

CURRICULUM VITAE 2018

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EDUCATION

2011	dr. phil. (doktorgrad/ higher doctoral degree), University of Copenhagen, Denmark
2009	Certificate , Pedagogical Course for Supervising M.A. Students University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Certificate , Pedagogical Course for Supervising Ph.D. Students University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
2001	Certificate , Pedagogical Course for Assistant Professors University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
1994	Ph.D. in Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.
1990	Master of Social Sciences , National University of Singapore.
1986	Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) , National University of Singapore.
1985	Bachelor of Arts , National University of Singapore.
1981	Cambridge General Certificate of Education Advanced levels.
1979	Cambridge General Certificate of Education Ordinary levels.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

2016 - Present	C. Maxwell and Elizabeth M. Stanley Family Chair Professor of Asian Studies Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City
2016-Present	Professor of Anthropology Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City
2010 – 2015	Associate Professor with Special Qualifications Lektor MSK (Lektor med særlige kvalifikationer) Department of Cross-cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen
2008-2009	Affiliated Senior Research Fellow

International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands.

- 2002 – 2010 Associate Professor (Lektor)
Department of Cross-cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 1999 – 2002 Assistant Professor
Department of Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen.
- 1997 – 1999 Curator (Straits Chinese Collection/The Collector's Corner/Public Lecture Series/Publications Unit), Singapore History/National Museum, National Heritage Board.
- 1994 - 1997 Post-doctoral Research Fellow (1994-1997)/Senior Visiting Fellow (1997).
The International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands.

Research programs:

Cultural Diversities in South and Southeast Asia.

Rethinking Cultural Diversity.

Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development Programme.

Research Associate, Centre for Environment, Gender and Development in the Asia-Pacific region. Singapore.

- Delegate to the first session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, New York.
- International eco-tourism programmes.
- Indigenous use of marine resources.
- Strategies for sustainable livelihoods.

- 1990 Research Assistant
Centre of Advanced Studies, Singapore.
Dean's Office, National University of Singapore.
- 1986-1989 Teaching Assistant.
Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD:

- 1999 Editor, Southeast Asia Section (South and Southeast Asia Art and Archaeology Bibliographic Index), The International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands.

TEACHING

Courses taught at the University of Iowa:

Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia (ANTH 3170)
Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems (ANTH 2100)
Food, Drink and Culture (ANTH 2140)
Space, Place and Identity (ANTH 5135)
Language, Culture and Communication (ANTH 1401)

Courses taught at University of Copenhagen:

Introduction to Southeast Asian Culture
Introduction to Southeast Asian History
Theory and Method of Southeast Asian Studies
History and Film in Southeast Asia

Contemporary Issues in Southeast Asia
 Religions and Rituals in Southeast Asia
 The Human Landscape of Modernisation and Development
 Voices of Islam
 The Anthropology of Food and Eating
 Indonesian Language (Bahasa Indonesia) 1
 Indonesian Language (Bahasa Indonesia) 2
 Theory and Methods in the Humanities
 Indonesian Language I and II, Conversations

**Courses taught at the International Alliance of Research Universities Annual Summer School
 “Southeast Asia in Context,” Singapore**

The Cultural Mosaic of Southeast Asia (Annual Copenhagen-Singapore-Yale Summer School)
 Southeast Asia in Context (Annual Copenhagen-Singapore-Yale Summer School)

AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

2014-2019	Principal Investigator for project entitled, “To Identify the Cultural Barriers to Breast Cancer”. A cross-disciplinary project with the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore. Asian Breast Cancer Research Fund.
2018-Present	Principal Investigator for project entitled, “Cultural Barriers to Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Asia”. A cross-disciplinary with the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore. Asian Breast Cancer Research Fund.
2012	The University of Copenhagen’s Pro-Rector’s Seed Money for Research and Innovation. Principal Investigator for project title: “Food, Identity and Health: Understanding Human Food Perception and Its Implications for Healthy Eating”. A cross-faculty project with LIFE Sciences and the Centre for Communication and Computing, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
2011	Australia Research Council Discovery Grant. Project title: “The Changing Identity and Sustainability of the Music-Cultures and Worldviews of the Riau Islands’ Sea Nomads and Sedentary Malays.” In collaboration with Monash University (Australia), University of New South Wales (Australia) and Nanyang University (Singapore).
2010	Department of Cross-cultural and Regional Studies International Workshop Series Award, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
2006	The Annual Asia-Europe Workshop Series Award awarded by the European Alliance for Asian Studies and the Asia-Europe Foundation
1994	J.E. Cairnes Graduate Scholarship, Girton College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.
1992	Crowther-Benyon Fund Award, the University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.
1991-1994	British Council Fellowship, United Kingdom.
1987-1990	National University of Singapore Research Scholarship, Singapore.
1986	Kwok Gallery Award for best B.A. Honours Sociology/Anthropology dissertation, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

