

KELLYNN WEE JIAYING

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- PhD Student, Anthropology (Ongoing)** 2020-present
University College London
Supervisor: Professor Daniel Miller
Project Title: Narrativity, contingency and play in Dungeons & Dragons
- M.Soc.Sci, Sociology (Lee Foundation Prize – top student in cohort)** 2019
National University of Singapore
Dissertation Title: Brokering migrant domestic workers in Singapore: Maid agents and the puzzle of moral credibility
- B.Soc.Sci, Sociology and English Literature (First Class Honours)** 2014
Minor in Gender Studies
National University of Singapore
Dissertation Title: Work permitted: Foreign domestic workers' collective strategies of negotiation in Singapore
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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Senior Tutor** 2020-present
Department of Sociology
National University of Singapore
- Research Associate** 2018-2020
Migration Cluster, Asia Research Institute
National University of Singapore
- Research and Communications Officer** 2015-2017
Migrating out of Poverty Research Program Consortium, Asia Research Institute
National University of Singapore
- Undergraduate Research Assistant** 2013-2015
Social Work Department
National University of Singapore
- Teaching Assistant** 2012
Education Programme for Gifted Youths
Stanford University
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PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Wee, Kellynn and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2021. Serial Migration, Multiple Belongings and Orientations Toward the Future: The Perspective of Middle-Class Migrants in Singapore. *Journal of Sociology* 57(1): 94-110. DOI: 10.1177/1440783320960521

- Ortiga, Yasmin, **Wee, Kellynn**, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2021. Connecting Care Chains and Care Diamonds: The Eldercare Skills Regime in Singapore. *Global Networks* 21(2): 434-454. DOI: 10.1111/glob.12281
- Wee, Kellynn**, Goh, Charmian, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2020. Translating People and Policy: The Role of Maid Agents in Brokering Between Employers and Migrant Domestic Workers in Singapore's Migration Industry. *International Migration Review* 54(4): 992-1015. DOI: 10.1177/0197918319897570
- Yeoh, Brenda S.A., Goh, Charmian and **Wee, Kellynn**. 2020. Social Protection for Migrant Domestic Workers in Singapore: International Conventions, the Law, and Civil Society Action. *American Behavioral Scientist* 64(6): 841-858. DOI: 10.1177/0002764220910208
- Wee, Kellynn**, Goh, Charmian, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2019. Choreographing the Rhythms of Encounter in Singapore's Maid Agencies. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 45: 109-122. DOI: 10.1111/tran.12332
- Wee, Kellynn**, Goh, Charmian, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2018. Chutes-and-Ladders: The Migration Industry, Conditionality, and the Production of Precarity among Migrant Domestic Workers in Singapore. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 45 (14): 2672-2688. DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2018.1528099
- Wee, Kellynn**, Vanyoro, Kudakwashe, and Jinnah, Zaheera. 2018. Repoliticizing International Migration Narratives? Critical Reflections on the Civil Society Days of the Global Forum on Migration and Development. *Globalizations* 15 (6): 795-808. DOI: 10.1080/14747731.2018.1446600
- Palmary, Ingrid, De Gruchy, Thea, Ashraf, Ali, Koh, Chiu Yee, **Wee, Kellynn**, Goh, Charmian, and Yeoh, Brenda. 2018. How Unpopular Policies are Made: Examples from South Africa, Singapore and Bangladesh. *International Migration* 57 (4): 254-268. DOI: 10.1111/imig.12505
- Goh, Charmian, **Wee, Kellynn**, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2017. Migration Governance and the Migration Industry in Asia: Moving Domestic Workers from Indonesia to Singapore. *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* 0: 1-33. DOI: 10.1093/irap/lcx010
- Koh, Chiu Yee, **Wee, Kellynn**, Goh, Charmian, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2017. Cultural Mediation through Vernacularization: Framing Rights Claims through the Day-Off Campaign for Migrant Domestic Workers in Singapore. *International Migration* 55 (3): 98-104. DOI: 10.1111/imig.12332
- Yeoh, Brenda S.A, Baey, Grace, Platt, Maria, and **Wee, Kellynn**. 2017. Bangladeshi Construction Workers and the Politics of (Im)mobility in Singapore. *City* 21 (5): 641-649. DOI: 10.1080/13604813.2017.1374786
- Koh, Chiu Yee, Goh, Charmian, **Wee, Kellynn**, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2017. Drivers of Migration Policy Reform: The Day Off Policy for Migrant Domestic Workers in Singapore. *Global Social Policy* 17 (2): 188-205. DOI: 10.1177/1468018116677218

