*Volunteering Mega Trends: International Volunteering*” and key speaker at the session on “Leadership for Poverty Alleviation” at the 21st International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) World Volunteer Conference, Sentosa Resorts World, Singapore (January 26, 2011)

Speaker at the Policy Dialogue on *Emerging Macroeconomic Policy Issues and Development Challenges in the ESCAP Region: A Post-Crisis Scenario* and Expert Group Meeting, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand (December 8-9, 2010)

Guest Lecturer on “*International Volunteerism in Asia*” at the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore (October 10, 2010)

Plenary Speaker on “*Emerging Perspective on International Volunteerism in Asia*”, conference presented at the International Volunteer Co-operation Organisations (IVCO) Conference 2010 jointly organised with the Singapore International Foundation (SIF), Furama City Centre, Singapore (October 3-6, 2010)

Speaker on “*Collaborative Learning*” at the Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, National University of Singapore (September 2, 2010)

Keynote speaker on “*International Aid Governance*” for the Global Youth Congress International, 2nd Global Youth Forum on Development of the Global Economy’, SMA Institute of Higher Learning City Campus, Singapore (July 23, 2010)

Speaker at the Expert Hearing on *Asian Perspectives on Qualitative Growth*, organised by the Bertelsmann Stiftung at the LKY SPP Singapore (June 28, 2010)

Panel speaker on “*Aid Governance in ASEAN*” for the Conference Securing Food in ASEAN; Food Security in the World, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (April 15-17, 2010)

Seminar presentation on “*Is Good Aid Governance Achievable?*” at the Association of Pacific Rim Universities Summer Program 2009 - Global Leadership in the 21st Century, National University of Singapore (July 13-24, 2009)

Plenary speaker on “*Quest for ASEAN Community: Bridging the Development Gap*” at the 3rd SIF-ASEAN Fellowship Alumni Conference organized by the Singapore International Foundation, Singapore (November 15-17, 2007)

Speaker on “*Poverty Alleviation Strategies in Asia*” at the University Scholars Programme, NUS (March 7, 2007)

Panel speaker on “*A Comparative Perspective of Poverty Alleviation Strategies in China and India*” for the Harvard Project for Asian International Relations Conference on “Redefining Asia: Visions and Realities”, Singapore (August 17-19, 2006)

Speaker in a series of seminars on “*Introduction to Statistics for Arts and Social Sciences*” at the Department of English and Literature, through the Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, University of Singapore (December 1-2, 2005)

Speaker at the launching conference of the Network of Asia-Pacific Schools and Institutes of Public Administration and Governance on “*The Role of Public Administration in Alleviating Poverty and Improving Governance*” for the panel on effective public service delivery and plenary speaker on “*Innovative Teaching Techniques*” in the session on the Teaching of Public Administration and Policy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, (December 6-8, 2004)

Speaker on “*Teaching Quantitative Methods Using Innovative Techniques*” at the Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, University of Singapore (September 15, 2004)

Plenary speaker on “*Tutorial Classes*” as part of the Professional Development Programme (Teaching) of the Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, National University of Singapore (August 8, 2004)

Speaker on “*Assessing the Living Standards Data Collection Process in Vietnam*” at the Harvard Institute for International Development, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (March, 1999)

EXECUTIVE TRAINING

Lecturer for the Advanced Leadership Programme for the Ethiopian Government on “Economics of Development”, Addis Ababa, organised by the UNDP Ethiopia (Forthcoming 2016)

Lecturer for the Executive Training Program Essentials of Policy Development on “Formulating and Assessing Policy Solutions” LKY SPP. (February 18, 2016)

Faculty coordinator for the Policy Analysis Exercise and lecturer in “Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis for Public Policy” for the Executive Training Program on “Public Policy and Management” for Senior Officials in Brunei (August-December 2014 and 2015)

