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Originally from Bulgaria, Dr. Kaneti completed her BA (East Asian Studies) and MSW (Social Enterprise Administration/minor in Business Administration) at Columbia University, and her PhD (Politics) at the New School for Social Research, New York, USA. Before moving to the National University to Singapore, Dr. Kaneti taught at Columbia University and New York University, among others.

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