Book Chapters

Yeoh, Brenda S.A., Goh, Charmian, and **Wee, Kellynn**. 2020. "Emigration." In *International Encyclopaedia of Human Geography*, edited by A. Kobayashi, 91-96. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

Yeoh, Brenda S.A., **Wee, Kellynn**, and Goh, Charmian. 2019. "Corporeal Geographies of Labour Migration in Asia." In *Handbook on Critical Geographies of Migration*, edited by K. Mitchell, R. Jones and J. L. Fluri, 92-105. Surrey: Edward Egar Publishing.

Other Publications

Wee, Kellynn. 2020. "'Covidiot's' and caution tape: Care, surveillance and the elderly in Singapore." *Collecting COVID-19: A Crowd-Sourced Digital Ethnography of the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Accessed 20 May 2020. <https://anthrocovid.com/2020/05/20/covidots-and-caution-tape-care-surveillance-and-the-elderly-in-singapore/>

Wee, Kellynn. 2020. "What waiting bodies can tell us about Singapore's maids." *Geography Directions*. Accessed 19 February 2020. <https://blog.geographydirections.com/2020/02/18/what-waiting-bodies-can-tell-us-about-singapores-maids/>

Wee, Kellynn. 2020. Review of *Follow the Maid*, by Olivia Killias. *Transitions*.

Vanyoro, Kudakwashe, and **Wee, Kellynn**. 2016. "What could go wrong in this year's Global Forum on Migration and Development?" *Open Democracy*. Accessed November 27, 2019. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/kudakwashe-vanyoro-kellynn-wee/what-could-go-wrong-in-this-year-s-gfmd>

Wee, Kellynn. 2015. "The making(s) of a domestic worker." *Migrating out of Poverty*. Accessed 18 February 2020. <https://migratingoutofpovertysg.org/2015/11/10/the-makings-of-a-domestic-worker/>

In Preparation

Journal Special Issues

Wee, Kellynn, Lam, Theodora, Spitzer, Denise & Brenda S.A. Yeoh. In preparation. Love's labour's cost? Gendered migration and intimate labour in Asia. *Gender, Place and Culture*

Spitzer, Denise, Lam, Theodora, **Wee, Kellynn** & Brenda S.A. Yeoh. In preparation. Close encounters: Migrant bodies, workplace and intimate labour in Asia. *Gender, Work and Organization*.

Edited Books

Yeoh, Brenda S.A, **Wee, Kellynn** & Lam, Theodora. In preparation. Migrant Workers in Singapore: Lives and Labour in a Transient Migration Regime. World Scientific Publishing.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Wee, Kellynn. "Separate but simultaneous": Compositing individual accounts of a shared migration trajectory within migration & family research in Asia. Paper presented at AAS-in-Asia: Asia at

the Crossroads, Solidarity through Scholarship, Association of Asian Studies, Kobe [Online], August 31-September 4, 2020.

Wee, Kellynn, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. “Serial Migration In and Through Southeast Asia: Orientations Towards the Future.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Center for Global Asia, Shanghai University, Shanghai, August 26-28, 2019.

Wee, Kellynn. “Bids and Bets: The Risky Brokerage of Debt-Credit Relations Within the Migration Industry for Domestic Workers in Singapore.” Paper presented at Shaping Migrant and Mobile Worlds: Connectivities, Comparisons, Collaborations, National University of Singapore, Singapore, February 21-22, 2019.

Wee, Kellynn, Goh, Charmian, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. “The Regime of Skills in Singapore’s Care Landscape.” Paper presented at The Question of Skills in Cross-Border Labour Mobility, Waseda University, Tokyo, September 20-21, 2018.

Wee, Kellynn, Goh, Charmian, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. “Geographies of Encounter in the Maid Agency: (Re)producing Binaries and the Politics of Misrecognition in the Cosmopolitan City-State of Singapore.” Paper presented at Migrants in the Globalizing City: Spaces, Places and Mobilities in Asia, Europe and the Middle East, Sorbonne University, Paris, July 8-9, 2018.

