

# Khairudin Aljunied



## Brief Biography

Dr. Khairudin Aljunied (PhD SOAS, London) is an Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore and Senior Fellow (previously Malaysia Chair of Islam in Southeast Asia) at the Alwaleed Centre for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University. A recognized specialist in the study of Islam in Southeast Asia, he is the author and editor of thirteen books and more than thirty internationally refereed articles. Among his publications are *Colonialism Violence and Muslims in Southeast Asia* (Routledge, 2009); *Radicals: Resistance and Protest in Colonial Malaya* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2016), *Muslim Cosmopolitanism: Southeast Asian Islam in Comparative Perspective* (Edinburgh University Press, 2017), *Hamka and Islam: Cosmopolitan Reform in the Malay World* (Cornell University Press, 2018), *Islam in Malaysia: An Entwined History* (Oxford University Press, 2019), and *Shapers of Islam in Southeast Asia* (in production stage with Oxford University Press, 2022). He is currently writing his new book entitled *Sufism in Southeast Asia: A Biography* (London: Oneworld Publications).

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**Degrees Obtained** Ph.D., 2008, School of Oriental and African Studies, London [completed within two years].

M.A., 2004, National University of Singapore.

B.A. Honours (2<sup>nd</sup> Upper), 2001, National University of Singapore [awarded the Best Thesis Prize].

**Academic Interests** Intellectual History; Social History; Islam in Southeast Asia

## Employment

2018-: Senior Fellow, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.

2017-2018: Professor and Malaysia Chair of Islam in Southeast Asia, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.

2013-: Associate Professor (with tenure till July 2042), National University of Singapore.

2008-2013: Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore.

2004-2008: Full-time Teaching Assistant. National University of Singapore (on study leave from 2005-2008).

2003-2004: General Education Officer. Ministry of Education, Singapore.

## Publications

### *Books (Single-Authored)*

1. *Sufism in Southeast Asia: A Biography* (London: Oneworld Publications [ongoing]).
2. *Shapers of Islam in Southeast Asia* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022 [in production stage]).
3. *Islam in Malaysia: An Entwined History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019).

Reviewed in: *International Social Science Review* 96, 1 (2020); *Al-Shajarah* 25, 2 (2020) and *Journal of Islamic Studies* (Oxford) 32, 1, (2021).

4. *Hamka and Islam: Cosmopolitan Reform in Southeast Asia* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2018).

Reviewed in: *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* 92, 1, 316 (2019); *Pacific Affairs* 93, 2 (2020).

5. *Muslim Cosmopolitanism: Southeast Asian Islam in Comparative Perspective* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2017).

Translated into Indonesian: *Kosmopolitanisme Islam: Islam Asia Tenggara Dalam Perspektif Komparatif* (Yogyakarta: Suara Muhammadiyah, 2019).

Reviewed in: *Citizenship Teaching and Learning* 12, 3 (2017), *American Journal of Muslim Social Sciences* 35, 3 (2018), *International Journal of Asian Studies* 15, 2 (2018) and *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* 56, 2 (2018).

6. *Radicals: Resistance and Protest in Colonial Malaya* (Dekalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2015).

Reviewed in: *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* 89, 1 (2016); *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 17, 1 (2016); *Choice* 53, 5 (2016); *Postcolonial Text* 11, 4 (2016); *International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies* 13, 1 (2017); *Kajian Malaysia* 35, 2 (2017); *TRANS: Transregional and National Studies of Southeast Asia* 5, 2 (2017)

7. *Colonialism, Violence and Muslims in Southeast Asia: The Maria Hertogh Controversy and Its Aftermath* (London: Routledge, 2009 [hardback] & 2010 [paperback]).

Reviewed in: *Aseasuk (Association of Southeast Asian Studies in the United Kingdom) Newsletter* 46 (2009); *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of Royal Asiatic Society (JMBRAS)* 82, 2 (2009); *Journal of Contemporary Islam* 1, 4 (2010); *Journal of Islamic Studies (Oxford)* 21, 3 (2010); *Immigrants and Minorities* 26, 1 (2011); *Asian Ethnicity* 12, 2 (2011), *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 43, 1 (2012), *American Historical Review* 166, 4 (2011).

8. *Muslims as Minorities: History and Social Realities of Muslims in Singapore (Bangi: National University of Malaysia Press, 2009)* [co-written with Kamaludeen Mohamed Nasir].
9. *Rethinking Raffles: A Study of Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles' Discourse on Religions amongst Malays* (Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Academic, 2005).

Reviewed in: *Asia Europe Journal* 5, 2 (2007) and *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde* 166, 1 (2010).

*Books (edited)*

1. *Routledge Handbook of Islam in Southeast Asia* (London: Routledge, 2022 [in production stage]).
2. *Melayu: The Politics, Poetics and Paradoxes of Malayness* (Singapore: Singapore University Press, 2011). [Editor with Maznah Mohamed]

Reviewed in: *Aseasuk (Association of Southeast Asian Studies in the United Kingdom) Newsletter* 51 (2012), *Kajian Malaysia* 30, 2, (2012), *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 44, 3 (2013), *Asian Ethnicity* 15, 1 (2014).

3. *Singapore in Global History* (ICAS Series) (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2011). [Editor with Derek Heng]

Reviewed in: *Aseasuk (Association of Southeast Asian Studies in the United Kingdom) Newsletter* 50 (2011), *Asian Journal of Social Science* 20, 3 (2012), *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 18, 4 (2012) and *Pacific Affairs* 86, 1 (2013).

