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KUIK Cheng-Chwee is Associate Professor and Head of the Centre for Asian Studies at the National University of Malaysia (UKM)'s Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS). He is concurrently a Non-resident Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute, Johns Hopkins University. Previously, Cheng-Chwee was a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Princeton-Harvard "China and the World" Program and a Visiting Research Fellow at Oxford University's Department of Politics and International Relations. Dr. Kuik's research focuses on the foreign policy behaviour of weaker states, Asian security, China-ASEAN relations, and Southeast Asian international relations. He served as Head of the Writing Team for the Government of Malaysia's inaugural *Defence White Paper* (2020). His publications have appeared in such peer-reviewed journals as the *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, and *Asian Politics and Policy*, as well as edited books. Cheng-Chwee's essay, "The Essence of Hedging," won the biennial 2009 Michael Leifer Memorial Prize by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) for the best article published in any of the three ISEAS journals. He is co-author (with David M. Lampton and Selina Ho) of *Rivers of Iron: Railroads and Chinese Power in Southeast Asia* (University of California Press, forthcoming) and co-editor (with Alice Ba and Sueo Sudo) of *Institutionalizing East Asia* (Routledge, 2016). His current projects include: hedging in international relations, Southeast Asian states' responses to China's Belt and Road Initiative (with Lee Jones), and the geopolitics of infrastructure connectivity cooperation. Dr. Kuik serves on the editorial boards/committees of *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, *Asian Perspective*, and Routledge's "IR Theory and Practice in Asia" Book Series. He holds an M.Litt. from the University of St. Andrews (UK) and a PhD from the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He can be contacted at cckuik@gmail.com.

Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), National University of Malaysia (UKM), March 2019 -
Associate Professor, Strategic Studies and International Relations Program, National University of Malaysia (UKM), 2012 – March 2019
Senior Lecturer, Strategic Studies and International Relations Program, UKM, 2010-2012
Lecturer, Strategic Studies and International Relations Program, UKM, 1998-2010
Tutor, Strategic and Security Studies Unit, UKM, 1996-1998

Education

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), *Washington DC* (September 2003 – May 2010) ▪ Ph.D. ▪ Distinction in Dissertation

- Doctoral Dissertation: *Explaining Smaller States' Alignment Choices: A Comparative Study of Malaysia and Singapore's Hedging Behavior in the Face of a Rising China*

Committee Members: Karl D. Jackson (Advisor), David M. Lampton (Reader), Francis Fukuyama (Chair), Benjamin Reilly (Member), Marvin Ott (External Examiner)

St. Andrews University, *Fife, Scotland, United Kingdom* (September 1997 – September 1998)
- M. Litt. in International Security Studies ▪ Distinction in Dissertation (Thesis)

Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), *Sintok, Kedah, Malaysia* (July 1992 – November 1995)
- Bachelor of Public Administration ▪ Distinction in Undergraduate Thesis (in Malay)

Awards

Newton Advanced Fellowship, The British Academy & The Academy of Sciences Malaysia ▪ March 2016 – February 2018

UKM Excellent Service Award (*Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang*), Malaysia ▪ 2016

The Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program (CWP) Postdoctoral Research Associate Fellowship ▪ 2013/2014

KPT-UKM Postdoctoral Fellowship Award ▪ 2012/2013

2009 Michael Leifer Memorial Prize, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) ▪ 2010
- *a biennial award established by ISEAS in memory of the late Professor Michael Leifer, for the best article published in any of the three ISEAS journals*

William and Marie-Daniele Zartman Fellowship, Johns Hopkins SAIS ▪ 2009

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation (CCKF) Doctoral Fellowship, Taiwan ▪ 2008/2009

Lee Kong Chian Research Fellowship Award, Singapore ▪ 2007
SAIS Ph.D. Student Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University ▪ 2006/07 & 2007/2008
UKM Faculty Development (Study Leave) Award, Malaysia ▪ 2005/06
Fulbright Graduate Study Scholarship ▪ 2003/2004 & 2004/2005
ASIA Fellows Award (Asian Scholarship Foundation – Ford Foundation), Bangkok ▪ 2002/2003
UKM Commendable Service Award (*Anugerah Perkhidmatan Terpuji*), Malaysia ▪ 2002
British High Commissioner’s Chevening Award ▪ 1997/1998

Editorial and Advisory Boards

Member, Editorial Committee ▪ *Asian Perspective* ▪ August 2017 – Present
Member, Editorial Board ▪ *Australian Journal of International Affairs* ▪ June 2016 – Present
Member, International Advisory Board ▪ *Contemporary Southeast Asia* ▪ March 2016 – Present
Member, Editorial Board ▪ **Routledge Book Series “IR Theory and Practice in Asia”** ▪
September 2015 – Present

Professional Experiences

Honorary Research Fellow ▪ East Asia Security Centre (EASC), Bond University, Australia ▪
October 2019 –

Member, International Advisory Board ▪ International Relations Institute of Cambodia ▪
September 2019 – Present

Head, Centre for Asian Studies, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS)
▪ National University of Malaysia (UKM) ▪ April 2019 –