Ph.D. THESES DIRECTED

2015-2016	Rinatania Fajriani. Internet Dating. University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
2012-2016	Mark Philip Stadler. New Ideologues: Neoliberals and Islamists in Post-Suharto Indonesia. University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
2009-2013	Katja Rangsivek. <i>Lang Ban</i> : Redefining of the Political Sphere in Thailand. University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
2005-2009	Trine Brox. The Enchanted Gift of Democracy: Imagining and Negotiating Democracy in the Tibetan Diaspora. University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
2003-2007	Kristian Morville. German Minds, Medina Hearts: Muslim Student Activism, Political Culture and Democratization in Indonesia. University of Copenhagen, Denmark. (Co-chair).

EXTERNAL EXAMINER FOR Ph.D. THESES

2018	National University of Singapore, Singapore
2014	Aarhus University, Denmark
2011	Flinders University, Australia
2010	Australian National University, Australia
2005	Lund University, Sweden

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, China, Denmark, The Netherlands.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS (Peer Reviewed)

2018	Chou, Cynthia and Miriam Koktvedgaard Zeitzen (eds.). <i>Breast Cancer Meanings: Journeys across Asia</i> . Copenhagen and Singapore: Nordic Institute for Asian Studies and National University of Singapore Press. xi, 241 pp.
2015	Kerner, Susanne, Cynthia Chou and Morten Warmind (eds.). <i>Commensality: From Everyday Food to Feast</i> . London, New Dehli, New York and Sydney: Bloomsbury Academic. xii, 288 pp.
2012 [2010]	Chou, Cynthia. <i>The Orang Suku Laut of Riau, Indonesia: The Inalienable Gift of Territory</i> . London and New York: RoutledgeCurzon. xi, 175 pp.
2006	Chou, Cynthia and Vincent Houben (eds.). <i>Southeast Asian Studies: Debates and New Directions</i> . Leiden and Singapore: The International Institute for Asian Studies and the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies x, 206 pp.
2003	Chou, Cynthia. <i>Indonesian Sea Nomads: Money, Magic, and Fear of the Orang Suku Laut of Riau</i> . Richmond, Surrey and Leiden: RoutledgeCurzon-The International Institute for Asian

Studies. xiii, 159 pp.

- 2003 [2002] Benjamin, Geoffrey and Cynthia Chou (eds.). ***Tribal Communities in the Malay World: Historical, Cultural, and Social Perspectives***. Singapore and Leiden: The Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and the International Institute for Asian Studies. x, 489 pp.
- 1997 Chou, Cynthia and Will Derks (eds.). ***Riau in Transition. Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde*** 153. Leiden: the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV) Press. 312 pp.

ARTICLES (Peer Reviewed)