4. *Reframing Singapore: Memory, Identity and Trans-Regionalism* (ICAS Series) (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2009). [Editor with Derek Heng].

#### *Journal Articles*

1. “Bringing Rationality Back In: Harun Nasution and the Burden of Muslim Thought in Twentieth-Century Southeast Asia,” *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies* (scheduled for publication in December 2021). (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
2. “Reshaping Their Mental Lifeworlds: Malay-Muslim Immigrants in Australia in the Age of Islamophobia,” *Journal of Muslim-Minority Affairs* (scheduled for publication in December 2021) [co-written Abbas Khan]. (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
3. “Malay Migrants Migration in Australia: A Longue Durée Perspective, 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Centuries,” *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* 23, 1 (2021): 101-119 [co-written Abbas Khan].

4. “Islam as Therapy: Zakiah Daradjat and the uses of religious-oriented psychology,” *Indonesia and the Malay World* 49, 143 (2021): 106-121. (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
5. “A Traveling Model: The Mythization and Mobilization of Malcolm X in the Malay World,” *Swedish Theological Quarterly (STK)* [Lund University, Sweden], 96, 1 (2020): 69-83.
6. “Deformations of the Secular: A Rejectionist Conception and Critique of Secularism”, *Journal of the History of Ideas* [University of Pennsylvania Press] 79, 2 (2019), 643-663 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
7. “Not Just a House to Honour God”: Mosques in the Malay World as Cosmopolitan Spaces,” *Global Journal Al-Tsaqafah* 8, 1 (2018): 43-55 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
8. “In Defense of Guided Reason: Hamka and the Reconstruction of Southeast Asian Islam”, *History of Religions* [Chicago University Press] 57, 1 (2017), 107-128 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
9. “Reconceptualizing Islam in Southeast Asia: Cosmopolitan Public Intellectuals and their Publics,” *Situations: Cultural Studies in the Asian Context* [Yonsei University Press] 10, 2 (2017): 45-64 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
10. “Recasting Gendered Paradigms: An Indonesian Cleric and Muslim Women in the Malay World”, *Islam and Muslim-Christian Relations* [Taylor and Francis] 27, 2, (2016), pp. 175-193 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
11. “Reorienting Sufism: Hamka and Islamic Mysticism in the Malay World”, *Indonesia* [Cornell University Press] 101, 1 (2016), pp. 1-18 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
12. “Political Memoirs as Contrapuntal Narratives: Said Zahari’s Dark Clouds at Dawn”, *Interventions: Journal of Postcolonial Studies* [Taylor and Francis] 18, 4 (2016), pp. 512-525 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
13. “Demarginalizing the Sharia: Muslim Activists and Legal Reforms in Malaysia”, *ReOrient: Journal of Critical Muslim Studies* [Pluto Press] 1, 2 (2016), pp. 127-146 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
14. “Writing Reformist Histories: A Cleric as an Outsider-History Maker”, *The Public Historian* [University of California Press] 37, 3 (2015), pp. 10-28.
15. “Coffeeshops in Colonial Singapore: Domains of Contentious Publics”, *History Workshop Journal* [Oxford University Press] 78, 1 (2014), pp. 65-85 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).

16. “Transcending Orientalism: Syed Muhammad Naquib Al-Attas and the History of Islam in the Malay World”, *Tafhim: Journal of Islam and the Contemporary World* [Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia] 6, 1, (2014), pp. 1-21.
17. “Against Multiple Hegemonies: Radical Malay Women in Colonial Malaya”, *Journal of Social History* [Oxford University Press] 46, 1 (2013), pp. 153-175 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
18. “The Prison and the Anti-colonialist in British Malaya”, *Journal of Historical Sociology* [Wiley-Blackwell] 25, 3 (2012), pp. 386-412 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
19. “Mediating and Consuming the Memories of Violence in the Philippines”, *Critical Asian Studies* [Routledge] 44, 1 (2012), pp. 227-250. [co-written with Rommel Curaming] (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
20. “Social Memory and State-Civil Society Relations in the Philippines: Forgetting and Remembering Jabidah ‘Massacre’”, *Time and Society* [Sage] 21, 1 (2012), pp. 89-103 [co-written with Rommel Curaming] (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
21. “The Other Muhammadiyah Movement: Singapore, 1958-2008”, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* [Cambridge University Press] 42, 2 (2011), pp. 281-302 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
22. “Micro-history and the Study of Minorities”, *Social History* [Taylor and Francis] 35, 1 (2011), pp. 22-35 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
23. “A Theory of Colonialism in the Malay World”, *Postcolonial Studies* [Taylor and Francis] 14, 1 (2011), pp. 7-21 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
24. “Ethnic Resurgence, Minority Communities and State Policies in a Network Society”, *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* [Routledge] 16, 2 (2010), pp. 304-326 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
25. “Rethinking Riots in Colonial Southeast East Asia”, *South East Asia Research* [Sage] 18, 1 (2010), pp. 105–131 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
26. “British Discourses and Malay Identity in Colonial Singapore”, *Indonesia and the Malay World* [Taylor and Francis] 37, 107 (2009), pp. 1-22 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
27. “The Role of Hadramis in Post-World War Two Singapore – A Reinterpretation”, *Immigrants and Minorities* [Taylor and Francis] 25, 2 (2007), pp. 163-183 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).

