

Current Academic Positions

01/01/2019-current Ting Tsung and Wei Fong Chao Center for Asian Studies, Rice University: Annette and Hugh Gragg Postdoctoral Fellow in Transnational Asian Studies

Ongoing Affiliations Department of Transnational Asian Studies, Rice University: Faculty Affiliate
Sussex Asia Centre, University of Sussex: Research Associate in Inter-Asia Dynamisms
Amsterdam Centre for Globalisation Studies, The Netherlands: Non-Resident Research Associate
CHERN – the China in Europe Research Network (a collaborative research platform for European Cooperation In Science and Technology, University of Bristol, and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): Working Group Member

Previous Academic Positions

01/09/2018-31/12/2018 Institute for Area Studies, Leiden University: Grant-Writing Postdoctoral Fellow of Global Interactions

07/12/2017-31/08/2018 NYU Shanghai: Postdoctoral Fellow of Global Asia

01/09/2015-31/08/2017 Institute for Area Studies, Leiden University: Postdoctoral Researcher

01/09/2008-30/09/2009 The Chinese University of Hong Kong: Lecturer and Research Assistant

Education

2009-2016 University of Oxford: Doctor of Philosophy in Social and Cultural Anthropology, awarded without correction

2006-2008 *Dissertation* Global Fabric Bazaar: An Indian Trading Economy in a Chinese County.
The Chinese University of Hong Kong: Master of Philosophy (by research) in Anthropology
Dissertation Transnational Connections, Local Life, and Identity: A Study of the Sikhs in Hong Kong.

2003-2006 The Chinese University of Hong Kong: Bachelor of Social Science in Anthropology, First Class Honours.
Dissertation Religion and Ethnicity: A Study of the Sikh Community in Hong Kong.

Peer Reviewed Monograph and Edited Volumes

Under Production *From China to the World: A Global Ethnography of the Indian-Chinese Fabric Trade Nexus*
2019 *Transitions: Journal of Transient Migration* 3(1). [Special issue: “Transient Migrants at the Crossroads of China’s Global Future.”]

2007, 2008, 2009 *The Hong Kong Anthropologist* (House journal for the Hong Kong Anthropological Society), nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (selected)

Under Review “Diasporic Formation, Sustained Transience, and Indifferent Survival: Indian Traders in Southeast China.” *History and Anthropology*.

Under Review “Home Village Visit and its Transnational Connections: A Case Study of Hong Kong Sikhs’ Trips to India.” *Hong Kong Studies*.

Under Review “Teaching Ethnographic Research Methods in COVID-19 time: Virtual Fieldtrips, Web Symposium, and Public Engagement with Asian American Communities in Houston, Texas.” *Teaching and Learning Anthropology Journal*.

Forthcoming “Funny Money Circulations: Fabric Trade from China to Dubai through the Indian Connections.” Submitted to *American Behavioral Scientist*.

2019 “Transient Migrants at the Crossroads of China’s Global Future.” *Transitions: Journal of Transient Migration* 3(1): 3-14.

2018 “China-Dubai Textile Trade through Indian Connections.” *Insights: Cities, States and their Arabian-Asian Networks* 118: 11-15.

2016 “Everyday Diplomacy among Indian Traders in a Chinese Fabric Market.” *The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology* 34(2): 42-58.

2013 「印度婦女在中國輕紡城的社區網絡探析」 (A Study of Social Networks among the Indian women in the Chinese Light Textile City)。《廣西民族大學學報(哲學社會科學版)》 [*Journal of Guangxi University for Nationalities(Philosophy and Social Science Edition)*] 35(5): 43-50 (in Chinese).

