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- Academic employment      Senior Research Fellow; Head, Case Study Unit and Social Inclusion Project, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 2020–  
Assistant Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 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), The London School of Economics and Political Science, 2009  
BSocSci Social Work (Honours, First), National University of Singapore, 2003
- Research interests           Retirement income security, minimum income standards, social housing policy, homelessness
- Publications                      Research reports (selected)  
Ng KH. (2020). Social housing. In *UN Habitat Housing Practice Series – Singapore* (pp. 10-27). Nairobi: United Nations Human Settlements Programme. [<https://unhabitat.org/housing-practice-series-singapore>]  
Ng KH. (2019). *Homeless in Singapore: Results from a nationwide street count*. Singapore: LKYSPP. [<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). *What older people need in Singapore: A household budgets study*. [<https://whatsenoughsg.wordpress.com>]  
Ng KH. (2015). *Moving targets: The practice and evaluation of street outreach for at-risk youths in Singapore*. Singapore: Ministry of Social and Family Development.
- Academic journals  
Ng KH, Neo YW. (2020). Housing problems and social work advocacy in a home-owning society. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 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, 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.

#### Commissioned studies (selected)

*Elderly household budgets in Singapore*. International Longevity Centre (ILC), Tsao Foundation, 2017–18.

*Evaluation of Social Service Offices (SSOs)*. Service Delivery and Development Group, Ministry of Social and Family Development, 2016–20.

*Evaluation of the Youth GO! Programme (YGP)*. Central Youth Guidance Office, Ministry of Social and Family Development, 2012–17.

#### Op-eds

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, Neo YW, Maulod A, & Chok S. (2020, July 1). Security and independence are basic needs. *Academia.sg*.

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

Ng KH. (2020, March 6). Gaps in retirement income system cannot be fixed with small tweaks. *Academia.sg*.

Ng KH, Teo YY. (2019, August 13). Making sense of data: Household income and expenditure, basic needs and inequality. *The Edge*.

Ng KH, Teo YY. (2019, July 2). 如何协助年长者达到基本生活水平. *New Naratif*.

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, Yeo YY. (2019, May 23). How to achieve a basic standard of living for older people in Singapore. *The Edge*.

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, May 11). To tackle inequality, policy mindsets must change. *The Straits Times*.

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*.

Neo YW, Ng KH. (2017, October 17). Getting to the nub of homelessness. *Today*.

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*.

Conference presentations (selected)

*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.

*Permanent insecurity? Irregular transfers as public pensions in Singapore*. 6th McDonnell Academy International Symposium, Brisbane, Australia, September 2016.

Invited talks, interviews (selected)

*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.

*Panel discussion on communities.* Singapore Summit: Young Societal Leaders Programme, September 2019.

*Minimum income standards for older people in Singapore: How much is enough?* Straits Clan, August 2019.

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

*Public housing in Singapore: How we got here.* Friends of the Museums Singapore, National Museum of Singapore, February 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)

Qualitative research methods for public policy (PP5408), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 2016–18

Social welfare in East Asia (PP5150), LKY School, 2014–19

The Lee Kuan Yew school course, LKY School, 2017–

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

Titmuss Prize for Best PhD Thesis in Social Policy, LSE, 2014

Ee Peng Liang Memorial Fund Scholarship, 2009–2013

LSE-NUS Partnership PhD Award, 2011

United Kingdom Commonwealth Scholarship, 2008–2009

Service and affiliations  
(selected)

Programme Chair, Master in Public Policy, LKY School, 2018–2020

Associate, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 2020–

Associate, Social Service Research Centre, National University of Singapore, 2014–

UK Social Policy Association, 2012–

East Asian Social Policy Network, 2011–

Advisor, Cahaya Community Services, 2019–

Member, Family and Worker Support Committee/Advisory Panel, Chinese Development Assistance Council, 2016–

Member, Board of Advisors, International Longevity Centre Singapore, Tsao Foundation, 2015–17