28. “Making Sense of an Evolving Identity: A Survey of Studies on Identity and Identity Formation of Malays in Singapore”, *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* (JMMA) [Taylor and Francis] 26, 3 (2006), pp. 371-382 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
29. “Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles’ Discourse on the Malay World – A Revisionist Perspective”, *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asian Studies* [Institute of Southeast Asian Studies] 20, 1 (2005), pp. 1-22 (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
30. “Estranged from the Ideal Past - Historical Evolution of Madrasahs in Singapore”, *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* (JMMA) [Taylor and Francis] 25, 2 (2005), pp. 249-260. [co-written with Dayang Istiaisyah Hussin] (ISI/Scopus Indexed).
31. “Films as Social History - P. Ramlee's ‘Seniman Bujang Lapok’ and Malays in Singapore (1950s-60s)” *Heritage Journal* [Singapore History Museum] 2, 1 (2005), pp. 1-21.
32. “Edward Said and Southeast Asian Islam”, *Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies* (Special Issue on “The Life and Legacy of Edward Said”) [Georgia Southern University] 11, 1-2 (2004), pp. 159-175.

#### *Chapters in Books and Encyclopedia Entries*

1. “Rethinking Islam in Southeast Asia,” in Khairudin Aljunied (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Islam in Southeast Asia* (London: Routledge 2021 [forthcoming in December 2021]).
2. “The Islamic Reformist Mosaic in Southeast Asia,” in Tamara Sonn (ed.), *Overcoming Orientalism: Essays in Honor of John L. Esposito* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021), pp. 97-120.
3. “Sufism and Politics in the Malay World: A Longue Durée and Comparative Perspective,” in Salih Cift (ed.), *Sufism and Politics: Past and Present* (Istanbul: Ensar Nesriyat, 2020), pp. 283-310.
4. “Islam in Southeast Asia,” in *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. <https://oxfordre.com/religion/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.001.0001/acrefore-9780199340378-e-658>

5. “Abdullah Munsyi”, in David Thomas, and John Chesworth (eds.), *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History Volume 12. South and East Asia, Africa and the Americas (1600-1700)* (Leiden: Brill, 2020).
6. “On the Fluidity and Stability of Personal Memory”, in Alistair Thomson et al, *Historical Fragments in Southeast Asia* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), pp. 83-100. [co-written with Rommel Curaming]
7. “Introduction to Figures of Singaporean Modernity”, in Erik Harms, Joshua Barker and Johan Lindquist (eds.), *The Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity* (Honolulu: University of Hawai’i Press, 2013), pp. 195-198.
8. “The Scholar-Musician”, in Erik Harms, Joshua Barker and Johan Lindquist (eds.), *The Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity* (Honolulu: University of Hawai’i Press, 2013), pp. 179-181.
9. “Muslims and Heritage in George Town”, in Johan Saravanamuttu and Francis Hutchinson (eds.), *Catching the Wind: Penang in a Rising Asia* (Singapore: ISEAS, 2013), pp. 55-67.
10. “Tools of Conflict, Levers of Cohesion: Culture and Religion in Muslim Southeast Asia”, Sven Schottman and Joseph Camilleri (eds.), *Culture and Religion and Conflict in Muslim Southeast Asia* (London: Routledge, 2012), pp. 179-191.
11. “Theorising Colonialism in the Malay World”, Zawawi Ibrahim (ed.), *Social Science and Knowledge in a Globalizing World* (Petaling Jaya: PSSM, 2012), pp. 201-218.
12. “Islamic Education – Singapore”, in John Esposito, *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, <http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/> (2012).
13. “The Languages of Security in Malaysia”, in Matthew Hill and Sheryn Lee (eds.), *The Languages of Security in the Asia-Pacific* <http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/blogs/languagesofsecurity/category/languages/malaysian/> (2011).
14. “Globalising the History of Singapore”, in Derek Heng and Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied (eds.), *Global Connections: Singapore in World History* (ICAS Series) (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2011), pp. 11-26. [co-written with Derek Heng]
15. “Melayu: Politics, Poetics and Paradoxes”, in Maznah Mohamed and Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied (eds.), *Melayu: The Politics and Paradoxes of Ethnicity* (Singapore: Singapore University Press, 2011), pp. ix-xxii. [co-written with Maznah Mohamad]



