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## INTERESTS

*Thematic:* Identity, citizenship, conflict, contentious politics, borders, forced migration, displacement

*Regional:* Southeast Asia, South Asia

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Burmese/Myanmar (native)

English (fluent)

## EDUCATION

2011-2015 PhD (International & Political Studies), University of New South Wales

2010-2013 Master of Human Rights & Democratisation (Asia Pacific), Sydney University  
(Distinction)

2007-2008 Master of Science (International Political Economy), Nanyang Technological University

## CURRENT POSITION

2024-2026 **Marie Curie Research Fellow**, School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies, University of Bristol

## ACADEMIC/RESEARCHER EMPLOYMENT

2022-2024 **IDRC (Canada) Research Chair on Forced Displacement in Southeast Asia**, Chiang Mai University

2021-2024 **Honorary Fellow**, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, Melbourne University

2021-2024 **Associate**, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

2021-2022 **Fellow**, Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen (KWI), Germany

2021 **Visiting Professor**, Mahidol University

2020 **Assistant Professor** (Adjunct), National University of Singapore

2019-2020 **Visiting Fellow** (Stipendiary), ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

2019 **Visiting Fellow**, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, Melbourne University

2018 **Lecturer**, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore

2016-2018 **NUS Law Laureate Fellow**, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Monographs*

2019 *Interreligious Conflict and the Politics of Interfaith Dialogue in Myanmar* (Singapore: ISEAS–Yusof Ishak Institute).

2018 *Freedom of Religion, the Role of the State, and Interreligious Relations in Myanmar* (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Equitas – International Centre for Human Rights Education & International Centre for Ethnic Studies).

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

- 2024 “Digital counter-surveillance by refugees from Myanmar in Thailand, *Forced Migration Review*, 73: 68-71.
- 2024 “Revolutionary Resistance Against Full Autocratization: Actors and Strategies of Resistance after the 2021 Military Coup in Myanmar”, *Political Geography*, Vol 108 (Co-authored with Kristian Stokke)
- 2022 “Citizenship Stripping in Myanmar as Lawfare”, *Statelessness & Citizenship Review*, 4(2): 280–285.
- 2022 “The Long Struggle for Constitutional Change in Myanmar”, *Federal Law Review* 50(2): 192–205. (Co-authored with Andrew Harding)
- 2021 “COVID-19 and China’s Attempts to Build a Health Silk Road to Myanmar”, *Melbourne Asia Review* Edition 8, Published online: 11 October.
- 2021 “The Excuse of (Il)legality in Discriminating and Persecuting Religious Minorities: Anti-Mosque Legal Violence in Myanmar”, *Asian Journal of Law and Society* 8(1): 108–131.
- 2019 “Adulteration of the Pure Native Race by Aliens? Kapyra and their Socio-Legal Identity in Colonial Burma and Present-Day Myanmar”, *Social Identities* 25(3): 345–359.
- 2019 “Putting their Guns on the Scale: Constitution-Making in Burma/Myanmar Under Military Command”, *Chinese Journal of Comparative Law* 7(2): 309–332.
- 2017 “Unpacking the Presumed Statelessness of Rohingyas”, *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* 15(3): 269–286.
- 2015 “Alienation, Discrimination, and Securitization: Legal Personhood and Cultural Personhood of Muslims in Myanmar”, *Review of Faith & International Affairs* 13(4): 50–59.

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

- 2025 “Statelessness in Myanmar: A Rohingya Moment After the 2021 Coup?”, in Michelle Foster, Jaclyn Neo, and Christoph Sperfeldt (Eds.). *Statelessness in Asia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 281-301.
- 2021 “The Role of Myth in Anti-Muslim Buddhist Nationalism in Myanmar”, in Michael Jerryson and Iselin Frydenlund (Eds.). *Buddhist-Muslim Relations in a Theravada World*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 197–226.
- 2020 “Social Media, Hate Speech and Fake News during Myanmar’s Political Transition”, in Aim Sinpeng and Ross Tapsell Southeast Asia (Eds.). *From Grassroots Activism to Disinformation: Social Media*. Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 86–104.
- 2020 “Myanmar in 2019: Rakhine Issue, Constitutional Reform, and Election Fever”, in Malcolm Cook and Daljit Singh (Eds.). *Southeast Asian Affairs 2020*. Singapore: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 235–254.
- 2018 “Myanmar’s Other Muslims: The Case of the Kaman”, in Ashley South and Marie Lall (Eds.). *Citizenship in Myanmar: Ways of Being In and From Burma*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 279–300.
- 2019 “Regulating Buddhism in Myanmar: The Case of Deviant Buddhist Sects”, in Jaclyn Neo, Arif Jamal, and Daniel Goh (Eds.). *Regulating Religion in Asia: Norms, Modes and Challenges*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 169–186.

