

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Prof Saravanan Gopinathan

CURRENT POSITION

Professorial Fellow, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Academic Group
National Institute of Education (NIE), Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

1 Mar 1994 – 30 Jun 2000	Dean, School of Education, NIE, NTU (concurrent appointment)
1 Aug 1995 – 30 Jun 2000	Head, NIE Centre for Educational Research, NTU (concurrent appointment)
1 Apr 1999	Professor, NTU
1 Jul 2000 – 30 Jun 2003	Dean, Foundation Programmes Office, NIE, NTU (concurrent appointment)
1 Mar 2003 – 28 Feb 2006	Vice-Dean, Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice, NIE, NTU (concurrent appointment)
1 Mar 2006 – 30 Sep 2007	Vice-Dean, Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice, NIE, NTU
1 Oct 2007 – 30 Apr 2008	Associate Dean, Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice, NIE, NTU
1 May 2008 – 31 Jan 2009	Head, Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice, NIE, NTU
1 Feb – 31 Dec 2009	Associate Dean, Office of Education Research, NIE, NTU
1 Jan – 30 Jun 2010	Professor, Office of Education Research, NIE, NTU
2 Jul 2010 – 30 Jun 2011	Professorial Fellow, Policy and Leadership Studies Academic Group and Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Academic Group, NIE, NTU
1 Jul 2011 – 30 Jun 2012	Professorial Fellow, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Academic Group, NIE, NTU

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

BA (Hons)	University of Singapore	1965
DipEd	University of Singapore	1966
MEd	University of Singapore	1972
PhD	The State University of New York	1984

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Distinguished Alumnus Award by The State University of New York (Buffalo);
- The Singapore Government's Public Administration Medal (Silver) for services to education

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Educational Research Association (Founder member, President, member since 1985)

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- International Alliance Teacher Education Project (one year: from 2007-December 2008): Principal Investigator/Coordinator

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS/KEYNOTES

- Invited to deliver three different plenary lectures: Communities of Practice Seminar in Copenhagen, Denmark from 9-13 May 2011; Titles of the presentations:
 - a) ***The State, the Economy and Education: Reflections on Singapore's Education Journey;***
 - b) ***Singapore Education in Transition;***
 - c) ***Singapore Education Achievements and Challenges***
- Invited presentation: Ministry of Higher Education in Bangkok, Thailand on 15 March 2011; Title of the presentation: ***Preparing Teachers for 21st Century Learning: Singapore's Redesign of Teacher Preparation***
- Invited presentation: LEPI Conference-Reunion 2010: Global Trends and Issues in School Leadership in Manila, The Philippines from 2-6 December 2010; Title of the presentation: ***Building a Research Culture in Learning Organisations***
- Invited presentation: Regional Seminar on Teacher Policies in Asia Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand from 17-19 November 2010; Title of the presentation: ***Teacher Policies in Singapore***
- Invited presentation: The Education Forum in Bahrain from 8-10 October 2010; Title of the presentation: ***Developing Excellence in Education***
- Keynote address: Secondary Education: Experiences and New Directions in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in February 2010; Title of the presentation: ***New Directions in Secondary Education: Experiences from Singapore***
- Invited presentation: Meeting on Quality Education and Standards for Teachers' Performance in Cairo, Egypt from 25-26 October 2008; Title of the presentation: ***Better Teacher and Teaching Quality: The Singapore Model***

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Shive, G. L., Gopinathan, S., & Cummings, W. K. (Eds.) (1988). *North South scholarly exchange: Access, equity and collaboration*. New York: Mansell Publishing Ltd.
- Gopinathan, S., Pakir, A., Ho, W. K., & Vanitha, S. (Eds.). (1994). *Language, society and education in Singapore*. Singapore: Times Academic Press.

- Tan, J., Gopinathan, S., & Ho, W. K. (Eds.). (1997). *Education in Singapore: A book of readings*. Singapore: Prentice Hall.
- Vaish, V., Gopinathan, S., & Liu, Y. B. (Eds.) (2007). *Language, capital, culture: Critical studies of language in education in Singapore*. Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Sense Publishers.
- Tan, J., Gopinathan, S., & Ho, W. K. (Eds.) (2001). *Challenges facing the Singapore education system today*. Singapore: Prentice Hall.