16. “Malay Identity in Postcolonial Singapore”, in Maznah Mohamed and Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied (eds.), *Melayu: The Politics and Paradoxes of Ethnicity* (Singapore: Singapore University Press, 2011), pp. 145-167.
17. “A Century of Hope, Experiment and Change”, in Aileen Lau (ed.), *Malay Heritage in Singapore* (Singapore: Malay Heritage Foundation, 2011), pp. 40-56. [co-written with Timothy P. Barnard]
18. “Temasek, Singapura and Singapore: From Ancient to Colonial Port”, in Aileen Lau (ed.), *Malay Heritage in Singapore* (Singapore: Malay Heritage Foundation, 2011), pp. 20-31. [co-written with Timothy P. Barnard]
19. “Perils and Prospects of Researching the Maria Hertogh Controversy in Singapore”, in Loh Kah Seng and Liew Kai Khiun (eds.), *The Makers and Keepers of Singapore History* (Singapore: Singapore Heritage Society, 2010), pp. 139-146.
20. “Hadhramis within Malay Activism: The Role of Al-Saqqaf (s) in Post-War Singapore”, in Ahmed Ibrahim Abushouk and Hassan Ahmed Ibrahim (eds.), *The Hadhrami Diaspora in Southeast Asia: Identity Maintenance or Assimilation?* (Leiden: Brill, 2009), pp. 225-244.
21. “Introduction”, in Derek Heng and Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied (eds.), *Reframing Singapore: Memory, Identity and Trans-Regionalism* (ICAS Series) (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2009), pp. 11-20. [co-written with (with Derek Heng]
22. “Beyond the Rhetoric of Communalism”, in Derek Heng and Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied (eds.), *Reframing Singapore: Memory, Identity and Trans-Regionalism* (ICAS Series) (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2009), pp. 69-88.
23. “Arabs in Singapore” and “Abdullah Bin Abdul Kadir (Munshi Abdullah)”, in Timothy Auger, Jimmy Yap, Ng Wei Chian (eds.), *Singapore: The Encyclopedia* (Editions Didier Millet: Singapore, 2006).

#### *Book Reviews/Review Essays*

1. Book Review of Kevin Fogg, *Indonesia’s Islamic Revolution* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020) in *American Journal of Islam and Society* 38, 1-2 (2021).

2. Book Review of Sven Schottmann, *Mahathir's Islam: Mahathir Mohamad on Religion and Modernity in Malaysia* (Honolulu: Hawai'i University Press, 2018), in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 51, 4 (2021), pp. 633-635.
3. Book Review of Bruce Lawrence, *The Koran in English: A Biography* (New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2017), in *American Journal of Islam and Society* 35, 3 (2018), pp. 79-82.
4. Book Review of Nicholas Long, *Being Malay in Indonesia: Histories, Hopes and Citizenship in the Riau Archipelago* (Copenhagen: NIAS Press, 2013), in *Social Analysis* 61, 3 (2017), pp. 130-131.
5. Book Review of Derryl N. Maclean and Sikeena Karmali Ahmed (eds.) *Cosmopolitanisms in Muslim Contexts: Perspectives from the Past* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2013), in *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 32, 2 (2015), pp. 99-101.
6. Book Review of Kah Seng, Loh et. al., *The University Socialist Club and the Contest for Malaya: Tangled Strands of Modernity* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2012), in *Asian Studies Review* 39, 1 (2015), pp. 171-172.
7. Review Essay of Iik Arin Mansurnoor *Southeast Asia. Living Islamically in the periphery: Muslim discourse, institution, and intellectual tradition in Southeast Asia* (Banten: UIN Jakarta Press, 2011) and Yamamoto Hiroyuki, Anthony Milner, Kawashima Midori and Arai Kazuhiro (eds.) *Southeast Asia. Bangsa and umma: Development of people-grouping concepts in Islamized Southeast Asia* (Kyoto: Kyoto University Press, 2011) in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 45, 2 (2014), pp. 283-286.
8. Book Review of Andrew N. Weintraub (ed.) *Islam and Popular Culture in Indonesia and Malaysia* (London: Routledge, 2011), in *Asian Journal of Social Science* 40, 1 (2012), pp. 257-259.
9. Book Review of Julian C.H. Lee, *Islamization and Activism in Malaysia* (Singapore: ISEAS, 2010), in *Asian Affairs* 42, 3 (2011), 523-536.
10. Book Review of Kamaludeen Mohamed Nasir, Pereira, Alexius and Turner, Bryan, *Muslims in Singapore* (London: Routledge, 2009), in *Asian Journal of Political Science* 18, 2 (2010), pp. 224-226.
11. Review Essay, "On the Revival and Commitment to Malay Studies: A Review of Leonard Andaya, *Leaves of the Same Tree* and Anthony Milner, *The Malays*", in *Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society* 82, 2 (2009), pp. 201-205.

12. Book Review of Eng Seng Ho, *The Graves of Tarim* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005), in *Journal of Islamic Studies* 20, 2 (2009), pp. 270-271.
13. Book Review of Nicholas Tarling, *Nationalism in Southeast Asia* (New York: Routledge, 2004), in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 38, 3 (2007), pp 585-587.
14. Book Review of Joel Kahn, *Other Malays: Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism in the Modern Malay World* (Singapore: Singapore University Press, 2006), in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 38, 2 (2007), pp 39-398.
15. Book Review of Yoginder Sikand, *Bastion of Believers: Madrasas and Islamic Education in Indian* (New Delhi: Penguin Books, 2005), in *Asia Pacific Journal of Education* 27, 1 (2007), pp. 106-108.
16. Book Review of Peter Borschberg (ed.), *Iberians in the Singapore-Melaka Area (16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Century)* (Harrassowitz Verlag: Germany, 2004), in *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land-, en Volkenkunde* 161, 2 (2005), pp. 350-351.
17. Book Review of Abu Talib Ahmad and Tan Liok Ee (eds.), *New Terrains in Southeast Asian History* (Singapore University Press: Singapore, 2003), in *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* (2005) 36, 1, pp 153 - 154.
18. Book Review of Alijah Gordon (ed.), *The Propagation of Islam in the Indonesian-Malay Archipelago* (Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Sociological Research Institute (MSRI), 2001), in *Asian Journal of Social Science* (2004), 31, 3, pp. 590-592.