- 2018a Chou, Cynthia. "Orang Suku Laut Seascape" in Stefanie Hessler (ed.), *Imagining an Oceanic Worldview through Art and Science*. Cambridge, Massachusetts and London: TBA21 Academy and the MIT Press. Pp. 149-156.
- 2018b Chou, Cynthia. "'No Pain' and 'Pain': Breast Cancer in China" in Cynthia Chou and Miriam Koktvedgaard Zeitzen (eds.), *Breast Cancer Meanings: Journeys across Asia*. Copenhagen and Singapore: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies Press and National University of Singapore Press. Pp. 107-128.
- 2018c Chou, Cynthia, Miriam Koktvedgaard Zeitzen, Philip lau and Mikael Hartman. "Introduction" in Cynthia Chou and Miriam Koktvedgaard Zeitzen (eds.), *Breast Cancer Meanings: Journeys across Asia*. Copenhagen and Singapore: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies Press and National University of Singapore Press. Pp. 1-22.
- 2018d Ng, Celene Wei Qi, Miriam Koktvedgaard Zeitzen and Cynthia Chou. "Breast Cancer Journeys in Singapore" in Cynthia Chou and Miriam Koktvedgaard Zeitzen (eds.), *Breast Cancer Meanings: Journeys across Asia*. Copenhagen and Singapore: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies Press and National University of Singapore Press. Pp. 129-158.
- 2017 Chou, Cynthia. "The Case for Reconceptualising Southeast Asian Studies" in Anna-Katharina Hornidge and Katja Mielke (eds.), *Area Studies at the Crossroads: Knowledge Production after the Mobility Turn*. Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire and New York: Palgrave Macmillan (Springer Nature).
- 2016 Chou, Cynthia. "The Water World of the Orang Suku Laut in Southeast Asia." *TRaNS: Trans-Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia* 4,1:1-18 (Published by Cambridge University Press).
- 2015a Chou, Cynthia. "Les Orang Suku Laut: Mer et Identité." *Le Banian: Indonésie – Histories D'Eaux* 20, December. Paris: Semestrielle de l'Association Franco-Indonésienne Pasar Malam. Pp. 88-97.
- 2015b Chou, Cynthia. "How Chicken Rice Informs about Identity" in Susanne Kerner, Cynthia Chou and Morten Warmind (eds.), ***Commensality: From Everyday Food to Feast***. London, New Delhi and New York: Bloomsbury Academic. Pp. 139-150.
- 2015c Kerner, Susanne and Cynthia Chou. 2015. "Introduction" in Susanne Kerner, Cynthia Chou and Morten Warmind (eds.), ***Commensality: From Everyday Food to Feast***. London, New Delhi and New York: Bloomsbury Academic. Pp. 1-12.
- 2014 Chou, Cynthia. 2014. "Agriculture and the End of Farming in Singapore" in Timothy Barnard (ed.), *Nature Contained: Environmental Histories of Singapore*. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press. Pp 216-240.
- 2013 Chou, Cynthia. "Space, Movement and Place: The Sea Nomads" in Himanshu Ray (ed.),

Maritime Traditions in the Bay of Bengal. New Dehli: Manahor Publishers. Pp. 41-66.

- 2012 Chou, Cynthia and Martin Platt. "Southeast Asian Studies in Context." *Journal of the NUS Teaching Academy*. Pp. 56-64.
- 2009 Chou, Cynthia. "Global Spread and Local Fractioning: Indigenous Knowledge and the Commoditization of Livelihood Resources in the Growth Triangle" in Coen J. Holtzappel and Martin Ramstedt (eds.), *Decentralization and Regional Autonomy in Indonesia*. Leiden and Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Pp. 388-409.
- 2008a Chou, Cynthia. "Borders and Cultural Narratives of the European Union" in Xiaoqiang Ma and Ying Gu (eds.), *The European Integration and the Sustainable Development of Northwest China*. Xian, Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai: World Publishers. Pp. 25-35.
- 2008b Chou, Cynthia. "Indonesian Sea Nomads: Money, Magic and Fear of the Orang Suku Laut." An excerpt in L. Low and N. Kwa (eds.), *Windows to Southeast Asia*. Singapore: Pearson Education South Asia Pte. Ltd. Pp. 56-67.
- 2006a Chou, Cynthia. "Multiple Realities of the Growth Triangle: Mapping Knowledge and the Politics of Mapping." *Asia Pacific Viewpoint* 47,2: 241-256.
- 2006b Chou, Cynthia and Vincent Houben. "Introduction" in Cynthia Chou and Vincent Houben (eds.), *Southeast Asian Studies: Debates and New Directions*. Leiden and Singapore: The International Institute for Asian Studies and the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies. Pp. 1-22.
- 2006c Chou, Cynthia. "Reconceptualising Southeast Asian Studies" in Cynthia Chou and Vincent Houben (eds.), *Southeast Asian Studies: Debates and New Directions*. Leiden and Singapore: The International Institute for Asian Studies and the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies. Pp. 122-138.
- 2006d Chou, Cynthia. "Research Trends on Southeast Asian Sea Nomads." *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia* 7:1-11.
- 2006e Chou, Cynthia. "Orang Laut" in Tommy Koh (ed.), *Singapore the Encyclopedia*. Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Paris: Editions Didier Millet and National Heritage Board. Pp. 396.
- 2006f Chou, Cynthia. "Borders and Multiple Realities: The Orang Suku Laut of Riau, Indonesia" in Reed L. Wadley and Alexander Horstmann (eds.), *Centering the Margin: Agency and Narrative in Southeast Asian Borderlands*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books. Pp. 111-134.
- 2005a Chou, Cynthia. "Southeast Asia through an Inverted Telescope: Maritime Perspectives on a Borderless Region" in Paul H. Kratoska, Remco Raben and Henk Schulte Nordholt (eds.), *Locating Southeast Asia: Geographies of Knowledge and Politics of Space*. Singapore: Singapore University Press and Ohio University Press. Pp. 234-249.
- 2005b Chou, Cynthia. "Traditional Festivals in Singapore" in *Traditional Festivals in ASEAN*. Hanoi: Institute for Southeast Asian Studies.
- 2004a Chou, Cynthia. "The Orang Suku Laut (Sea Nomads): Owners of or Strangers in the Riau Archipelago of Indonesia" in Joseph C. Berland and Aparna Rao (eds.), *Customary Strangers: New Perspectives on Peripatetic Peoples in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia*. Westport, Connecticut, London.:Praeger. Pp. 309-328.
- 2004b [1992, 1997] Cynthia Chou. "From *Kelongs* to Fish Farms: the Modernisation of the Fishing Industry in Singapore" in Yong Mun Cheong (ed.), *Asian Traditions and Modernisation*. Singapore: Times Academic Press.

