



LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre



LSE-Southeast Asia Early Career Researcher Network News

11th January 2021

Happy New Year from SEAC team. We wish you a year full of happiness and good health.

Please send us any news from you to seac.admin@lse.ac.uk to share the news with our ECR members

ECR Network News and Updates



ECR Network members have contributed to SEAC's COVID-19 and Southeast Asia project

More than 10 ECR Network members participated in SEAC's COVID-19 and Southeast Asia project so far. You can find their writings regarding COVID-19 and Southeast Asia as well as other posts on [LSE Southeast Asia blog](#). A few more posts will be followed shortly. Thank you for the contributions of the ECR Network members who participated in the project.

Currently available posts by ECR Network members are:

- [The New Normal or Same Old? The Impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Live-in Migrant Domestic Workers in Singapore](#) (Laura Antona)
- [COVID-19, Southeast Asian haze, and socioenvironmental-epidemiological feedbacks](#)(Tom Smith and Helena Varkkey)
- [Happiness-sharing pantries: an effective weapon to ease hunger for the needy during the pandemic in Thailand](#) (Thanapat Chatinakrob)
- [New Narratives for Food Insecurity](#) (Al Lim)
- ["We are tired with DraSu, all we need is Gotong Royong!": Gotong Royong in the time of COVID-19](#) (Adrian Perkasa)
- [Southeast Asia's pandemic politics and human rights: trends and lessons](#) (Khoo Ying Hooi)
- [Solidarity Trial – Community Struggles in Myanmar's Response to COVID-19](#) (Ponpavi Sangsuradej)
- [COVID-19 and the Philippines' BPO industry](#)(Maddy Thompson)
- [Property Development in Malaysia amid COVID-19 Pandemic: A Matter of Capital Growth or Housing Affordability?](#) (Keng Khoon Ng)
- [Building Back Better: COVID-19 and Informal Workers in Indonesia](#) (Joanna Octavia)



ECR Network members Dr Do Young Oh and Dr Laura Antona spoke for SEAC Seminar Series

As part of SEAC Seminar Series, on 25th November, Dr Do Young Oh (LSE SEAC) presented his research at [Roundtable on Postcolonial Urbanism and History of Southeast Asia](#). On 9th December, Dr Laura Antona (University of Oxford) spoke on "[Foreign, 'Fresh' and 173cm: The Commodification of Domestic Workers in Singapore](#)". Other ECR members are also scheduled to be part of the upcoming SEAC Seminar Series in this term.

New Publications and Media



ECR Network member Dr Jordana Ramalho published a new article in *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. Her new article titled "[Engendering disaster risk management and resilience-building: The significance of the everyday in evaluations of the exceptional](#)" argues for greater consideration of 'the everyday' within evaluations of 'the exceptional' and presents this as a practical means of engendering disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) and resilience-building.

ECR Network member Dr Khoo Ying Hooi published a book titled "[The Bersih Movement and Democratisation in Malaysia: Repression, Dissent and Opportunities](#)" with ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute. Engaging with social

movement theory, her new book locates Bersih at the centre of the movement for democracy in Malaysia, thus creating a platform for citizen participation and mobilisation that helped form the basis of a new democratic ethos.



ECR Network member Dr Gunjan Sondhi published her co-authored chapter titled "[Gender and International Student Migration](#)" in *The Palgrave Handbook of Gender and Migration*. Her book chapter discusses how works about gender and migration and student migration are related to each other and interrogates gender, international and student in debates on gender and international student migration.

ECR Network member Namira Samir recently wrote an opinion piece for the Jakarta Post, titled "[Pandemic showcases Indonesia's systemic gender inequality](#)". In her writing, she urges the government to establish a set of goals for promoting women's leadership in the workplace.



Upcoming SEAC Events



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SEMINAR SERIES

20 JAN

Katherine Brickell (Professor of Human Geography, Royal Holloway University of London; SEAC Associate); **W. Nathan Green** (Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore); **Jordana Ramalho** (Lecturer in Urban Planning for Diversity, Bartlett DPU, University College London); **Charlie Rumsby** (Research Fellow, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University); **Sokphea Young** (Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, University College London)

Book Launch: Home SOS: Gender, Violence and Survival in Crisis Ordinary Cambodia

27 JAN

Gavin Shatkin (Professor at the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, and the School of Architecture, Northeastern University)

Flooding and the Politics of Property Rights in Jakarta

10 FEB

John Sidel (Sir Patrick Gillam Professor of International and Comparative Politics, LSE; SEAC Associate); **Jaime Faustino** (Program Director, The Asia Foundation); **James Putzel** (Professor of Development Studies, LSE; SEAC Associate); **Tamaki Endo** (Associate Professor at Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Saitama University; SEAC Visiting Senior Fellow)

Book Launch: Thinking and Working Politically in Development: Coalitions for Change in the Philippines

1 MAR

Hyun Bang Shin (Professor of Geography and Urban Studies, LSE; SEAC Director); **Nicole Curato** (Associate Professor, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, University of Canberra); **Sin Yee Koh** (Senior Lecturer in Global Studies, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Malaysia; SEAC Associate); **John Sidel** (Sir Patrick Gillam Professor of International and Comparative Politics, LSE; SEAC Associate)

Life in a Post-COVID World: Learning from Southeast Asia
(Part of LSE Festival: Shaping the Post-COVID World)

9 MAR

Brenda S.A. Yeoh (Raffles Professor of Social Sciences, National University of Singapore)

SEAC Public Lecture: Spatial Politics and Transient Migrant Workers in Global-City Singapore

24 MAR

Michael Magcamit (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow in the School of Politics & International Relations at Queen Mary University of London);

Hongxuan Lin (Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore)

Solidarity and Polarization: Centripetal and Centrifugal Forces in Southeast Asia

31 MAR

Tamaki Endo (Associate Professor at Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Saitama University; SEAC Visiting Senior Fellow)

Urban informality at crossroad? Dynamics between inclusion and exclusion in Bangkok

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[lse.ac.uk/seac/seminars](https://www.lse.ac.uk/seac/seminars)

SPRING 2021



SEAC is excited to announce the seminar series for this coming term. We have an exciting range of speakers joining us from the UK, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, Japan and the US. The series will be running fully online again mostly on Wednesday at noon (UK time). The weekly schedule and full details of each event can be on the SEAC website (<https://www.lse.ac.uk/seac/seminars>).



[Book Launch: Home SOS: Gender, Violence and Survival in Crisis Ordinary Cambodia](#)

On 20th January 2021, SEAC is hosting a Book Launch for the 2020 book 'Home SOS: Gender, Violence and Survival in Crisis Ordinary Cambodia', written by SEAC Associate Prof. Katherine Brickell (Royal Holloway, University of London). Discussants for the event include ECR Network members Dr Jordana Ramalho, Dr Charlie Rumsby and Dr Sokphea Young. Further details can be found [here](#).



[Flooding and the Politics of Property Rights in Jakarta](#)

On 27th January 2021, SEAC is inviting Prof. Gavin Shatkin (Professor at the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, and the School of Architecture, at Northeastern University) for his talk titled 'Flooding and the Politics of Property Rights in Jakarta'. Further details can be found [here](#).

[Book Launch: Thinking and Working Politically in Development: Coalitions for Change in the Philippines](#)



On 10th February 2021, SEAC is hosting a Book Launch for the 2020 book 'Thinking and Working Politically in Development: Coalitions for Change in the Philippines', written by SEAC Associate Prof. John Sidel (Sir Patrick Gillam Professor of International and Comparative Politics at LSE) and Jaime Faustino. Further details can be found [here](#).

Opportunities



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.

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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