Lecturer for the Executive Master of Development Policies and Practices on “Introduction to Development Policies and Practices” and thesis advisor, coordinated by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva, at the Asian Institute of Technology in Hanoi, Vietnam (July-December 2015)

Lecturer for the Executive Training Program for the Home Team Senior Command and Staff Course, on “*Crisis and Human Resilience: How We Prepare for the Unpredictable*” Singapore Home Team Academy (June 28, 2013, July 24, 2014 and October 1, 2015)

Lead Faculty and Lecturer for the Executive Training Program Foundation Analysis Course for the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) on “*Qualitative Methods for Policy Research*” and “*Applications of NVivo*” (March 10-12, 2014)

Lecturer for the Executive Training Program Foundation Analysis Course for the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) on “*Using Qualitative Data for Policy Research*” (October 9-31, 2012)

Lecturer for the Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University on “*The Relief, Reconstruction and Development Continuum*” and “*Building Back Better: Ten Policy Lessons from Recent Experiences in Asia*”, Singapore (August 22-23, 2011)

Lecturer for the Social Service Training Institute Executive Programme in Social Worker Leadership on “*Improving Data Collection for More Effective Social Services*”, Singapore (July 22, 2010)

Lecturer for the Executive Training programme on “*Writing and Teaching Using the Case Study Method*” for the Bank of Indonesia, Jakarta (June 29-July 2, and September 23-24, 2010)

Lecturer for the Executive Public Policy Training Program for Vietnamese Government Officials on “*Building Foundation for Sustainable Economic Development*”, and “*Comparative Public Policies in Perspective*” LKY SPP, Government of Vietnam and the Asian Development Bank, Hanoi, Vietnam (twice yearly between 2009 to 2012)

Lecturer for the Institute of Policy Studies, LKY SPP on “*Case Study Writing*” (October 2009)

Co-Chair and Lecturer for the Case Study Writing Workshop for the Singapore Prison Services, on “*Introduction to Case Writing*” and “*Structure and Content of Cases*”, LKY SPP (March 2009)

Lecturer for the Case Study Writing Workshop at the Singapore Public Utilities Board, on “*How to Develop a Teaching Case*” and “*Data Collection and Processing for Case Writing*”, Public Utilities Board, Singapore (October 2008)

Co-Chair and Lecturer for the Regional Executive Peer Exchange Program on Effective Aid Management for the UNDP Regional Training Programme in Asia-Pacific, on “*Improving the Fit Between ODA and National Development Priorities*” and “*Presentation Skills for Aid Effectiveness*”, LKY SPP (October - November 2008)

Lecturer for the Executive Program on Economics and Public Policy for the Ministry of Manpower of Singapore, on “*Poverty and Inequality*” and “*Basic Statistics*”, LKY SPP (September 2008)

Lecturer for the Executive Program for the Social Services Training Institute of Singapore on “*Improving Data Collection for More Effective Social Services*” LKY SPP (August 2008)

Lecturer for the Executive Program on “*Trade Policy and Development in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region*”, LKY SPP (November 2006)

Lecturer for the Executive Program on “*Corruption of the Shadow Economy*” for Government Officials from the Republic of Kazakhstan, LKY SPP (October 2006)

Lecturer for the Brunei Ministry of Defence Executive Training on Public Policy and Management on “*Understanding Data for Public Policy*”, Brunei. (March 2006)

Lecturer on “*Mobilizing Resources for Economic Development*” and “*The Role of Education and Health Policies for Poverty Reduction*” for the Executive Program On Leadership, Public Administration Reform And Service Delivery For the National Academy for Public Administration, Vietnam, LKY SPP. (February 2006)

Visiting lecturer on “*Lessons in Development*” for the Master’s Programme in Governance and Development Studies at the Centre for Governance Studies at BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh (February 2006)

Collaborator and participant for the planning workshop for the establishment of a *Master’s Programme in Governance and Development Studies* for BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh (August 2005)