- 2003 [2002]a Chou, Cynthia and Geoffrey Benjamin. "Introduction" in Geoffrey Benjamin and Cynthia Chou (eds.), *Tribal Communities in the Malay World*. Leiden and Singapore: International Institute for Asian Studies and Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Pp. 1-6.
- 2003 [2002]b Chou, Cynthia and Vivienne Wee. "Tribality and Globalization: The Orang Suku Laut and the "Growth Triangle" in a Contested Environment" in Geoffrey Benjamin and Cynthia Chou (eds.), *Tribal Communities in the Malay World*. Leiden and Singapore: International Institute for Asian Studies and Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Pp. 318-363.
- 1998a Chou, Cynthia. "Textiles in Singapore: Identity and Integration" in *ASEAN Cultural Heritage*. Kuala Lumpur: Department of Museums and Antiquities.
- 1998b Chou, Cynthia. "Vissen ompraten. Orang Laut, volk van de Riau Archipel." *Archipel Indonesia* 15, 178/179:64-67.
- 1997a Chou, Cynthia. "Orang Suku Laut Identity" in Michael Hitchcock and Victor King (eds.), *Images of Malay-Indonesian Identity*. Kuala Lumpur: Oxford University Press Social Science Monograph Series. Pp. 148-160.
- 1997b Chou, Cynthia. "Contesting the Tenure of Territoriality: The Orang Suku Laut" in Cynthia Chou and Will Derks (eds.), *Riau in Transition. Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 153. Leiden: the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV) Press. Pp. 605-629.
- 1997c Chou, Cynthia and Will Derks. "Introduction" in Cynthia Chou and Will Derks (eds.), *Riau in Transition. Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 153. Leiden: the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV) Press. Pp. 473-482.
- 1997d Vivienne Wee and Cynthia Chou. "Continuity and Discontinuity in the Multiple Realities of Riau" in Cynthia Chou and Will Derks (eds.), *Riau in Transition. Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 153. Leiden: the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV) Press. Pp. 527-541.
- 1996 Chou, Cynthia. "Orang Laut Women of Riau: An Exploration of Difference and the Emblems of Status and Prestige." *1996 International Institute for Asian Studies Yearbook*, Leiden. Pp. 95-113. (A revised version of the article with the same title that was first published in 1995 in *Indonesia Circle* 67:175-198).
- 1995 Chou, Cynthia. "Orang Laut Women of Riau: An Exploration of Difference and the Emblems of Status and Prestige." *Indonesia Circle* 67:175-198.
- 1990a Chou, Cynthia. "The Traditional Management of the *Kelong* in Singapore" in Kenneth Ruddle and R.R. Johannes (eds.), *Contending with Global Change, No. 2, The Traditional Marine Resource Management in the Pacific Basin: An Anthology*. Jakarta: UNESCO.
- 1990b Chou, Cynthia and Lim Puay Yin. "Hokkien Provision-Shop Owners" in Thomas T.W. Tan (ed.), *Chinese Dialects: Traits and Trades*. Singapore: Opinion. Pp. 21-37.
- 1990c Chou, Cynthia. "Teochew *Kelong*-Fishermen" in Thomas T.W. Tan (ed.), *Chinese Dialects: Traits and Trades*. Singapore: Opinion. Pp. 38-50.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2018 Review of Endicott, Kirk (ed.), *Malaysia's Original People: Past, Present and Future of the Orang Asli*. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press in *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land en Volkenkunde (Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia)* 174,1.