Wee, Kellynn, Goh, Charmian, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. “Micro-Brokerage: Translation, Discretion, and the Migration Industry for Domestic Workers in Singapore.” Paper presented at The Migration Industry: Facilitators and Brokerage in Asia, National University of Singapore, Singapore, June 1-2, 2017.

Wee, Kellynn, Goh, Charmian, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. “Conditionality and Chance: Migration brokers and the Production of Precarity Among Migrant Domestic Workers in Singapore.” Plenary paper presented at Migrating out of Poverty: From Evidence to Policy, University of Sussex, Brighton, March 28-29, 2017.

Wee, Kellynn, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. “File In, Filed Away: Placement Agencies and the Mediation of Migrant Domestic Labour in Singapore.” Paper presented at Urban Arrival Infrastructures: An International Workshop on Migration and Cities in the 19th and 21st Century, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, December 10-11, 2015.

INVITED TALKS

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| <i>Brokering women as labour: The migration industry for domestic workers in Singapore.</i>
Singapore Management University, 10 September [Via Zoom]. | 2020 |
| <i>Migrants and marginalisation.</i> Tembusu College, National University of Singapore, 17 October. | 2019 |
| <i>Brokering women as labour: The migration industry for domestic workers in Singapore.</i>
Nanyang Technological University, 17 September. | 2019 |
| <i>No money, no talk: The debt-financed migration of Indonesian domestic workers to Singapore.</i> College of Alice and Peter Tan, National University of Singapore, 15 September. | 2018 |

<i>The migration industry for domestic workers.</i> Singapore Management University, 10 September.	2018
<i>“Slavery does not exist anymore.”</i> Millennia Institute, 27 February.	2018
<i>The craft of research.</i> National University of Singapore (Global Studies Program), 7 November.	2017
<i>Who holds the bomb? Debt-financed migration for domestic workers in Singapore.</i> Yale-NUS College, 1 March.	2017
<i>Domestic workers in Singapore.</i> Singapore Management University, 1 and 3 November.	2016

ORGANISED CONFERENCES AND PANELS

Panel Organiser. “Methodologies of Migration and Care Research at the Crossroads of Asia: What We Can Learn from Paired Interviews”, Association of Asian Studies in Asia: Asia at the Crossroads, Kobe, Japan, 29 June-1 July.	2020
Organising Committee Member. “Love’s Labour’s Cost? Asian Migration, Intimate Labour and the Politics of Gender”, Asia Research Institute, Singapore, 3-4 December.	2018
Organiser. “ARI Asia Trends 2016: The Cost of Care”, Asia Research Institute, Singapore, 21 October.	2016
Organiser. “ARI Asia Trends 2015: En Route to the Departure Hall”, Asia Research Institute, 14 July.	2015

SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology	2021
Reviewer, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies	2020
Reviewer, Gender, Work, and Organisation	2020
Member, ARIScope Committee	2020
Reviewer, Local Environment	2020
Reviewer, Urban Planning	2020
Reviewer, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies	2018
Reviewer, International Migration	2017

AWARDS AND HONORS

Tan Kah Kee Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship	2020
Overseas Graduate Scholarship , National University of Singapore	2020

Lee Foundation Prize , National University of Singapore Top M.Soc.Sci student in the Department of Sociology	2017
Education Award (Academic Merit Scholarship) , NTUC	2015
Dean's List , National University of Singapore Top 5% of cohort	2009-2014
First in Course Awards , University of Auckland, New Zealand <i>Student Exchange Program</i> ENGLISH 240 Children's Literature: Words and Pictures SOCIOLOGY 225 Outsiders – Youth and Adult Subcultures SOCIOLOGY 326 Sociology of Violence	2012
NASA Student Exchange Program Scholarship , National University of Singapore	2012
Special Book Prize , National University of Singapore Best Student in Sociology	2011
Angus Ross Award , GSCE "A" Levels English Literature Top English Literature student outside Britain Second Runner-Up	2008
Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition, Class A Second Place	2008
Jacob Ballas Award , St. Andrew's Junior College Awarded to students with three "A" Level Distinctions	2008