Coordinator of a three-day Capacity Building workshop, organised for the Civil Service Commission of Bhutan, and seminar speaker on “*Sustainable Economic Development*”, for the Singapore International Foundation, Thimphu, Bhutan (May 2005)

Visiting lecturer on “*Quantitative Methods for Financial Management*” at the University of Hong Kong, School of Professional and Continuing Education for the Master’s Programme in Financial Management from the distance education program from the University of London (October 2001)

Visiting lecturer on “*Quantitative Methods for Financial Management*” at the Singapore Institute of Management, for the Master’s Programme in Financial Management from the distance education program from the University of London (September 2001)

TRAINING RECEIVED

Participant at the training on “*Board Accountability: Financial Management for Non-Profit Organisations*”, imparted by the Social Service Training Institute, Singapore (January 13, 2015)

Participant at the training on “*Managing Workplace Conflicts and Issues*”, National University of Singapore (January 9-10, 2014)

Participant at the training on “*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*” Signature program, National University of Singapore (July 9-10, 2013)

Participant at the training on “*Effective Performance Management Practices*” conducted by Action Consulting and Training, Singapore (January 28, 2013)

Participant at the training on “*Participatory Project Management*”, imparted by TorqAid, organised by the Singapore International Foundation, Singapore (May 19-22, 2009)

Participant at the training on “*Winning Presentations*”, imparted by Maura Fay Workshops, organised by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore (April 24-25, 2008)

Certified Trainer for Senior UN Mission Leaders on “*Gender Equality in Peacekeeping*” Training-of-Trainers Course imparted by the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, organised by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore (November 20-22, 2007)

Certificate in “*Mandarin Language - Lower Intermediate*” from the IKOMA language school, Singapore (September 2007)

Participant at the Executive Training Program “*Partners in Innovative Governance*” by the Ash Institute, at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge MA (December 4-9, 2005)

Participant at the Joint National University of Singapore and Harvard University “*Case Writers Program*”, imparted by the Kennedy School of Government, organised by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore (January 10-12, 2005)

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Guest Editor

Asian Journal of Social Sciences (Human Insecurities)	2013
Asian Journal of Social Science (Post Disaster Societies)	2011

Reviewer for Book Publishers

Oxford University Press (South Asia Development, 2015), Routledge Books (Research Methods, 2012), Wiley-Blackwell (Econometrics, 2009), Routledge Asian Studies (Development Economics, 2009)

Referee for Academic Journals

Asian Journal of Social Science, Asian Journal of Public Affairs, Philippines Journal of Science, Asian Journal of Social Sciences, Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development, Geographical Research, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, Journal of Contemporary Asia, Journal of Development Effectiveness, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of Income Distribution, Journal of Public Administration and Policy Research, Singapore Economic Review, World Development.

Membership of Editorial/Academic Committees

Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs	2012-2014
Chair of the Teaching Excellence Committee, LKY SPP	2010-2012
Coordinator of the Policy Analysis Exercise, LKY SPP	2004-07/09-14
Member of the Library Committee, LKY SPP	2008/09
Member of the Teaching Excellence Committee, LKY SPP	2008/09
Member of the Curriculum Review Committee, LKY SPP	2006/07

MEMBERSHIP of PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Chair of Advisory Panel of the Singapore Red Cross Academy	2013-present
Co-Opted Council member of the Singapore Red Cross	2011-present
Member of the International Services Committee of the Singapore Red Cross	2009-10
Asian Political and International Studies Association	2004-12
Development Studies Association (UK)	2000-present
American Society for Public Administration	2003/04

LANGUAGES

French and English (fluent), Mandarin and Vietnamese (intermediate), Indonesian and Spanish (beginner) and previous working knowledge of Bengali and Malagasy.

INTERESTS

Learning languages, playing flute and piano, volunteering, travelling and personal writings.

OTHER

Producer, joint writer and actor in “*Public Policy Gone Mad*”, a play performed by the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy staff and faculty, at the National University of Singapore, 26 January 2014.

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