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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Jun 2015–present 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

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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

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.

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), pp. 1–14. [doi:10.1080/19491247.2016.1270618](https://doi.org/10.1080/19491247.2016.1270618)

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Koh, S.Y. (forthcoming) Property Tourism: Facilitating Lifestyle and Investment-Migration Mobilities in Asia. *Asian Review*, 30(1).

Koh, S.Y., & Wissink, B. (2017, online first) Enabling and Structuring Elite Transnational Lifestyles: Intermediaries of the Super-Rich and the Elite Mobilities industry. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. [doi:10.1080/1369183X.2017.1315509](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2017.1315509)

Koh, S.Y. (2015) Postcolonial Approaches to Migration in Asia: Reflections and Projections. *Geography Compass*, 9(8), 432–444. [doi:10.1111/gec3.12226](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2014.937327)

Koh, S.Y. (2015) Temporalities of Citizenship: Malaysian-Chinese Skilled Migrants in Singapore and Returnees to Malaysia. *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*, 24(1), 3–27. [doi:10.1177/0117196814565158](https://doi.org/10.1177/0117196814565158).

Review essays in peer-reviewed journals

Koh, S.Y. (forthcoming) A 'More than Real Estate' Book. *Dialogues in Human Geography*. [invited essay for book forum]

Book chapters

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)

- 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., 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. (2015) Contextualising Geographies of Education-Induced Migration: How Mobile Malaysians End Up in Singapore, London and Kuala Lumpur. In K.F. Lian, M. Rahman and Y. Alas (Eds.) *International Migration in Southeast Asia: Continuities and Discontinuities* (pp. 83–102). Springer. [doi:10.1007/978-981-287-712-3_5](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-287-712-3_5)
- Koh, S.Y. (2015) Unpacking the Geographies of ‘Malaysia’ and ‘Malaysian Citizenship’: Perspectives of Malaysian Skilled Diasporas. In E. Mavroudi & A. Christou (Eds.), *Dismantling Diasporas: Rethinking the Geographies of Diasporic Identity, Connection and Development* (pp. 129–143). Farnham, Surrey; Burlington, VT: Ashgate.
- 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.

SELECTED TALKS, SEMINARS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- 2016 ‘I Keep Moving When Things Change, I Suppose’: Mobilities, Escapades, and Entrapments. *Youth Mobilities and Immobilities in the Asia-Pacific Region*, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 7–8 Nov.
- 2015 Race, Education, and Citizenship: British Colonial Legacies, Mobile Malaysians and A Culture of Migration, *IAPS Seminar*, Institute of Asia Pacific Studies, University of Nottingham Malaysia, 9 Jun.
- 2014 Malaysia’s Education System and Stratified Migration Flows: Insights from a Qualitative Research. *Khazanah Research Institute Lunchtime Seminar Series*, Khazanah Research Institute, Malaysia, 21 Aug.
- 2012 State-led Talent Project and the Neglected ‘Malaysian Diaspora’: Whose Diaspora, What Citizenship? *The Diaspora Strategies of Migrant-Sending Countries: Migration-as-Development (MAD) Reinvented?*, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 5–6 Nov.
- 2011 The ‘Malaysian Diaspora’: Citizenship Choices and the Multiplicities of ‘Return’. *Economic Migration, Diaspora and the Brain Drain: Malaysia and Southeast Asia*, University of Malaya, 14 Dec.

Panelist

- 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.
- 2015 Enabling and Structuring Elite Transnational Lifestyles: Intermediaries of the Super-Rich. *RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2015*, University of Exeter, 1–4 Sept. (with B. Wissink)
- 2015 *Kampong Kirkby: Living (and Invoking) 1950s Malaya across Space and Time*. *Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2015 Annual Conference*, Chicago, 26–29 Mar. [awarded John A. Lent Prize for best paper presented at the 2015 Association for Asian Studies Meeting]
- 2014 Unpacking Race: Tackling the Ethnicity Bias through the Cases of Malaysian-Chinese Skilled Migrants in Singapore and London. *The Eighth Global Social Sciences Conference: Trans-disciplinary Approaches to Global Social Sciences*, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 11–12 Dec.

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANISED

- 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 Migration, Citizenship, and Mobilities in Asia and the Pacific: Postcolonial Perspectives, *The 9th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS9)*, 5–9 Jul, Adelaide (organiser and chair)
- 2015 [Cities and the Super-Rich](#), City University of Hong Kong, 15–16 Jan, Hong Kong (co-organiser, with R. Forrest and B Wissink)

FUNDED PROJECTS

- Jan 2016–Jun 2017 *Investing in ‘Homes’ Across the Border: Comparing the Cases of Brunei-Miri and Singapore Johor Bahru*, UBD University Research Grant
- Dec 2011–Apr 2015 *Urban Vignettes*, Urban@LSE Student-led Initiative Fund

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Qualifications

- 2012 Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCertHE), Associate Level, United Kingdom

Courses taught (undergraduate)

- 2015/16–present *AA-3304 Urban Society*, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) (Lecturer)
- 2015/16–present *AD-1201 Spatial Patterns of Development*, UBD (Co-Lecturer)
- 2015/16–present *AD-2201 Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences*, UBD (Co-Lecturer)
- Term B 2014/15 *POL3313 Governance in Asia*, City University of Hong Kong (Co-Lecturer)
- Lent 2010–2013 *GY302 Urban Development: Politics, Policy and Planning*, London School of Economics and Political Science (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

Courses taught (postgraduate)

- Summer 2014 *POL6803 Research Methods for Housing Studies*, City University of Hong Kong (Instructor)

Undergraduate supervision

- 2015/16–present *AA-4302 Research Methods Seminar I*, UBD (Supervisor)
- 2015/16–present *AA-4203 Research Methods Seminar II*, UBD (Supervisor)
- May–Jun 2012 Research Supervisor, LSE GROUPS, London School of Economics and Political Science

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial positions

- 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

- Feb 2017 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

Manuscript reviews (books)

ISEAS Publishing, Edward Elgar Publishing

Manuscript reviews (journal articles)

Annals of the American Association of Geographers, Asian Journal of Social Science, Citizenship Studies, Diaspora Studies, Geoforum, Globalizations, Identity, International Migration Review, Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (JHSS), Social and Cultural Geography, Sociological Review

Faculty service

- 2015/16; 2016/17 Learning Technology Advisor for Institute of Asian Studies, UBD
- Aug 2016–present Editorial Board, Working Paper Series, Institute of Asian Studies, UBD
- Aug 2016–present Faculty Research Committee, Institute of Asian Studies, UBD
- Jan 2016–present Website Team, Institute of Asian Studies, UBD
- Jan–Jul 2016 Faculty Graduate Studies Committee, Institute of Asian Studies, UBD

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Malay