- 2017 Review of Johnson, Carol, Vera Mackie and Tessa Morris-Suzuki (eds.), *The Social Sciences in the Asian Century*. Canberra: Australian National University Press in *International Journal of Asian Studies* 14,2: 207-109.
2017. Review of Nonini, Donald M. *Getting By: Class and State Formation among Chinese in Malaysia*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press in *Social Analysis* 61,3:138-139.
- 2015a Review of Long, Nicholas. 2013. *Being Malay in Indonesia: Histories, Hopes and Citizenship in Riau Archipelago*. Copenhagen: Nordic Institute for Asian Studies in *Asian Ethnicity* 16,1:112-113.
- 2015b Review of Abu Talib Ahmad. 2015. *Museums, History and Culture in Malaysia*. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press in *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* 88,1,308:119-120.
- 2015c Review of Park, Seung and Victor King (eds.). 2013 *The Historical Construction of Southeast Asian Studies: Korea and Beyond*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde (Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia and Oceania)* 171,1:139-141. Leiden: the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV) Press.
- 2012a Review of Endres, Kirsten W. and Andrea Lauser (eds.). 2011. *Engaging the Spirit World: Popular Beliefs and Practices in Modern Southeast Asia*. New York: Berghan Books in *Asian Anthropology* 11,1:195-198.
- 2012b Review of Lindquist, Johan A. 2010. *Singapore's Borderlands: Tourism, Migration and Anxieties of Mobility*. Singapore: National University of Singapore Press in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 43,2:393-394. .
- 2008 Review of Stacey, Natasha. 2007. *Boats to Burn: Bajo Fishing Activity in the Australian Fishing Zone*. Canberra: The Australian National University E. Press in ***Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde*** 164,2. Leiden: the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV) Press.
- 2005a Review by Cynthia Chou and Martin Platt of Porath, Nathan. 2003. *When the Bird Flies: Shamanic Therapy and the Maintenance of Worldly Boundaries among an Indigenous People of Riau (Sumatra)*. Leiden: Centre for Non-Western Studies in ***Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde*** 161,2:358-360. Leiden: the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV) Press.
- 2005b Review by Martin Platt and Cynthia Chou of Barnard, Timothy (ed.). 2004. *Contesting Malayness: Malay Identity across Boundaries* in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 161,2:489-491.
- 2001a Review by Cynthia Chou and Shoma Munshi of Bottignolo, Brunno. 1995. *Celebrations with the Sun: An Overview of Religious Phenomena among the Badjaos*. Quezon: Ateneode Manila Press in ***University of Western Australia Journal***. Department of Anthropology.
- 2001b Review by Cynthia Chou and Shoma Munshi of Yoshina, Koshino (ed.). 1999. *Consuming Ethnicity and Nationalism Asian Asian Experiences*. Richmond, Surrey: Curzon in *The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies* 15:175-178.
- 2001c Review by Cynthia Chou and Shoma Munshi of Jumpur, Roy Davis Linville. 1999. *The Orang Asli Now: The Orang Asli in the Malaysian Political World*. Lanhan, Maryland: University Press of America in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*. 32,2:269-293.
- 2001d Review by Cynthia Chou and Shoma Munshi of Fox, James J. and Clifford Sather (eds.). 1996. *Origins, Ancestry and Alliance; Explorations in Austronesian Ethnography*. Canberra: Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University in *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde*, Deel 157,1:176-8). Leiden: The Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV).

- 2000a Review by Cynthia Chou and Shoma Munshi of Sen, Krishna and Maila Stiven (eds.). 1998. *Gender and Power in Affluent Asia*. London: Routledge in *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 156,1:114-115. Leiden: the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV) Press.
- 2000b Review by Cynthia Chou and Shoma Munshi of Sather, Clifford. 1997. *The Bajau Laut: Adaptation, History and Fate in a Maritime Fishing Society of South-eastern Sabah* in *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 156,1:112-113. Leiden: the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology (KITLV) Press.
- 2000c Review of Rudolph, Jürgen. 2000. *Reconstructing Identities: A Social History of the Babas in Singapore*. Aldershot: Ashgate in *The Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies* 14.
- 1998 Review of Mehta, Kalayani (ed.). 1997. *Untapped Resources: Women in Ageing Societies across Asia*. Singapore: Times Academic Press in *Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 13,2:334-337.
- 1996 Review by Cynthia Chou and Shoma Munshi of Horton, Susan. 1995. *Women and Industrialisation in Asia*. United Kingdom: Routledge in *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*. December. National University of Singapore: Department of Geography.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Invited International Lectures