- 2012** “Indians in the Chinese Textile City: Middleman Traders in Upgrading Economy.” Emerging Scholars 2012 Working Papers, The India China Institute, The New School for Social Research.
At <http://indiachinainstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/CKK-Feb-2012.pdf>.
- 2011** Kim, Jean H., Fung Kuk Lo, **Ka-Kin Cheuk**, Ming Sum Kwong, William Bernard Goggins, Yan Shan Cai, Shui Shan Lee, and Sian Meryl Griffiths. 2011. “Knowledge of Avian Influenza (H5N1) among Poultry Workers, Hong Kong, China.” *Emerging Infectious Diseases* 17(12): 2319-2321.
- 2011** 「從移民企業家到跨國商人：紹興印度人的人類學研究」(From Migrant Entrepreneurs to Transnational Merchants: An Anthropological Study of the Indians in Shaoxing) ◦ 《紹興文理學院學報》(*Journal of Shaoxing University*) 31(5): 113-115 (in Chinese).
- 2010** Kim, Jean H., C.H. Lau, **Ka-Kin Cheuk**, Pauline Kan, Heidi L.C. Hui, and Sian M. Griffiths. 2010. “Brief Report: Predictors of Heavy Internet Use and Associations with Health Promoting and Health Risk Behaviors among Hong Kong University Students.” *Journal of Adolescence* 33: 215-220.
- 2009** Kim, Jean H., Joseph T.F. Lau, and **Ka-Kin Cheuk**. 2009. “Sexlessness among Married Chinese Adults in Hong Kong: Prevalence and Associated Factors.” *Journal of Sexual Medicine* 6(11): 2997-3007.
- 2008** “Migration, Settlement, and Remigration: A Study of the Sikhs in Hong Kong.” *East Asia Forum - Mediation and Critique: Perspective on East Asia* 11: 47-81.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters (selected)

- Forthcoming** “Hinduism in East Asia.” In Knut A. Jacobsen, ed., *The Oxford History of Hinduism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2021** “Making Mumbai (in China).” In Lisa Björkman, ed., *Bombay Brokers: Anthropological Theory from the Ethnographic Edge*, 191-198. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2017** “China, including Hong Kong.” In Knut A. Jacobsen, Gurinder S. Mann, Eleanor Nesbitt, and Kristina Myrvold, eds, *Brill’s Encyclopedia of Sikhism*, 473-479. Leiden: Brill.
- 2014** “Shaoxing, Shaoxing and ... Indians.” *Hong Kong Discovery*, 84: 56-62. Reprinted in Cheung, Sidney Chin-Hung and Jiting Luo, eds. 2015. *Anthropologists on the Road*, 114-125. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Discovery Limited. [In both Chinese and English.]
- 2013** “China.” In Knut A. Jacobsen, ed., *Brill’s Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, 212-216. Leiden: Brill.
- 2013** “Capitalizing on Identity and Mobility: Sikh Mercantile Activity Across the Hong Kong-China Border.” In Michael Hawley, ed., *Sikh Diaspora: Theory, Agency, and Experience*, 217-229. Leiden: Brill. [Reviewed in *International Journal of Punjabi Studies*, *Sikh Formations*, and *Anthropos*]

Book reviews and other articles (selected)

- 2020** “Book Review: Yellow Perils: China Narratives in the Contemporary World, Franck Billé and Sören Urbansky, eds. Honolulu: University of Hawai’i Press, 2018, 276 pp.” *Pacific Affairs*, 93(2): 415-417.
- 2017** “‘Little India’ in China.” *International Institute of Asian Studies (IIAS) Newsletter* 76: 21.

Invited Academic Presentations (selected)

- Neuchâtel 2021** Invited discussant for the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies public lecture “Logistification from Below: Mobility, Trade and Power in Yiwu, China” delivered by Prof. Biao Xiang (Director of Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology), 21 January.
- Hong Kong 2020** “What Can a Diasporic Economy Tell Us? The Stories of Indian Textile Traders in Southeast China.” Research Seminar at the Division of Humanities, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- Houston 2019** “China’s Silent Reforms: An Emergence of Foreign Immigration Governance.” Invited panellist and speaker at the Annual Politics of Reform Panel in China, organised at the Baker Institute for Public Policy, a top-ranking university-based thinktank based in the Rice University.
- London 2019** “Roundtable with Prof. Xiang Biao (University of Oxford) on Transient Migration in Contemporary China: Hypermobility as Social Suspensions.” Panel discussion with Dr. Jiazhi Fengjiang (Anthropology, LSE), Prof. Hyun Bang Shin (Geography, LSE), and Dr.

Hans Steinmüller (Anthropology, LSE), organized by LSE Urbanization and Development programme, London School of Economics and Political Science.

