



## LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre



## **LSE-Southeast Asia Early Career Researcher Network News**

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### **ECR Network News and Updates**



#### **ASEAS UK-SEAC Panels on ECR and Southeast Asia Research**

On 27th October, as part of [LSE Southeast Asia Week 2020](#), SEAC and ASEAS UK invite early career researchers to identify the various challenges ECRs face during this difficult time of the pandemic. ECR Network members Thanapat Chatinakrob, Dr Charlie Rumsby, and Dr Benjamin Ho participated in the event as panellists.

#### **Dr Sokphea Young co-founded "Cambodian Scholars Network"**

ECR Network member Dr Sokphea Young co-founded an



independent network of Cambodian scholars, called "Cambodian Scholars Network". The network has organised monthly virtual talks by Cambodian Scholars on relevant research topics, and also to inspire and nurture Cambodian Scholars who are less represented in the academic community. Check out the [Facebook page](#) of the network.

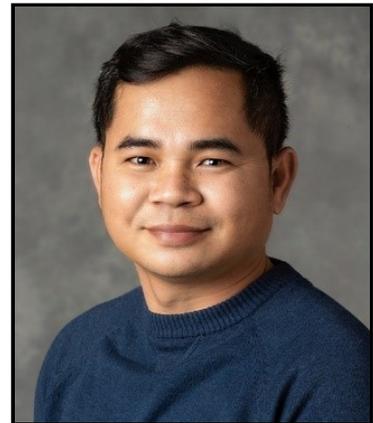
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## New Publications and Media



ECR Network member Dr Jordana Ramalho published a new article in *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Her new article titled '[Hope, home and insecurity: Gendered labours of resilience among the urban poor of Metro Cebu, the Philippines](#)' traces the labours of hope embedded in the everyday social reproductive practices of urban poor homeowner association members in Metro Cebu, the Philippines.

ECR Network member Dr Sokphea Young recently published an article on '[China's Belt and Road Initiative: Patron-Client and Capture in Cambodia](#)' with the *Chinese Journal of Comparative Law*. Drawing on the case of Cambodia, this article seeks to understand: (i) how the new generation of overseas Chinese investors and companies, in the era of BRI, acquire licences and secure business operation in developing economies and (ii) how these investments cope with the host country's regulatory institutions, including grassroots communities and civil society organizations.



ECR Network member Al Lim (Yale University) spoke about his recently published [book chapter](#) as part of *Eating Chilli Crab in the Anthropocene* on a [podcast](#) with Dr Thum Ping Jin at *New Naratif*. Al also wrote a [reflection piece](#) on Dr Emma Colven's talk '[The Production of Jakarta's Water Crisis: A Political Ecology of Speculative Urbanism](#)' on 14th October as part of SEAC Seminar Series.

ECR Network member Dr Emma Colven recently published an article '[Subterranean infrastructures in a sinking city: the politics of visibility in Jakarta](#)' in *Critical Asian Studies*. This article analyses why land subsidence remained unaddressed for so long in Jakarta and explores the politics of infrastructure in Jakarta through the lens of in/visibility. You can also read a summary of Dr Colven's recent talk as part of SEAC Seminar Series [here](#).

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ECR Network member Dr Thomas Smith (SEAC Associate and LSE Geography and Environment) published a co-authored article in *Nature Geoscience*. The article titled '[Arctic fires re-emerging](#)' urges to put more international effort to manage a changing fire regime in the vulnerable Arctic.

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## Opportunities

SEAC is seeking a new Centre Manager (full-time, 2-year fixed term). Work with us at a multidisciplinary research centre in a world-class social science institution. The application deadline is midnight 12th November 2020. More information can be found [here](#).



SEAC offers a Seminar Series and Networking Grant, for which it considers applications on a rolling basis. The scheme is open to Centre Associates, LSE academic/research staff and LSE Early Career Researchers, including PhD students. Non-LSE ECRs are also encouraged to collaborate with LSE-based colleagues to apply for funding. The scheme is intended for seminar series, study groups or networking events focusing on social science issues relevant to Southeast Asia, aligning with one or more of SEAC's core [research themes](#) of urbanisation, connectivity and governance. You can find more info [here](#). If you'd like to discuss an idea before applying, please feel free to get in touch with us at [seac.admin@lse.ac.uk](mailto:seac.admin@lse.ac.uk).

Monash University Malaysia is seeking up to 20 postdoctoral fellows regarding various research themes such as 'Social & Cultural Transformations in Asia' and 'Policy & Industrial Transformation in Asia' (application deadline: 30th November 2020). More information can be found [here](#).



## Upcoming SEAC Events



### [Theorising the City in and from Southeast Asia](#)

On 11th November, Dr Rita Padawangi (Senior Lecturer, Singapore University of Social Sciences) will be leading a research seminar bringing together the urban experience from city neighbourhoods to connect with theorising the city in and from Southeast Asia. Further details can be found [here](#).



### [Masterclass: Research as Empowerment: Learning from the COVID-19 Pandemic in Understanding Cities of Southeast Asia](#)

On 13th November, Dr Rita Padawangi will follow up her talk on 11th November by undertaking a research masterclass for PhD students and early career researchers. The masterclass will focus on doing research under the pandemic. Further details can be found [here](#).



### [Nalehmu Urbanism: The informal, intimate and relational economies of Yangon Street Vending](#)

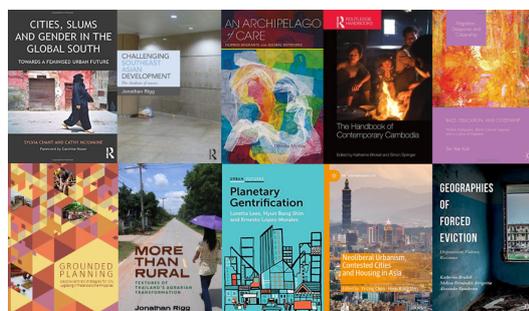
On 17th November, Dr Jayde Lin Roberts (Senior Lecturer in Built Environment, University of New South Wales) will be leading a research seminar focusing on street vending as an integral part of Yangon's urbanism. Further details can be found [here](#).



### [Roundtable on Postcolonial Urbanism and History of Southeast Asia](#)

On 25th November, SEAC hosts a roundtable discussion aiming to promote a better understanding of postcolonial urban histories in Southeast Asia while seeking an opportunity to locate them in different disciplines including urban history and urban studies. Further details can be found [here](#).

Don't forget, SEAC hosts a wealth of publications by staff and Associates and podcasts of past SEAC events, which you can access via the [SEAC Publications and Media page](#).



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The Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre (SEAC) is a multi-disciplinary Research Centre within the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Building on the School's deep academic and historical connections with Southeast Asia, SEAC seeks to foster world-leading academic and policy research with a focus on the Southeast Asian social and political landscape.

SEAC is LSE's gateway to understanding Southeast Asia.

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