- 2018 “Breast Cancer Meanings” presented at the 3rd Annual South East Asia Breast Cancer Symposium, Breast Cancer Welfare Association Malaysia, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.
- 2018 “Cancer Fatalism and Religion in Breast Cancer” presented at the 3rd Annual South East Asia Breast Cancer Symposium, Breast Cancer Welfare Association Malaysia, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.
- 2018 “Breast Cancer Meanings” presented at the 2nd China-US Oncology Forum, Yunnan Cancer Hospital 3rd Affiliated Hospital of Kunming Medical University, Kunming, Yunnan, China.
- 2018 Keynote Address. “Breast Cancer Meanings: Journeys across Asia – The Untold Stories” presented at The Breast Cancer Meanings Gala Dinner 2018, National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- 2018 Keynote Address. “Introduction to Breast Cancer Meanings: Journeys across Asia” presented at The Breast Cancer Meanings Symposium 2018, National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- 2018 “Closing Remarks” presented at The Breast Cancer Meanings Symposium 2018, National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- 2018 “Understanding “No Pain” and “Pain”: Breast Cancer in China” presented at The Breast Cancer Meanings Symposium 2018, National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- 2018 “Case Study: The Orang Suku Laut of Riau, Indonesia: The Spirit that Resides in Things and People” presented at The Current Convening #3: Tabu/Tabu: Who Owns the Ocean?, Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary Academy, Singapore.
- 2018 “Orang Suku Laut Seascape” presented at Master’s Tea, College of Alice and Peter Tan, National University of Singapore.
- 2017 Keynote Address. “Breast Cancer: Culture Matters!” presented at the 15th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Asian Breast Diseases Association, Singapore.
- 2017 “Young Breast Cancer” presented at the 15th Annual Scientific Meeting of Asian Breast Diseases Association, Singapore.

- 2016 "Cultural Understandings of Breast Cancer" presented at the Breast Cancer International Conference, Yunnan Oncological Hospital, Kunming, China.
- 2016 "Cultural Understandings of Breast Cancer" presented at Breast Cancer among Asian Women, Luzhou Municipal People's Hospital, China.
- 2015 "The Growth Triangle" presented at Gadjah Mada University, Jogjakarta, Indonesia.
- 2015 "The Orang Suku Laut" present at SG50, National Museum of Singapore, Singapore.
- 2014 "Environmental History and Identity" presented at Environmental History and Identity, Ph.d. International Course, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2014 "The Case for Reconceptualising Southeast Asian Studies" presented at the Crossroads Studies: Mobilities, Immobilities and the Issue of Positionality for Rethinking Area Studies Conference, University of Bonn, Germany.
- 2014 "The Water World of the Orang Suku Laut in Southeast Asia" presented at the Water in Southeast Asia: Navigating Contradictions Conference, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea.
- 2014 "The Water World of the Orang Suku Laut in Southeast Asia" presented at the Association of Social Anthropologists of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- 2014 "In Search of Authenticity: Roti John and the Banana Pancake Trail" presented by Cynthia Chou and Martin Platt at the Food, Identity and Social Change International Workshop, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2011 "The Sea Nomads" presented at the Department of Anthropology, University of Lund, Sweden.
- 2011 "Geographies of Knowledge: The Sea Nomads" presented at the Bay of Bengal: Maritime Traditions Conference. New Dehli, India.
- 2011 "Chillis: The Evolution of Taste" presented at the Food, Commensality and Social Organisation Workshop, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2010 "Space and Movement" presented at the Indigenous Peoples of Southeast Asia Workshop, Leiden University, the Netherlands.
- 2009 "From the Periphery" presented at the Nordic Indonesia Studies Network. Nordic Institute for Asian Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2007 "Borders and Cultural Narratives of the European Union" presented at the International Conference on European Studies: Cross-cultural Perspectives and Sustainable Development. Xi'an Jiatong University, Xi'an, China.
- 2006 "Transnationalism, the Imagination and Malay Subjectivities" presented at the Voices of Islam in Europe and Southeast Asia Asia-Europe Foundation Workshop. Walailak University, Thailand and University of Copenhagen; Thailand.
- 2005 "The Multiple Realities of the Growth Triangle" presented at the Asian Horizons: Cities, States and Societies Conference. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- 2004 "Movement, Shifting Identities and The Imagination". Paper presented at the Thinking Malayness Symposium. Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan.

