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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Jul 2018–present Senior Lecturer in Global Studies, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Malaysia
Jun 2015–Jun 2018 Assistant Professor (Geography), Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam
Feb 2014–May 2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong

EDUCATION

PhD in Human Geography & Urban Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science
MSc Contemporary Urbanism (Distinction), London School of Economics and Political Science
Master of Architecture, National University of Singapore
BA (Architecture), National University of Singapore

GRANTS (SELECTED)

Aug–Dec 2018 **Principal Investigator**, *Chinese University Branch Campuses in ASEAN: The Malaysian Case*, Monash University Malaysia School of Arts and Social Sciences Internal Research Grant
Jan 2016–Jun 2017 **Principal Investigator**, *Investing in ‘Homes’ Across the Border: Comparing the Cases of Brunei-Miri and Singapore-Johor Bahru*, University Research Grant, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

Monograph

Koh, S.Y. (2017) *Race, Education, and Citizenship: Mobile Malaysians, British Colonial Legacies, and a Culture of Migration*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. ‘Migration, Diasporas, and Citizenship’ series.

Edited books

Rogers, D., & **Koh, S.Y.** (Eds.) (2018) *The Globalisation of Real Estate: The Politics and Practice of Foreign Real Estate Investment*. New York: Routledge. ‘Routledge Special Issue as Books’ programme.
Chan, Y.W., & **Koh, S.Y.** (Eds.) (2018) *New Chinese Migrations: Mobility, Home, and Inspirations*. Abingdon, Oxon; New York: Routledge. ‘Routledge series on Asian Migration’.
Forrest, R., **Koh, S.Y.**, & Wissink, B. (Eds.) (2017) *Cities and the Super-Rich: Real Estate, Elite Practices, and Urban Political Economies*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. ‘The Contemporary City’ series.

Journal special issues

Rogers, D., & **Koh, S.Y.** (Eds.) (2017) The Globalisation of Real Estate: The Politics and Practice of Foreign Real Estate Investment [Special Issue]. *International Journal of Housing Policy*, 17(1), 1–144.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Koh, S.Y., & Wissink, B. (2018) Enabling, Structuring and Creating Elite Transnational Lifestyles: Intermediaries of the Super- Rich and the Elite Mobilities Industry. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 44(4), 592–609. doi:10.1080/1369183X.2017.1315509
Koh, S.Y. (2017) Property Tourism and the Facilitation of Investment-Migration Mobility in Asia. *Asian Review*, 30(1), 27–45.
Koh, S.Y. (2015) Postcolonial Approaches to Migration in Asia: Reflections and Projections. *Geography Compass*, 9(8), 432–444. doi: 10.1111/gec3.12226
Koh, S.Y. (2015) State-led Talent Return Migration Programme and the Doubly Neglected ‘Malaysian Diaspora’: Whose Diaspora, What Citizenship, Whose Development? *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 36(2), 183–200. doi:10.1111/sjtg.12107
Koh, S.Y. (2015) How and Why Race Matters: Malaysian-Chinese Transnational Migrants Interpreting and Practising Bumiputera-Differentiated Citizenship. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 41(3), 531–550. doi:10.1080/1369183X.2014.937327

Editorials and essays in peer-reviewed journals

Koh, S.Y. (2018) More than Real Estate. *Dialogues in Human Geography*, 8(2), 241–243.

[doi:10.1177/2043820617736622](https://doi.org/10.1177/2043820617736622) [invited essay for book review forum]

Rogers, D., & **Koh, S.Y.** (2017) The Globalisation of Real Estate: The Politics and Practice of Foreign Real Estate Investment. *International Journal of Housing Policy*, 17(1), 1–14. [doi:10.1080/19491247.2016.1270618](https://doi.org/10.1080/19491247.2016.1270618)

Book chapters

Koh, S.Y. (2018) Challenges and Opportunities of Comparative Urbanism: The Case of Brunei-Miri and Singapore-Iskandar Malaysia. In R. Padawangi (Ed.) *Routledge Handbook on Urbanization in Southeast Asia* (pp. 101–114). Routledge.