## **Grants and Scholarship**

2021: FASS Book Grant (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$3,000.

2019: FASS Book Grant (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$1,500.

2018: FASS Book Grant (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$5,000.

2018-2021: Ministry of Education Tier 2 Grant - SGD\$145,700.

2017: Global Engagement International Collaboration Grant (Georgetown University) - USD\$10,155.

2016: FASS Book Grant (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$3,000.

- 2015: Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Funding (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$27,000.
- 2014: Religion Cluster Workshop Grant (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$7,000.
- 2013: FASS Book Grant (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$3,000.
- 2013: Fulbright Visiting Scholars' Grant - SGD\$15,000.
- 2011: Director for Humanities and Social Sciences Workshop Grant (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$10,000
- 2011: Lee Foundation Conference Grant - SGD\$10,000.
- 2010: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) Conference Grant - SGD\$8,000.
- 2010: Lee Foundation Workshop Grant - SGD\$2,000.
- 2010: Think City (Khazanah Nasional, Malaysia) Research Grant - RM\$20,000.
- 2009: Staff Research Support Scheme (National University of Singapore) - \$5,640
- 2009: Majlis Ugama Islam Singapore (MUIS) Workshop Grant - SGD\$2,000.
- 2009: Research Grant (Academic Event), Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore - SGD\$15,080.
- 2005-2008: Overseas Postgraduate Scholarship (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$202,000.
- 2005: Majlis Ugama Islam Singapore (MUIS) Postgraduate Studies Grant - SGD\$5,000.
- 2005: Tan Kah Kee Foundation Postgraduate Grant - SGD\$10,000.
- 2001-2003: Postgraduate Research Scholarship (National University of Singapore) - SGD\$50,000.

**Courses Taught**

INAF418: Islam and Politics in Southeast Asia  
EU1101E – Making of Modern Europe  
MS1102E: Tradition, Conflict and Change in the Malay World.  
SSA2211: The Evolution of Global City-States.  
MS2205: Islam and Contemporary Southeast Asian Society.  
MS 2210: Malay Culture and Society.  
MS 2215: Southeast Asian Historiography.  
MS 3218: Religious and Social Life in Southeast Asia.  
MS 3215: Modernity in Malaysia.  
MS4201: Social Change in the Malay World  
MS 4202: Nineteenth Century Transitions in Southeast Asia.  
MS 4660: Popular Culture in Singapore (ISM)  
MS 5660: History and Society in Malaysian Historical Novels (ISM)

**Professional Service**

**Editorial Board Member of Journals and Book Series**

2020-Present: Journal of Applied Teaching and Learning (Kaplan)

2020-Present: Journal of Islamic Research (Faculty of Divinity, Ankara University).

2019-Present: Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Journal (University of Brunei Darussalam).

2019- Present: Al-Shajarah: Journal of the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC).

2019-Present: NUSANTARA: An International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan).

2018-Present: Global Journal Al-Tsaqafah (Sultan Sultan Azlan Shah, Malaysia)

2018-Present: International Journal of Islam in Asia (Brill)

2018-Present: South East Asia: A Multidisciplinary Journal (University Brunei Darussalam)

2015-Present: Routledge Studies of Islam and Muslims in Southeast Asia [Book Series].

2014-Present: Umran: International Journal of Islamic and Civilizational Studies (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia).

2012-Present: Humanities and Social Sciences Education Online (National Institute of Education (NIE), Singapore).

## **Professional Service**

## **Academic**

2004-Present: Speaker on Malay issues at numerous secondary schools, junior colleges, community organizations, and for the Ministry of Education.

2004-Present: Interviews with the media and documentary production companies on issues pertaining to Southeast Asian history, heritage, politics and religious developments in Southeast Asia.

*Straits Times*

*Berita Harian*

*Suria Channel*

*Channel News Asia*

*Discovery Channel*

*Astro (Malaysia)*

*Hijrah TV (Malaysia)*

*Media Development Authority (Singapore).*

*History Channel*

*Washington Post*

2008-2013: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Level 2000 Coordinator), Dept. of Malay Studies, NUS.

2008-2011: Student Exchange Programme Coordinator, Dept. of Malay Studies, NUS.

2008-2020: Department Seminars Coordinator, Dept. of Malay Studies, NUS.

2009-2014: Department Alumni Coordinator, Dept. of Malay Studies, NUS.

2008-: Referee for articles in journals:

*Akademika*  
*Asian Ethnicity*  
*Asian Journal of Social Science*  
*Asian Journal of Political Science*  
*Ethnicities*  
*Ethnic and Racial Studies*  
*Enterprise and Society*  
*Intellectual Discourse*  
*Indonesia and the Malay World*  
*Journal of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*  
*Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*  
*Kajian Malaysia*  
*Pacific Affairs*  
*Postcolonial Studies*  
*Public History*  
*South East Asia Research*  
*Youth Studies*  
*Al-Shajarah*  
*E-Utama*

2008-: Referee for books:

*Edinburgh University Press*  
*Amsterdam University Press*  
*ISEAS Press*  
*Routledge*  
*Springer*

## **Graduate Supervision**

Muhd Haikal Mohd Haron (2012-stopped candidature in 2014 due to family reasons)

Arunima Datta (Graduated in 2015: Ph.D)

Lee Ken (Graduated in 2017: Ph.D)

Abbas Khan (Graduated in 2017: Masters)

Tamlikhaa Khamsani (2017-ongoing: Masters)

Liao Bowen (2019-ongoing: Masters)

## **Honours**

Appointed as Senior Fellow (Honorary Position), August 2018-present.

