



LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre



Welcome to the March edition of the ECR Newsletter. We have rounded up recent updates about the activities and news of your fellow ECR Network members.

We are delighted to share a wide range of publications covering:

- 🎓 China's recently launched "Double Reduction" Policy in the education sector
- 🌱 Development and sustainable future of Malaysia
- 🙏 The encounter between Pentecostalism and Buddhism in Myanmar
- 🏠 Irregular immigration and COVID-19 in Southeast Asia and Malaysia

There are also plenty of opportunities to get involved:

- 🎓 Summer School in Venice calls for scholarship applications
- 📄 *The Southeast Asian Movement at Yale* call for submissions
- ✅ A qualitative survey on "invisible" international academics calls for participants
- 📅 USF's International Fellowships are available to apply now

Read on to find out more!

Note: If your information has changed in the past year (i.e. a new job, a completed PhD or a new research focus), please let us know by emailing seac.admin@lse.ac.uk. Please get in touch with your news and updates if you would like them to be included in the next ECR Newsletter.

ECR Network News and Updates



Jon Formella arrives in Hanoi to continue research

Jon Formella has arrived in Hanoi, Vietnam to continue the Blakemore Freeman Fellowship for Advanced Vietnamese Studies based at the Faculty of Vietnamese Studies and Language (VSL) at Vietnam National University, Hanoi.

Funded through the Seattle-based Blakemore Foundation, Blakemore Freeman Fellowships fund an academic year of advanced language study abroad of Chinese, Japanese, Korean and selected Southeast Asian languages. Prospective applicants can click [here](#) to apply.

Jon plans to use fluency in Vietnamese to continue research on the U.S.-Vietnam-China trilateral relationship and to promote U.S.-Vietnam friendship.

New Publications and Media



Dr Yifei Yan publishes a news article

Dr Yifei Yan, LSE Fellow at the Department of Social Policy, LSE, recently published an article on Sixth Tone titled "[China Wants Students Working Less. So It's Asking Teachers to Do More.](#)" The article offers critical reflections on China's recently launched "double reduction" policies.

Dr Ng Keng Khoon shares new publications

Dr Ng Keng Khoon, Head of Postgraduate Studies at the School of Architecture and Built Environment, UCSI University, is pleased to share recent edited book and journal article publications:

1. [Capital mobility and centre-state relations: Unpacking the spatial configuration of real estate investment in Iskandar Malaysia](#)
2. [Bajautopia: Tales of Borneo's Sea Nomads](#)



Dr. Michael Edwards publishes a journal article

Dr. Michael Edwards, Smuts Research Fellow at the Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge, shared the publication of an article in the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*:
[Circulating in difference: performances of publicity on and beyond a Yangon train](#)

Omer Faruk CINGIR publishes a journal article

Omer Faruk CINGIR, PhD candidate at the Department of Southeast Asian Studies, University of Malaya, published an article in the *Institutions and Economies Journal*.

[Foucauldian Biopolitics, Irregular Immigrants and COVID-19 in Malaysia](#)



Events and Opportunities



[Southeast Asian Waters Series: Urban Waterscapes and Global Climate Justice: Views from Jakarta](#)

Wednesday 16 March 2022 12:00pm to 1:15pm UK

As part of the SEAC Southeast Asian Waters Seminar series Dr. Kian Goh (Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, UCLA) will speak on Jakarta's urban waterscapes and climate change. The talk will be chaired by Prof. Hyun Bang Shin.

More details on this event and information on how to register can be found [here](#).



[Southeast Asian Waters Series: The importance of humiliation: 1974, Vietnam and the South China Sea](#)

Wednesday 23 March 2022 12:00pm to 1:15pm UK

As part of the SEAC Southeast Asian Waters Seminar series Bill Hayton (Associate Fellow, Chatham House) will speak on Vietnam and the South China Sea. The talk will be chaired by Prof. John Sidel.

More details on this event and information on how to register can be found [here](#).



[Let It Burn Out: The 1957 Flu Pandemic and Decolonisation in Singapore](#)

Wednesday 6 April 2022 12:00pm to 1:15pm UK GMT

SEAC will host this talk by Dr. Loh Kah Seng (Director, Chronicles Research and Education) on the influenza pandemic in Singapore in 1957 and its implications for decolonisation. The talk is chaired by Prof. Hyun Bang Shin.

More details on this event and information on how to register can be found [here](#).



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Survey on “invisible” international academics calls for participants

Dr. Amrita Kaur from Wenzhou-Kean University and Dr. Jasvir Kaur Nachatar Singh from La Trobe University are looking for **“invisible” international academics who gained employment during COVID-19** but taught remotely due to border closure.

If you are an “invisible” academic and want to share your remote teaching and learning experiences, please participate in this [qualitative survey](#) which takes less than 15 minutes to fill in.

Southeast Asian Movement *at Yale*

Southeast Asian Movement at Yale calls for submissions

The editorial team of the Southeast Asian Movement at Yale - a student society that aspires to highlight Southeast Asia’s complexity, diversity, and importance as a region - invites you to submit creative and critical work for their inaugural issue on **the theme of Translation**.