Forrest, R., **Koh, S.Y.**, Wissink, B., & (2017) In Search of the Super-Rich: Who are They? Where are They? In R. Forrest, S.Y. Koh, & B. Wissink (Eds.) *Cities and the Super-Rich: Real Estate, Elite Practices, and Urban Political Economics* (pp. 1–18). Palgrave Macmillan. [doi:10.1057/978-1-137-54834-4_1](https://doi.org/10.1057/978-1-137-54834-4_1)

Wissink, B., **Koh, S.Y.**, & Forrest, R. (2017) Tycoon City: Power and Privilege in Hong Kong. In R. Forrest, S.Y. Koh, & B. Wissink (Eds.) *Cities and the Super-Rich: Real Estate, Elite Practices, and Urban Political Economics* (pp. 229–252). Palgrave Macmillan. [doi:10.1057/978-1-137-54834-4_12](https://doi.org/10.1057/978-1-137-54834-4_12)

Forrest, R., **Koh, S.Y.**, & Wissink, B. (2017) Hyper-Divided Cities and the ‘Immoral’ Super-Rich – Five Parting Questions. In R. Forrest, S.Y. Koh, & B. Wissink (Eds.) *Cities and the Super-Rich: Real Estate, Elite Practices, and Urban Political Economics* (pp. 273–287). Palgrave Macmillan. [doi:10.1057/978-1-137-54834-4_14](https://doi.org/10.1057/978-1-137-54834-4_14)

Koh, S.Y. (2017) Geographies of Education-Induced Skilled Migration: The Malaysian Case. In T. Abebe & J. Waters (Eds.), *Labouring and Learning* (pp. 221–242). Vol.10 of the series *Geographies of Children and Young People*, edited by T. Skelton. Singapore: Springer. [doi:10.1007/978-981-287-032-2_15](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-287-032-2_15)

Koh, S.Y., Wissink, B., & Forrest, R. (2016) Reconsidering the Super-rich: Variations, Structural Conditions, and Urban Consequences. In I. Hay & J. Beaverstock (Eds.) *Handbook on Wealth and the Super-Rich* (pp. 18–40). Cheltenham; Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar. [doi:10.4337/9781783474042.00008](https://doi.org/10.4337/9781783474042.00008)

Koh, S.Y. (2014) Diasporic ‘Unbelonging’ to Malaysia and Singapore: Second-Generation Malaysian-Chinese Migrants in Singapore. In Y.W. Chan, D. Haines, and J.H.X. Lee (Eds.), *The Age of Asian Migration: Continuity, Diversity, and Susceptibility – Volume I* (pp. 358–372). Newcastle upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

TEACHING

Undergraduate (introductory)

- *Borders, People and Identity: Migration in the 21st Century*, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Malaysia (2019)
- *States and Markets*, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Malaysia (2018–19)
- *Spatial Patterns of Development*, Geography & Development, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (2015/16–17/18)
- *Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences*, Geography & Development, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (2015/16–17/18)

Undergraduate (intermediate)

- *Global Research*, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Malaysia (2018)
- *Urban Society*, Sociology & Anthropology, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (2015/16–17/18)
- *Governance in Asia*, Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong (2014/15)
- *Urban Development: Politics, Policy and Planning*, Geography and Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science (2010/11–12/13)

Undergraduate (honours)

- *Research Issues and Methodology*, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Malaysia (2019)
- *Readings in Social, Cultural & Political Theory*, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Malaysia (2018–19)

Graduate

- *Research Methods for Housing Studies*, Public Policy, City University of Hong Kong (2014/15)

Undergraduate supervision

- *Discovery Year Internship Programme*, Sociology & Anthropology, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (2017/18)
- *Research Methods Seminar I*, Sociology & Anthropology, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (2015/16–17/18)
- *Research Methods Seminar II*, Sociology & Anthropology, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (2015/16–17/18)
- *LSE GROUPS*, Teaching and Learning Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science (2012)