- Oxford 2018** “Ethical Disregard Selected among Indian Migrant Workers in a Chinese Trade Economy.” Social Life of Work Seminar Series at Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford.
- Kolkata 2018** “Indian Trading Communities in a Chinese County.” A public symposium on China-India Connections in Modern History, organised by Netaji Research Bureau and Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, at Netaji Bhawan; Introductory remarks by Prof. Sugata Bose of Harvard University.
- Cologne 2016** “State Regulation of Migration, Trade and Inter-marriage in Guangdong and Keqiao.” Invited keynote speaker in the Workshop at Global South Studies Center, Research Group Immigrant China, Universität zu Köln.

Selected Peer-reviewed Conference Papers

- Copenhagen 2021** “‘Modi Should Learn More from Xi!’: The Everyday Ethics of Authoritative Populism among Indian Diasporic Traders in Southeast China.” Paper presented at the 4th Annual Meeting of South Asia across the Nordic Region, University of Copenhagen.
- Copenhagen 2019** “A Miraculous Survival? Fabric Exports from China through the Indian Trading Connections.” Paper presented at the Trading the World: Routes, Resources, Realignment, an international conference jointly organized by the Emerging Worlds Program, the Centre of Global South Asian Studies, and the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Manchester 2019** “Everyday Foreigner Management in a Chinese County-Seat.” Paper presented at Immigration and the Transformation of the Chinese Society, an international conference at the University of Manchester, UK.
- Vancouver 2019** “Ethics of Suspension among Indian Textile Traders in China.” Paper presented at the Joint Annual Conference of the Canadian Anthropology Society and the American Anthropological Association.
- New Delhi 2018** “‘I Never Care What I Sell, but People Still Buy from Me!’ Fabric Materiality and its Meanings among Indian Traders in Southeast China.” Panel on Commodities in Motion: Objects in (Trans)local Connections in Asia. AAS-in-Asia Conference - Asia in Motion: Geographies and Genealogies.

Professional Service (selected)

- 2021** **Co-convenor**, Meet the Authors Speaker Series (MASS), Chao Center for Asian Studies, Humanities Research Center, and Department of Anthropology, Rice University
- 2019, 2020** **Faculty Host** for the Transnational Asian Speaker Series, Rice University.
- 2018 – present** **Editorial Board Member** of *Transitions: Journal of Transient Migration*.
- 2018** **Panel organiser**, “The Emerging China-Netherlands Flower Trade and its Eurasian Mobility Nexus.” Panel on Contemporary Eurasian Circuits and Circulations in the Third Annual Conference of the Center for Global Asia, New York University Shanghai, Shanghai.
- 2013** **Conference organiser**, Inaugural Oxford Migration Studies Society Annual Conference, “Migration: Theory and Practices”.
- 2012** **Panel chair and organizer**, “Middleman Traders in an Upgrading Economy: Indians in Keqiao, China.” Panel: The Future of Foreign Traders in China: Policy Concern and Agency’s Response. East Asian Anthropological Association Conference 2012: The World in East Asia/East Asia in the World. Department of Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- 2011 – present** **Peer Reviewer** for *Anthropology and Humanism*, *Rice Asian Studies Review*, *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford*, *Journal of World History*, *Journal of South Asian Studies*, *History and Anthropology*, *Asian Anthropology*, *International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology*, *Journal of Sexual Medicine*.
- 2005 – 2009** **Founding Editor** of *The Hong Kong Anthropologist*, an open-access anthropological journal, published annually by The Hong Kong Anthropological Society. At <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/ant/hka/>.

