

KELLYNN WEE JIAYING

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

PhD Researcher, Anthropology University College London Dissertation Title: Narrativity, contingency and play in collaborative storytelling games in Singapore	2020-present
M.Soc.Sci, Sociology (Lee Foundation Prize – top student in cohort) National University of Singapore	2019
B.Soc.Sci, Sociology and English Literature (First Class Honours) Minor in Gender Studies National University of Singapore	2014

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Social Media & Communications Officer (Executive Committee) Association of Southeast Asian Studies (UK)	2023-present
Managing Editor Asian Journal of Social Science	2022-2023
Senior Tutor Department of Sociology National University of Singapore	2020-present
Research Associate Migration Cluster, Asia Research Institute National University of Singapore	2018-2020
Research and Communications Officer Migrating out of Poverty Research Program Consortium, Asia Research Institute National University of Singapore	2015-2017

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

Wee, Kellynn. 2024. "Defamiliarising D&D: Playing out Western fantasy in Singapore." In *50 Years of D&D*, edited by P. Sindhu, M. Carter and J. Zagal. Massachusetts: MIT Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Wee, Kellynn, Lam, Theodora, Spitzer, Denise, and Yeoh, Brenda S. A. 2023. Love's Labour's Cost? Gendered Migration and Intimate Labour in Asia. *Gender, Place and Culture*. DOI: 10.1080/0966369X.2023.2179025

- Spitzer, Denise, Lam, Theodora, **Wee, Kellynn**, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2022. Close Encounters: Migrant Bodies, Workplace, and Intimate Labour in Asia. *Gender, Work and Organization* 29(3): 897-905. DOI: 10.1111/gwao.12837
- 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

Edited Books

Yeoh, Brenda S.A, **Wee, Kellynn** & Lam, Theodora. 2022. *Migrant Workers in Singapore: Lives and Labour in a Transient Migration Regime*. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing.

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.

Edited Special Issues

Wee, Kellynn, Lam, Theodora, Spitzer, Denise, and Yeoh, Brenda S. A. 2023 (Eds.). Love's Labour's Cost? Gendered Migration and Intimate Labour in Asia. *Gender, Place and Culture*. DOI: 10.1080/0966369X.2023.2179025

Spitzer, Denise, Lam, Theodora, **Wee, Kellynn**, and Yeoh, Brenda S.A. 2022 (Eds.). Close Encounters: Migrant Bodies, Workplace, and Intimate Labour in Asia. *Gender, Work and Organization* 29(3): 897-905. DOI: 10.1111/gwao.12837

Other Publications

Wee, Kellynn. 2021. 'Homebrewing Asia: How Dungeons & Dragons in Singapore Is Remaking Western Fantasy'. *Anthropolitan* (blog). 11 October 2021. <https://anthropolitan.org/2021/10/11/homebrewing-asia-how-dungeons-dragons-in-singapore-is-remaking-western-fantasy/>

Wee, Kellynn. 2020. "'Covidiot' 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/covidiots-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>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Wee, Kellynn. "Move Quietly and Tend Things: Tabletop Roleplaying Games as a Tool for Collaborative Speculation." Paper presented at Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Climate Change and Coastal Urban Development in the Asia-Pacific, Asia Research Institute, Singapore, February 16-17, 2023.

Wee, Kellynn. "Waystations to Utopia: Hopeful Tabletop Roleplaying Games as Tools of Collaborative Speculation." Paper presented at Anthropology, AI and the Future of Human Society [Virtual], Royal Anthropological Institute, June 10, 2022.

Wee, Kellynn. "The theatrics, the lights, the sound... I like the dragon to be *there*': Role-playing studio spaces and the delivery of the paid game experience in Singapore." Paper presented at People, Materialities and Analog Game Culture, Generation Analog 2022 [Virtual], July 27-28, 2022.

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 [Virtual], 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

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| 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, European Journal of Development Research	2023
Reviewer, Gender, Place and Culture	2023
Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology	2021
Reviewer, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies	2020
Reviewer, Gender, Work, and Organisation	2020
Member, ARIScope Committee (Asia Research Institute)	2020
Reviewer, Local Environment	2020
Reviewer, Urban Planning	2020
Reviewer, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies	2018
Reviewer, International Migration	2017

AWARDS AND HONORS

Digital Impact Award , Association of Southeast Asian Studies in the UK Project Supported: “Waystations to Utopia: Tabletop Roleplaying Games as a Method of Hopeful Speculation”	2022
Tan Kah Kee Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship	2020
Overseas Graduate Scholarship , National University of Singapore	2017
Lee Foundation Prize , National University of Singapore Top M.Soc.Sci student in the Department of Sociology	2015
Education Award (Academic Merit Scholarship) , NTUC	2009-2014
Dean’s List , National University of Singapore Top 5% of cohort	2012
First in Course Awards , University of Auckland, New Zealand <i>Student Exchange Program</i> ENGLISH 240 Children’s Literature: Words and Pictures SOCIOL 225 Outsiders – Youth and Adult Subcultures SOCIOL 326 Sociology of Violence	2012
NASA Student Exchange Program Scholarship , National University of Singapore	2011
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