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2018 Expatriates in Brunei and Their Circuits of Multinational Migrations: Reflections on “Elite” Migration. *Multinational Migrations: Onward Migration Patterns and Possibilities in Asia and Beyond*. Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 27–28 Sept.
- 2018 Education Migrations and Mobilities in and through Iskandar Malaysia: Urban Regional Development Policies, Entrepreneurial Agents, and Strategic Families. *RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2018*, Cardiff University, UK, 29–31 Aug.
- 2017 Exacerbating Inequalities and Socio-Spatial Segregation in Hong Kong: Spotlight on the Invisible and Invisibilised Labour of Intermediaries. *International Conference on Polarisation, Fragmentation and Resilience: Four Urban Contexts Compared*. Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 29 Nov–1 Dec. (with B. Wissink)
- 2017 Property Agents, Investment Clubs and Property Tourism: Facilitating the Migration Mobilities of Middle Class Investor-Migrants in Asia. *Trans-Asian Mobilities and Encounters*, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, 23–24 Jan.
- 2016 Learning from *Kampong Kirkby*: The Creation and Maintenance of Multicultural Conviviality. *The 10th International Malaysian Studies Conference*, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, 15–17 Aug.
- 2015 Exploring the Limits and Possibilities of Postcolonial Migration Scholarship: Reflections on A Malaysian Case. *The 9th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS9)*, Adelaide, Australia, 5–9 Jul.
- 2015 *Kampong Kirkby*: Living (and Invoking) 1950s Malaya across Space and Time. *Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2015 Annual Conference*, Chicago, USA, 26–29 Mar [awarded John A. Lent Prize for best paper on Malaysia, Singapore, or Brunei presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies]

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANISED (SELECTED)

- 2017 Foreign Real Estate Investments: Agents, Networks and Strategies, *ISA-RC43: Housing and the Built Environment Conference 2017 ‘Unreal Estate? Rethinking Housing, Class and Identity’*, 18–21 Jun 2017, Hong Kong (co-organiser, with D. Rogers)
- 2016 The Globalisation of Local Real Estate: New Geographies of Foreign Investment in Residential Real Estate, *The Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference 2016*, 29 Mar–2 Apr 2016 (co-organiser, with D. Rogers and D. Ley)
- 2015 [Cities and the Super-Rich](#), City University of Hong Kong, 15–16 Jan, Hong Kong (co-organiser, with R. Forrest and B. Wissink)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial positions

- Jul 2018–present Member, Editorial Board, *Transitions: A Journal of Transient Migration*
- Apr 2015–present Assistant Editor, *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society (JMBRAS)*
- Jun 2014–Jun 2016 Field Editor, *Diaspora and Migration Studies, Dissertation Reviews* (www.dissertationreviews.org)

Prize selection committee

Member, Selection Committee, John A. Lent Prize for best paper on Malaysia, Singapore, or Brunei presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, 2017

Reviews of fellowship applications

Research Foundation – Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen, FWO), Belgium, 2018

Manuscript & proposal reviews (books), 2017–18

Cambridge University Press, Edward Elgar Publishing, ISEAS Publishing, Routledge

Manuscript reviews (journal articles), 2013–18

Annals of the American Association of Geographers, Asian Journal of Social Science, Citizenship Studies, Diaspora Studies, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Geoforum, Globalizations, Identity, International Journal of Housing Policy, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, International Migration Review, Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, Kajian Malaysia, Social and Cultural Geography, Sociological Review, Studies in Higher Education, Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies

CONSULTANCY

- May–Oct 2017 ‘Young People and Social Inclusion in the Multicultural City’, Deakin University, Australia
- Dec 2012–Nov 2013 Talent Corporation Malaysia Berhad (TalentCorp), Malaysia