- 2002 "Southeast Asian Studies in Denmark" presented at the European Union Inter-University Cooperation in the Field of Southeast Asian Studies. Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris, France.
- 2002 "Centres and Peripheries: The Multiple Realities of the Malay World presented at the Strengths and Weaknesses of the State in Southeast Asia International Symposium. University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2001 "Constructions of *Alam Melayu*, *Tempat* and *Tanah*: Perspectives of the Orang Suku Laut" presented at The Locating Southeast Asia: Geographies of Knowledge and Politics of Space Conference, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands Institute for War Documentation, the International Institute for Asian Studies (Leiden, Amsterdam) and the National University of Singapore. Amsterdam.
- 2000 "Contesting the Tenure of Territories" presented at Peking University, China.
- 2000 "Challenging the Centre: The Hierarchy of Ranks amongst the Orang Suku Laut and Malays of Riau, Indonesia" presented at the Department of Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2000 "The Orang Suku Laut of Riau, Indonesia: The Construction of Community" presented at the Maritime Worlds: Constructing Community in Coastal and Seafaring Societies International Symposium. Helsinki, Finland.
- 1998 Workshop on Contemporary Migrations, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. Discussant.
- 1998 "Tenure and Territoriality: The Orang Suku Laut of Indonesia" presented at the Southeast Asian Studies Programme seminar, National University of Singapore.
- 1998 "The Pre-modern History of Singapore" and "Material Culture" lecture series presented at the Singapore History (National) Museum.
- 1996 "The Impact of Developmental Policies on the Orang Suku Laut in Riau, Indonesia" presented at Bain and Company, Sweden.
- 1996 "Money: Contending with the Negotiation of Identity amongst the Orang Laut in Riau, Indonesia" presented at the conference on Asian Minority Cultures in Transition: Diversity, Identities and Encounters. Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany.
- 1994 "Challenging the Centre: Hierarchy between the Malays and the Orang Suku Laut in Riau, Indonesia" presented at the Seminar on "Space and identities." International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands.
- 1994 "Hierarchy of Ranks in Riau: Self and Other Perceptions of the Malays and Orang Laut in Riau and Batam, Indonesia" presented at the Indonesian Kring. Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands.
- 1987 "Experiences of Social Change" presented at the training workshop on Methods of Socio-Economic Analysis of Coastal Area Management, ASEAN-US Cooperative Program on Marine Sciences. International Centre for Living Aquatic Resources Management. Singapore.
- 1987 "Experiences of Social Change" presented at the Department of Sociology Seminar, National University of Singapore.

Accepted International Lectures

- 2018 "Orang Laut Rights to Land and Sea: Integrated Resource Zones in the Riau Archipelago" co-presentation with Vivienne Wee to the Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Penang, Malaysia.
- 2018 "The Orang Suku Laut: Navigating Identity across Boundaries" presented at the Association for Asian

Studies, Washington D.C., United States of America.

- 2010 "Hainanese Chicken Rice: The Making of a National Cuisine" presented at the International Conference for Historians of Asia, Singapore.
- 2010 "Space, Movement and Place: Maritime Landscapes" presented at University of California, Berkeley, United States of America.
- 2003 "Reconceptualising Southeast Asian Studies". Paper presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars, Singapore.
- 2001 "Transnationalism and the Making of Multiple Realities: The Orang Suku Laut of Riau, Indonesia presented at the International Convention of Asia Scholars. Berlin, Germany.
- 1998 "Development and Gender Relations among Riau's Orang Laut Communities" presented at the International Convention of Asian Scholars, jointly organized by the Association of Asian Studies (U.S.A.) and the International Institute for Asian Studies (The Netherlands), Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands.
- 1997 "Contesting the Tenure of Territoriality: The Orang Suku Laut (Sea Nomads) of Riau, Indonesia" presented at the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, U.S.A.
- 1996 "Contesting the Tenure of Territoriality: The Orang Suku Laut (Sea Nomads) of Riau, Indonesia" presented at the 10th European Colloquium on Indonesian and Malay Studies. Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.
- 1995 "Orang Laut Women of Riau: An Exploration of Difference and the Emblems of Status and Prestige" presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Association for Southeast Asian Studies United Kingdom, Durham, United Kingdom.
- 1995 "Orang Laut Women of Riau: An Exploration of Difference and the Emblems of Status and Prestige" presented at the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. Lucca, Italy.
- 1995 "Sharing and Helping, Networks of Social Relations and Obligations: Constructions of the Orang Suku Laut's Identity" presented at the 17th Annual International Meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society. Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands.
- 1993 "Money, Magic and Fear: The Transition of Identity amongst the Orang Suku Laut of Riau and Batam, Indonesia" presented at the 9th European Colloquium of Indonesian and Malay Studies. The University of Hull, Centre for South-East Asian Studies, United Kingdom

SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

PROFESSIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- 2007 – Current International Advisory Editorial Board Member
Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, published for the National University of Singapore by Cambridge University Press.
- 2017 External Reviewer for Erasmus+ Program of the European Union
External peer Reviewer for KNOTS-Fostering and Enhancing Transdisciplinary Study and Research Project Progress
- 2009 International Advisory Committee Member
Research Council for Culture and Society, The Academy of Finland.
- 1994 - 2004 International Advisory Editorial Board Member

Nomadic Peoples, published by the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences.

- 1997-1999 Board Member, Singapore Museum Roundtable for Directors.
- 1997-1999 Board Member, Preservation of Monuments, National Heritage Board, Singapore.
- 1992 Museum Acquisitions
- For National Museum, Singapore.
 - For the University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

UNIVERSITY LEVEL

- 2006-2015 University of Copenhagen Director for the Summer School “Southeast Asia in Context,” a tripartite (Copenhagen-Yale-Singapore) cooperation organized under the framework of the International Alliance of Research Universities
- 2008-2011 Copenhagen Program Director for “Asia Now!” Annual IARU Summer School
- 2009 and 2011 Program Director for the “Islam and Muslims in the Modern World” IARU Master Class convened in Copenhagen.

DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL

- 2017 Self Study Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, U.S.A.
- 2017 Search Committee, Stanley Chair of Korean Studies, University of Iowa, U.S.A.
- 2016-Present Colloquium Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, U.S.A.
- 2016-Present Graduate Student Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, U.S.A.
- 2002-2015 **Director, Southeast Asian Studies, Department of Cross-cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen**
The only non-western studies program in Scandinavia to be selected and invited in 2006 to join the ranks of the European League of Non-Western Studies based upon quality education and research.

PUBLIC OUTREACH LEVEL (EXHIBITIONS HELD)

- 2007 Tsunami Afterwards: Reconstructing Lives, Copenhagen City Hall, Denmark.
In collaboration with the Royal Thai Embassy and the Republic of Indonesia Embassy.
- 1997-1999 *Rumah Baba* (The Straits Chinese House), National Museum, Singapore.
- 1997-1999 The Singapore Story: A Journey to Nationhood, National Museum, Singapore.
- 1998 From Loom to Computer: Textiles in ASEAN, National Museum, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS CONVENED

- 2018 “Choosing to Die: A Global Look at the Impact of Cultural Norms on the Choices Women Make in Cancer Treatment”. University of Iowa, Iowa, United States of America.
- 2014 “Food, Identity and Social Change.” (2014). University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.

- 2014 "Environmental History and Identity." Ph.d. International Course. University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2011 "Food: Commensality and Social Organization". University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2011 "Islam and Muslims in the Modern World", International Alliance of Research Universities, Ph.d. international course, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2011 "Islam and Muslims in the Modern World" Seminar. Leiden, the Netherlands.
- 2009 "Islam and Muslims in the Modern World", International Alliance of Research Universities, Ph.d. international course, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2009 "Islam and Muslims in the Modern World" Seminar. Leiden, the Netherlands.
- 2006 "Voices of Islam in Europe and Southeast Asia". Thailand.
- 1997 "Tribal Communities in the Malay World: Historical, Cultural and Social Perspectives." Singapore. Sponsored by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore), International Institute for Asian Studies (The Netherlands), Centre for Environment, Gender and Development (Singapore) and Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität (Germany).
- 1995 "'Riau in Transition: The Globalisation of a Peripheral Region in Indonesia." Leiden, the Netherlands. Sponsored by the International Institute for Asian Studies and the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences.
- 1994 "Space and Identities in South and Southeast Asia". International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands.

INTERVIEWS TO NEWSPAPERS

Luzhou News, China
 National University of Singapore News, Singapore
 The Straits Times, Singapore
Lianhe Zaobao, Singapore
 BERITA MediaCorp, Singapore
 New York Times, United States of America
 Politiken, Denmark