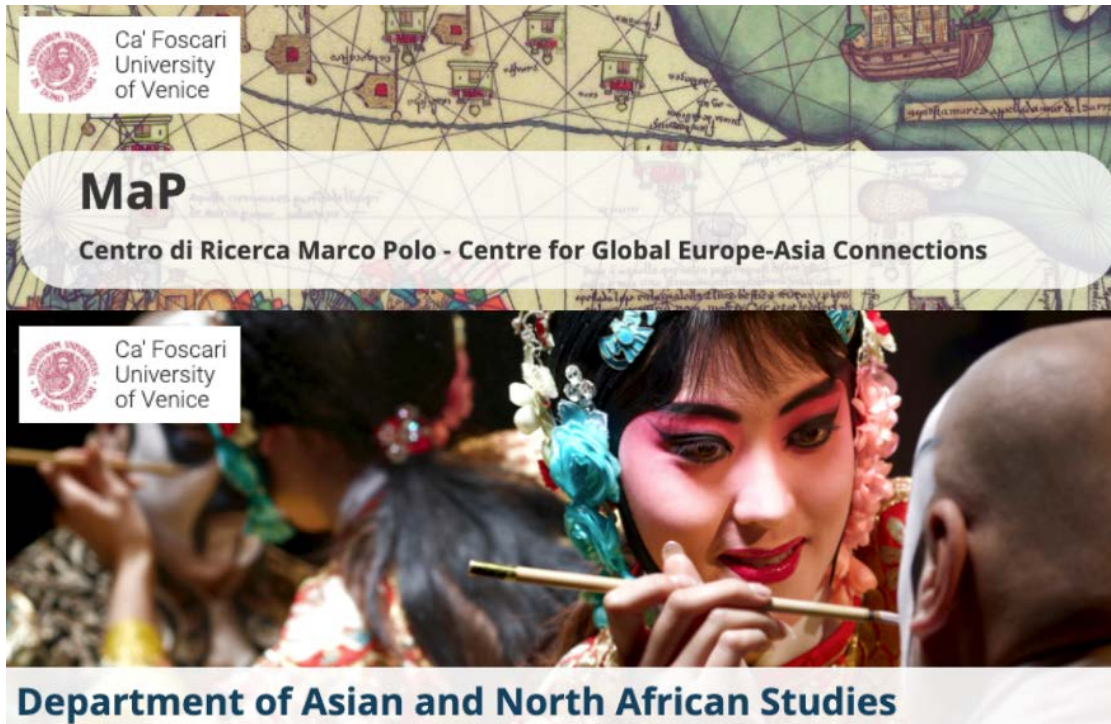
For the inaugural issue of The Southeast Asian Movement at Yale’s publication, they are looking for research essays, book reviews, op-eds and creative writing that take on the question of translation in the Southeast Asian context. They are interested in writing that engages with this sense of movement across linguistic, geographical, or political spheres.

They welcome submissions from graduate and undergraduate students from all institutions, and look forward to reading work and cultivating conversations about Southeast Asia at Yale and beyond.

For more information on the format of submissions please click [here](#).

Get in touch: southeastasianmovement@gmail.com

Rolling submission deadline: **April 11, 2022.**



Summer School in Venice calls for scholarship applications

The Department of Asian and North African Studies at Ca' Foscari University of Venice with the support of the Marco Polo Center for Global Europe-Asia Connections invites scholarship applications for a week-long Summer School on the theme of **Social Movements in Southeast Asia**.

The Summer School supports the professional development of **20 selected** MA and PhD students who wish to develop a research paper exploring contemporary Southeast Asian social movements through the lenses of **age/generation, gender, and religion**.

MA students and PhD students (humanities and social sciences) who are researching about social movements in the region are encouraged to apply. **Southeast Asian candidates** (all ASEAN countries except Singapore and Brunei) are eligible for scholarships that will cover round trip airfare and visa costs.

The event will be held in person in Venice from **September 18 to 24, 2022**.

Deadline: **30 April, 2022**

Send application materials to: summerschool.sea@unive.it

More information on the Summer School: <http://www.unive.it/sea>.



USF's International Fellowships are available to apply now

The Urban Studies Foundation (USF) is now inviting urban scholars from the Global South to apply for the International Fellowships.

Each award will cover the cost of a research period ranging between 3-9 months for the purpose of writing-up the candidate's existing research findings in the form of publishable articles and/or a book.

Application deadline: **9th May 2022** (by 23:59 GMT, UK time).

More information on the fellowship and how to apply can be found [here](#).



ASEAS(UK) Conference calls for panel proposals

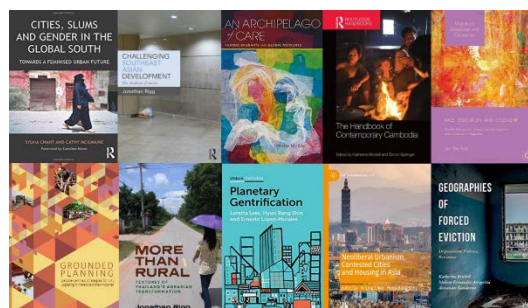
ASEAS(UK) invites scholars and PhD students from all academic disciplines with an interest in Southeast Asia to submit panels that explore relevant research topics from an interdisciplinary perspective. They particularly encourage proposals that focus on new and emerging topics within the field of Southeast Asian Studies.

Submission deadlines for panel proposals: **25th April 2022**

Please send panel proposals to aseasconference2022@gmail.com

More information on the scheme, and submission deadlines for **individual paper proposals** and **panel conveners** 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](#).



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.

The Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre was established with the generous support of [Professor Saw Swee Hock](#).