Appointed as Distinguished International Professor, Malaysia National University (or Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, UKM), June 2020-June 2022 (position is currently on hold due to covid-19)

Appointed as Professor and Malaysia Chair of Islam in Southeast Asian Islam, Georgetown University, August 2017-June 2018.

Appointed as Graduate Faculty Scholar, Northern Illinois University, USA, January 2016- January 2020.

Awarded the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Top 20% Researchers for six consecutive years (2012-2018).

Awarded the “Fulbright Visiting Scholars' Grant”, based at the Institute of Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, September - December, 2013.

Appointed as Honorary Fellow, Center for Dialogue, La Trobe University, 2013-2014.

Awarded “FASS Teaching Excellence Award”, 2010/2011 (for faculty members who have displayed a high level of commitment and innovation in their teaching for the year under review).

Awarded Prize for Essay on “Films and Malay History”, Anugerah Persuratan, 2005.

Awarded Wong Lin Ken Medal for Best History Thesis, 2001.

## **Invited Talks (Sponsored by institutions other than the National University of Singapore)**

Germany: Invited to be part of panel on “Global History and the History of Small States: Research Agendas for the Integration of a Marginalized Field of Study,” Sixth European Congress on World and Global History (Online), European Network in Universal and Global History, Leipzig, 18 June 2021.

Malaysia: International Webinar on Knowledge Organization and Management in Universities: Islamic Perspectives, International Islamic University of Malaysia, 24 June 2021.



Indonesia: Invited as keynote speaker at “VICIST 2020: Virtual International Conference On Islamic Studies Today,” 19 November, 2020.

Indonesia: Invited as keynote speaker at “3rd International Seminar of Islamic Civilization (ISIC),” National University of Malaysia, 18-19 February 2020.

Turkey: Invited as speaker at “International Conference on Sufism and Politics: Past and Present,” Uludag University, Bursa, 1-3 November, 2019.

Malaysia: Invited as keynote speaker at “International Conference On Contemporary Issues In Islamic Thought And Comparative Religion (ICONSCIS),” International Islamic University of Malaysia, 30-31 October 2019.

Indonesia: Invited as Visiting Professor to deliver lectures on Islam and Muslims in Southeast Asia under the “World Class Professor Programme”, University Diponegoro, Indonesia, 12-24 May, 2019.

Malaysia: Invited to deliver a series of lectures on Hamka, Muslim Cosmopolitanism and Steps to Becoming an Effective Scholar, College of Islamic Studies, University Sultan Zainal Abidin and Universiti Malaya Terengganu, Terengganu, 16-19 April, 2019.

Taiwan: Invited to deliver four lectures on the history of Islam and Muslims in Southeast Asia, Department of History, National Cheng Kung University, 13-21 December, 2018.

Indonesia: Invited to deliver a Keynote Address at “International Conference on Islam, Science and Technology, Universiti Islam Negeri (UIN) Malang 24 October, 2018.

Taiwan: Invited to deliver lectures at the “Muslim World Summit” and “International Conference of Southeast Asian Cultures and Religions”, 5-10 March, 2018, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan.

United States: Invited to deliver a talk on “Bringing Muslim Cosmopolitanism Back In: Islam in Southeast Asia and Beyond,” 8 March 2018, Hofstra University, New York.

Thailand: Invited to deliver a talk on “Mosque in Southeast Asia as Cosmopolitan Sites”, Workshop on Muslim Networks and Mobilities in Southeast Asia, 2 March 2018, Institute of Religion, Culture and Peace, Payap University, Chiang Mai.

United States: Invited to deliver a talk on “Moderation Reconsidered: Hamka and Islam in Southeast Asia, Georgetown University, 28 February 2018

United States: Invited to deliver a talk on “Muslim Cosmopolitanism: Shattering the Myths about Islam in Southeast Asia”, Duke University, 22 February 2018.

Malaysia: Invited to deliver a talk on “Education and Youths in the Muslim World,” World Conference on Islamic Thought and Civilization (WCIT), Universiti Sultan Azlan Shah, Perak, 21 November, 2017.

Sweden: Invited to deliver a talk on “Hamka and Women in Islam”, Lund University, 16 November 2017.

Sweden: Invited to deliver a talk at Forum on “Cosmopolitan Cultures in Asia,” Stockholm University, 15 November 2017.

Indonesia: Invited to deliver a plenary speech at Halaqah Ulama ASEAN, Ministry of Religious Affairs Indonesia, 18 October, 2017.

Netherlands: Invited to deliver a lecture entitled “Recasting Gendered Paradigms: An Indonesian Cleric and Muslim Women in the Malay World”, Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

Indonesia: Invited to deliver a Keynote Address at the “International Conference on Education, Language and Arts (ICELA)”, University Negeri Jakarta, 17-18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

Malaysia: Invited for a plenary speech at the “International Conference on Local Knowledge”, University Sains Malaysia, Puteri Pacific, Johor Bahru, 8-9 March, 2017

United Kingdom: Invited to deliver a speech at the Malay Civilization Colloquium at the University of Manchester, 24 September 2016.