Chapters in Books

- Gopinathan, S. (2009). Educating the next generation. In B. Welsh, J. Chin & T. H. Tan (Eds.). *Impression of the Goh Chok Tong years in Singapore*. Singapore: NUS Press & co-published with the Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.
- Fang, Y. P., & Gopinathan, S. (2009). Teachers and teaching in Eastern and Western schools: A critical review of cross-cultural comparative studies. In L. J. Saha & A. G. Dworkin (Eds.) *International handbook of research on teachers and teaching (part one and two)*. New York: Springer Publishers.
- Chong, S., & Gopinathan, S. (2008). Teacher education in Singapore. In T. A. O'Donoghue & C. Whitehead (Eds.), *Teacher education in the English-speaking world: Past, present, and future* (pp. 121-136). United States, Charlotte: Information Age Publishing.

Journal Papers (Refereed)

- Tan, S. K. S., Wong, I. Y. F., Fang, Y., Devi, L., & Gopinathan, S. (2010). Educational collaboration across borders: The preparation of the 'transforming teacher education: Redefined professionals for the 21st century schools' report. *Journal of Education for Teaching*, 36(4), 477-493.
- Gopinathan, S., Wong, B., & Tang, N. (2008). The evolution of school leadership policy and practice in Singapore: Responses to changing socio-economic political contexts (insurgents, implementers, innovators). In R. Bates (Ed), *Journal of Educational Administration and History*, 40(3), 235-249.
- Hogan, D., & Gopinathan, S. (2008). Knowledge management, sustainable innovation and pre-service teacher education in Singapore. In C. Day (Ed), *Teachers and Teaching: Theory and Practice. A Special Issue of Politics and Policy in Teacher Education: International Perspectives*, in Furlong, J., Cochran-Smith, M., & Brennan, M. (Guest Eds.) 14(4), 369-384.
- Gopinathan, S. (2007). Globalisation, the Singapore developmental state and education policy: A thesis revisited. *Globalization, Societies and Education*, 5(1), 53-70.
- Luke, A., Freebody, P., Lau, S., & Gopinathan, S. (2005). Towards research-based innovation and reform: Singapore schooling in transition. *Asia Pacific Journal of Education*, 25(1), 5-28.

Selected Conference Papers (Published in Proceedings)

- Gopinathan S. (2005). Understanding paradigm shifts in language planning in education in Singapore: A teacher education's perspective. *Paradigm shifts in English language teaching and learning: Selected papers from the inaugural CELC international symposium*. Singapore: National University of Singapore.
- Gopinathan S. (2005). Remaking the Singapore curriculum: Trends, issues, prospects. *School based curriculum renewal for the knowledge society: developing Capacity for new times*, (pp. 71-81). Hong Kong: Hong Kong Institute of Education.

Selected Conference Papers (Unpublished)

Gopinathan S. (2011). Are we all global citizens now? *Reflections on citizenship and citizenship education in a globalising world*. Hong Kong: Centre for Citizenship and Governance, Hong Kong Institute of Education.

Research Reports

Lakshmi, S., Vaish, V., Gopinathan, S., & Vanita, S. (2005). *Critical review of Tamil language syllabus and recommendations for syllabus revision*. Singapore.

TEACHING, DEVELOPMENT & CONSULTING WORK

Over the period of service since 1974, I have taught/lectured at the initial, professional development and postgraduate levels. I have, as Dean, overseen the development of NIE's BA (Education) and BSc (Education) and PGDE programmes. At the postgraduate level, I oversaw the development of the School of Education's Counselling, ICT and Leadership programmes. I currently teach on two master's programmes, one course for the Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Academic Group on the Singapore Curriculum and one course for the Policy and Leadership Studies Academic Group on Globalisation and Education. In 2012, I will be teaching on Master of Teaching and NIE's own EdD programme.

When NIE set up the Centre for Pedagogy and Practice (CRPP) in 2003, I was instrumental in its establishment and worked with Professors Allan Luke and Peter Freebody in developing the research agenda. I have served as Head, CRPP and as Associate Dean, Office of Education Research. In 2011, I served as an Advisor on NIE's proposed Master of Teaching programme.

I have also served on several Ministry of Education committees since its reform initiatives started in 1997. I have been a consultant to MENDAKI and to SINDA and am currently Academic Advisor to SIM University's Teaching and Learning Centre and to the Singapore Teachers Union's consulting arm, EduCare. On behalf of NIE, I conceptualised and assisted in the establishment of the Emirates College for Advanced Education in Abu Dhabi, the Bahrain Teachers College at the University of Bahrain. I was also involved in establishing the Sampoerna School of Education in Jakarta.