Awards and Fellowships (selected)

- 2013 – 2014** Wing Yip and Brothers Bursaries, The Wing Yip Foundation, UK

- 2009 – 2013** Swire Cathay Pacific Scholarship, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, 2009-2013 (Full funding for doctoral studies at Oxford, covering university and college fees, and a grant for living costs of £16,300 per year).
- 2012** Summer Programme Student Fellow (Elect), World Wide Asia: Asian Flows, Global Impacts, the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) and the Leiden Global Interactions Profile Area (LGI), Leiden.
- 2012** Prof. Makhanlal Roy Chaudhuri Book Grant, The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies
- 2011 – 2012** Emerging Scholar (Elect), The India China Institute, The New School for Social Research, (One of the three elected Chinese scholars invited to take part in the Second Emerging Scholar Symposium in the India China Institute in New York City (full-funded).
- 2010 and 2011** Chinese Research Travel Award, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies,
- 2011** The Carr & Stahl Travel Funds, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford
- 2011** The Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hong Kong Scholarship, The Oxbridge Society of Hong Kong
- 2011** The Gupta Dan Scholarship, The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies
- 2010** The Au Ping-Reyes Graduate Research and Travel Grant, University of Oxford China Centre

Competitive Funding (selected)

- 2021** Remote Lectures, Symposia, and Speaker Series Grant, Humanities Research Center, Rice University. Amount: US\$2,000.
- 2021** Kulturwissenschaftliche Institut (KWI) International Fellowship, the Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities, Universitätsallianz Ruhr, Germany.
- 2021** SSRC InterAsia Academy Fellowship: Integration and Disintegration in InterAsian Perspective
- 2020** Course Development Grant for my course ASIA305 Ethnographic Research in/of Houston Asia, The Kinder Institute's Center for Engaged Research and Collaborative Learning, Rice University. Amount: US\$2,000.
- 2019** Transnational Asia Research Initiative (TARI) Funding for Faculty and Researchers, Chao Center for Asian Studies, Rice University. Amount: US\$1,000.

Fieldwork

- 2017 – current** Flower markets in the Netherlands, China, and Scotland
- 2010, 2011 – 2012** Keqiao, Zhejiang Province, PR China
- 2016 – 2017**
- 2011** Zhangjiachuan Hui Autonomous County, Gansu Province, PR China
- 2011 and 2018** Delhi and Mumbai, India
- 2007 and 2011** Punjab, India
- 2005 – 2009** Sikh Temple, Hong Kong

Teaching (selected)

- Rice University** **ASIA/ANTH 212 Perspectives on Modern Asia** (course cross-listed for Distribution 2 Social Science General Education credits, Spring 2021); **ASIA 305: Ethnographic Research In/Of Houston Asia** (course cross-listed for Distribution 2 Social Science General Education credits, Fall 2020); **ASIA 304: Human Mobility in the Asia-Pacific** (an interdisciplinary and seminar-style Asian Studies course, Fall 2019).
- Leiden University** **Thesis and Thesis Seminar East Asia A** (final-year thesis-writing seminar for the BA in International Studies; Spring 2017); **South Asian Diasporas** (upper-level course for BA and MA in South Asian and Tibetan Studies; Spring 2017).

Public Engagement

I have been interviewed by the local and international media outlets, including:

- 2017** “Speaker Interview - Ka-Kin Cheuk: Little India in China,” the Young China Watchers (YCW) at <http://www.youngchinawatchers.com/speaker-interview-ka-kin-cheuk-little-india-in-china/>, 11 March 2017.
- 2017** “老外在中國：不做敵人，不做外賓，做個普通居民有多難 (Foreigners in China: Neither Enemies nor Guests, but how Difficult to be Ordinary Residents),” 端傳媒 (Initium Media, Hong Kong) (11 February 2017; at <https://theinitium.com/article/20170211-mainland-foreignermanagement/>).

- 2017** “China wil de hoogvliegers vangen (China Wants to Attract Talents),” *Trouw*, The Netherlands, pp. 3 (10 January 2017; in Dutch).
- 2016** “輕紡城的人類學博士 (Anthropologist in a China Light Textile City),” 紹興日報 (Shaoxing Daily News, China), pp. 9 (23 November 2016; e-version at <http://epaper.sxnews.cn/sxrb/resfile/2016-11-23/09/rb09RBZK9Cb23.pdf>).
- 2016** “印度突廢紙幣引發社會混亂，莫迪到底怎麼想？ (What Does Modi Think? Social Chaos and the Demonetization),” 端傳媒 (Initium Media, Hong Kong) (17 November 2016).

Languages

English

fluent

Chinese

native speaker in Cantonese; fluent in Mandarin

Hindi

basic (Language class at the University of Oxford and intensive language training at the Landour Language School, Mussoorie, India)