Indonesia: Invited to deliver Keynote Address at “Islamic Education and Harmonious Society in Southeast Asia Conference”, Universiti Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga on 5-6 April, 2016.

Japan: Invited to deliver a talk at “Networking Southeast Asia, Korea and Japan; Facing Urgent and Fundamental Issues” Conference at Kyoto University, Japan, on 19-20 March, 2016.

Indonesia: Invited to deliver a Keynote Address at the “International Conference of Islamic Education: Reforms, Prospects and Challenges”, at the University Islam Negeri Malang, 2-3 December, 2015.

Malaysia: Invited to be a forum speaker with Professor Anthony Milner on “The History of Ideas in Malaysia”, at the Penang Writers’ Festival, organized by the Penang Institute, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015, The Black Kettle, 10.00-11.30pm.

Malaysia: Invited to deliver keynote address for University of Science, Malaysia, Annual Staff and Faculty Achievement Awards Ceremony, 19 October, 2015.

Thailand: Invited as speaker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Islamic Studies Conference on “Islamic Values in a Changing”, Prince of Songkla University, Pattani, Thailand, 23-25 March, 2015.

Brunei: Invited as speaker on the topic “Beyond Violence and Conflict: Muslim Cosmopolitanism in Southeast Asia” at Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Centre for Islamic Studies (SOASCIS), Universiti Brunei Darussalam, 4 March 2015.

Indonesia: Invited as plenary speaker at the “Science in a Global Spectrum” Colloquium, organized by Institute Agama Islam Negeri, Bengkulu, 15 December, 2014.

Malaysia: Invited as plenary speaker at the Colloquium on the “Intellectualism and Contributions of Dr Burhanuddin Al-Helmy”, organized by Urusetia Penerangan Kerajaan Negeri Kelantan, 11 December 2014.

Malaysia: Invited as Keynote Speaker at Conference “Serantau Peradaban dan Pemikiran Islam Semasa”, Recit 2014), Pusat Pengajian Teras, Kolej Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Selangor (KUIS), 27 Dan 28 Oktober 2014.

Thailand: Invited as Guest Speaker at “Strengthening the ASEAN Community Conference”, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Naresuan University, Phitsanulok, Thailand.

Indonesia: Invited as Speaker in a Conference entitled “Islamic Perspective of Knowledge: Epistemology, Methodology and Islamization”, State University of Maulana Malik Ibrahim, 16-17 June 2014.

Malaysia: Invited as Speaker at Raja Zarith Sofiah Annual Seminar on Global Issues, Centre for the Study of Islam and Science, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

Australia: Invited as Keynote Speaker at the Muslims Festival of Ideas at the Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University, 21-22 June, 2014.

Netherlands: Invited as Speaker in a Conference entitled “Fighting Women in Asia and Europe during and after World War II at the Netherlands Institute of Asian Studies, 11-13 June 2014.

United States: Invited as Speaker in a Conference entitled “Constitutions and Islam” at Princeton University, New Jersey, 28 September, 2013.

United States: Invited as Panel Speaker at the Summer Institute for Scholars, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Virginia, 24 June-3 July, 2013.

Malaysia: Invited as Speaker for a Special Public Lecture entitled “Halal-Mania and Islamic Popular Culture in Southeast Asia”, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Malaysia, 19 October 2012.

Germany: Invited as a Panel Speaker at the “Publics and Public-spheres in Colonial Singapore” Workshop, University of Heidelberg, 2 December 2011.

Australia: Invited as Distinguished Speaker for the Centre for Dialogue at La Trobe University. Lectures and seminars delivered at Deakin University, La Trobe University, Monash University and University of Melbourne, 25 September-5 October 2011.

Malaysia: Invited as a Panel Speaker at “The History of the Malay World Seminar” in conjunction with the launch of Professor Syed Naquib’s Al-Attas’ book, *Historical Fact and Fiction*, The Centre for Advanced Studies on Islam, Science and Civilisation (CASIS), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, 9 September 2011.

France: Invited as Presented as a workshop on “Prisons and Punitons in East Asia”, Research Institute on Southeast Asia (IRSEA, CNRS-University of Provence, Marseille), on 22 June 2011.

Australia: Invited as Keynote Speaker at “16<sup>th</sup> MASSA Colloquium”, Australian National University, 10-11 December 2010.

United States: Invited as Panel Speaker at “Southeast Asian Figures of Modernity” Workshop, Yale University, 23-24 April, 2010.

Malaysia: Invited as Panel Speaker at the “Malay World Discourse Conference”, Kedah, Malaysia, 11 June 2009.

Japan: Invited as Panel Speaker at “Symposium on Islam and Asia: Revisiting The Socio-Political Dimension of Islam, Japan Institute of International Affairs”, Tokyo, 15-16 October 2008.

### **Conferences/Seminar Presentations**

“Cosmopolitan Adaptation: Singapore Malay-Muslim Immigrants in Post-September 11 Australia,” Presented at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Conference, Washington DC, USA, 23 March, 2018.