- 2019 “Myanmar’s Pluralist Constitution: Nation-Building versus State-Building”, in Jaclyn Neo and Bui Ngoc Son (Eds.). *Pluralist Constitutions in Southeast Asia*. Oxford, UK; Portland, Oregon: Hart Publishing, 143–168.
- 2016 “Islamophobia in Buddhist Myanmar: The 969 Movement and Anti-Muslim Violence”, in Melissa Crouch (Ed.). *Islam and the State in Myanmar: Muslim-Buddhist Relations and the Politics of Belonging*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 183–210.
- 2016 “Myanmar”, in *Human Rights Outlook in Southeast Asia: 2016*. Salaya, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand: Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, 69–85.
- 2015 “Myanmar”, in David Cohen and Kevin Tan (Eds.). *Keeping the Faith: A Study of Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion in ASEAN*. Depok, West Java: Human Rights Resource Center, University of Indonesia, 321–360.
- 2009 “Rohingya Muslims: Myanmar’s Forgotten People”, in Yang Razali Kassim (Ed.). *Strategic Currents: Emerging Trends in Southeast Asia*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, 43–46.

### Peer-Reviewed Op-eds

- 2023 “Myanmar’s Military Reaches into Migrant Pockets”, *East Asia Forum*
- 2021 “Myanmar’s Military Junta Has Long-Term Power Plans”, *East Asia Forum*
- 2021 “Military Unity Under Unprecedented Pressure in Myanmar”, *East Asia Forum*
- 2019 “The Hardening Grip of Myanmar’s Soft Media Repression”, *East Asia Forum*
- 2017 “A Blow to Buddhist Nationalism in Myanmar?”, *East Asia Forum*

### Blogs

- 2022 “Who is Stateless in Myanmar?’ – Revolutionary Film Provokes Unexpected Debate”, *Critical Statelessness Studies Blog*
- 2022 “Staging the Public in Yangon, Myanmar”, *LSE Southeast Asia Blog* (Co-authored with [Jayde Lin Roberts](#))

### Policy Briefings/Think Tank Publications (Selected)

- 2020 *Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s Crisis Facebooking During Covid-19 in Myanmar* (Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute).
- 2020 *Sinophobia in Myanmar and the Belt and Road Initiative* (Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute).
- 2020 *Elections or War? The Dilemma Facing Rakhine State* (Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute).
- 2019 *Facebooking in Myanmar: From Hate Speech to Fake News to Partisan Political Communication* (Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute).
- 2019 *Democracy First, Federalism Next? The Constitutional Reform Process in Myanmar* (Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute).
- 2019 *Old and New Competition in Myanmar’s Electoral Politics* (Singapore: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute).
- 2015 *A Baseline Study on Hate Speech in Myanmar* (London: Institute for War and Peace Reporting ([internal document](#)))

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- 2018- **Editorial Board Member**, *Journal of Southeast Asian Human Rights*  
2022-24 **Co-Editor**, Critique and Commentary Section, *Statelessness & Citizenship Review*  
2023- **Member**, International Advisory Board, Academy in Exile  
2022-24 **Member**, Advisory Group of the Melbourne Myanmar Research Network

### **JOURNAL REVIEWER (SELECTED)**

International Studies Quarterly; Political Geography; International Affairs; Journal of Refugee Studies; Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies; Third World Quarterly; Urban Studies; Mobilities; Political Affairs; Asia-Pacific Issues; Singapore Journal of Legal Studies