“Muslim Youth Activism and the Sharia in Southeast Asia - The case of ABIM in Malaysia”, Presented at “Weatherhead Institute”, Columbia University, USA. 19 November, 2013,

“From the Real to the Virtual: Islamic Revivalism in Southeast Asia in Comparative Perspective”, Presented at a Conference Panel on “Religious Revivals in Southeast Asia: Transnational and Comparative Perspectives”, Oxford University, 9-10 March, 2013. [co-convener with Ermin Sinanovic, Naval Postgraduate Institute, USA].

“Zones of Contentious Publics: Coffee Shops in Singapore”, Presented at a Workshop on “Contentious Sites and the Colonial Public Sphere in Southeast Asia”, University of Lancaster, 24-25 January, 2013.

“Bersih 2.0 in the History of Protest Movements in Malaysia”, Presented at Seminars delivered in Deakin and La Trobe University, Melbourne on 27 September & 2 October 2011.

“Ideas and Theories of Colonialism”, Presented at IMASE-King’s College Reading Circles, King’s College, London on 18 June 2011.

“Preserving Heritage: The Case of Muslims in Georgetown”, Presented at Penang Outlook Forum, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies, on 3 June 2010.

“Syed Ahmad Semait’s Reformist Activism”, Presented at Rihlah: Arabs in Southeast Asia Conference on 11 April 2010.

“Burhanuddin Al-Helmy’s Ideas on Colonialism”, Presented at International Conference on Malay Culture and Society, University of Brunei on 5 November 2009.

“Global Effects of an Ethnic Riot: Singapore, 1950-1954”, Presented at the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS5), Daejeon, South Korea on 6 August 2009.

“Perils and Prospects of Researching the Maria Hertogh Controversy”, Presented at Symposium on the Makers and Keepers of Singapore History on 10 November, 2008.

“Murder as Prism to understanding the Social History of the Sikhs in Singapore and Malaya”, Presented at Sikhs in Southeast Asia: Negotiating an Identity Workshop, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies, Singapore on 13 May 2008.

“Beyond the Rhetoric of Communalism: The Maria Hertogh Controversy in Singapore’s Pasts”, Presented at the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS5), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 2 August 2007.

“Hadramis Within Malay Activism in Colonial Singapore”, Presented at the International Conference on The Yemeni-Hadramis in Southeast Asia: Identity Maintenance or Assimilation?, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 27 August 2005.

### **Invitations as Regional Expert in Technical Meetings and Forums**

United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, “Asia and South Pacific Regional Consultations”, Shanghai, China, 29 and 30 November, 2012.

Legatum Institute Inaugural Summer School, “What Makes Civilizations Flourish, And Fail?”, Tuscany, Italy, 30 July-4 August, 2012.

Expert Meeting on “Ethnic Minorities and Indigenous Peoples in ASEAN Countries”, organized by Institute for Studies of Society, Economy and Environment (ISEE), Hanoi, Vietnam, 22-23 September, 2010.

Project Proposal Meeting entitled “Muslim Youth Workshop”, organized by the Goethe Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia, 23-24 February 2010.

### **Workshops and Conference Convener**

“Religion Cluster” for the Social Science Research Council (USA) Inter-Asian Academy: Integration and Disintegration in Inter Asian Perspective, 15–28 February, 2021 [co-convenor with James Pickett, University of Pittsburgh].

“Reorienting Islam in Southeast Asia: Global Forces, Local Projections”, Georgetown University, 27-28 February 2018 [co-convenor with Jonathan Brown, Director of Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding].

“Exhibiting Islam in the Malay World”, National University of Singapore, 27 February, 2014 [co-convenor with Jeremy Kingsley, Middle East Institute, NUS].

“Religious Revivals in Southeast Asia: Transnational and Comparative Perspectives”, Oxford University, 9-10 March, 2013. [co-convenor with Ermin Sinanovic, Naval Postgraduate Institute, USA].

“Contentious Sites and the Colonial Public Sphere in Southeast Asia”, University of Lancaster, 24-25 January, 2013. [co-convenor with Wong Yoke-Sum, University of Lancaster].

“A Just Society at Last?: Ideals and Projects of the Common Good across Asia”, Inter-Asian Connections III Workshop, Hong Kong, 6-8 June, 2012. [co-convenor with Morgan Liu, Ohio State University].

“History as Controversy: Writing and Teaching History in Asia”, National University of Singapore, 14-15 December 2011. [co-convenor with Mark Baildon, National Institute of Education, Singapore].

“Engaging Classics in Southeast Asia, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, 17-18 June 2010. [co-convenor with Rommel Curaming, Terence Chong and Hui Yew-Foong, Fellows at Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore and Department of Malay Studies].

“Race and Nation, Family and Economy: Malayness and Its Debates, Asia Research Institute (ARI)”, Singapore, 20-21 January 2009 [co-convenor with Maznah Mohamad, Asia Research Institute and Department of Malay Studies].

“New Insights into Singapore History: Perspectives of Emerging Scholars”, National Library of Singapore, 16 August 2004. [co-convenor with Derek Heng, Department of History, National University of Singapore].

## **Consultancies and Curatorship**

History Consultant for Project on “Muslim Minorities in Penang” for Khazanah Nasional, Malaysia – Total Project Value – RM 20,000,000 (2009-2010).

Co-curator of Seminar cum Arts Exhibition entitled “Utusan Melayu - The *surreal*, the *contemporeal*, the *cosmoreal*”, ICA Gallery 2, LASALLE College of the Arts, Singapore, February – March 2010. [with Zaki Razak, LASALLE College of the Arts].