Non-resident Fellow ▪ Foreign Policy Institute (FPI), Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced
International Studies (SAIS), Washington, DC ▪ December 2018 –

**Principal Writer & Head, Writing Team (External Expert Panel), Development of the 2020
Malaysian Defence White Paper** ▪ Malaysian Ministry of Defence ▪ January – December 2019

Consultant ▪ Asian Development Bank (ADB) TA-9124 PRC: Study of the Belt and Road
Initiative ▪ September 2018 – June 2019

Coordinator ▪ Master of Social Sciences in Strategy and Diplomacy ▪ A collaborative program between Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia ▪ October 2014 – October 2017

Project Leader & Principal Investigator ▪ Newton Advanced Fellowship Project on “Asymmetry and Authority: Southeast Asian States’ Responses to China’s Belt and Road Initiative” (in collaboration with Dr. Lee Jones, Queen Mary University of London) ▪ March 2016 – February 2018

Co-Researcher ▪ Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Project on “Road to Chinese Power: Railroad Infrastructure and Beijing’s Quest for Influence” (led by Professor David M. Lampton) ▪ January 2016 – December 2018

Senior Researcher ▪ Unit Perundingan Universiti Malaya (UPUM) Project on “Malaysia’s Foreign Policy as a Middle Power” (led by Tan Sri Kamal Salih), for the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ▪ August 2016 – February 2017

Associate Member ▪ Institute of China Studies (ICS), University of Malaya ▪ September 2014 – Present

Co-Founder and Co-Convener ▪ East Asian International Relations (EAIR) Forum, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) ▪ August 2014 – Present

Adjunct Lecturer ▪ Malaysian Armed Forces Defense College (MPAT), Ministry of Defense, Malaysia ▪ February 2010 – July 2012; January 2015 – Present

Adjunct Lecturer ▪ Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia ▪ October 2009 – July 2012; September 2014 – Present

Postdoctoral Research Associate ▪ Princeton-Harvard “China and the World Program” (CWP), Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University ▪ September 2013 – August 2014

Associate Member ▪ Nuffield College, University of Oxford ▪ August 2012 – August 2014

Visiting Research Fellow ▪ Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford ▪ August 2012 – August 2013

Visiting Fellow ▪ Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta ▪ November-December 2011

Visiting Scholar ▪ ASEAN Studies Center, American University, Washington, DC ▪ August 2011

Visiting Scholar ▪ Southeast Asian Studies, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC ▪ June-July 2011

Lee Kong Chian Research Fellow ▪ Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, National Library Board (NLB), Singapore ▪ April-November 2007

Visiting Fellow ▪ Shanghai Institute of International Studies (SIIS) ▪ Feb-June 2003

Visiting Fellow ▪ Institute of Asia Pacific Studies (IAPS), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing ▪ September 2002 – February 2003

Publications

Books

(With David M. Lampton and Selina Ho) *Rivers of Iron: Railroads and Chinese Power in Southeast Asia* (University of California Press, October 2020, forthcoming). ISBN-13: 978-0520372993 / ISBN-10: 0520372999

(With Ngeow Chow Bing, eds.) *Rising China, Resilient Japan, Resourceful ASEAN: Selected Writings of Lee Poh Ping on East Asian International Relations* (Petaling Jaya, Selangor: SIRD, 2018), 235pp. ISBN: 9789672165187

(With Alice Ba and Sueo Sudo, eds.) *Institutionalizing East Asia: Mapping and Reconfiguring Regional Cooperation* (London & New York: Routledge, 2016), 260pp. ISBN: 9781138892491

(With Faridah Ibrahim and Chang Peng Kee) *Ethnic Media & Nation-Building in Malaysia: Issues, Perceptions and Challenges* (Bangi: School of Media and Communication Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 2012), 133pp. ISBN: 9789832795223

Smaller States' Alignment Choices: A Comparative Study of Malaysia and Singapore's Hedging Behavior in the Face of a Rising China (Charleston, SC: ProQuest/UMI Dissertation Publishing, 2011), 406pp. ISBN: 9781244578456

Articles in Periodicals

- 2020 (With Hoo Chiew Ping) "The Bilateral-Multilateral Nexus in the New Southern Policy", *The Asan Forum: An Online Journal* (January 7).
- 2020 "Mapping Malaysia in the Evolving Indo-Pacific Construct", *CSCAP Regional Security Outlook 2020* (Canberra: Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific).
- 2019 (With BA Hamzah) "The Making of Defence White Paper", *New Straits Times* (December 7).
- 2019 (With Ngeow Chow Bing) "4th breakthrough in Malaysia-China relations", *New Straits Times* (April 24).
- 2018 (With Liew Chin Tong) "Decoding the Mahathir Doctrine", *The Interpreter* (August 20).

- 2018 “Opening a Strategic Pandora’s Jar? US-China Uncertainties and the Three Wandering Genies in Southeast Asia”, *The Asan Forum: An Online Journal* (July 2).
- 2018 “Keeping the Balance: Power Transitions Threaten ASEAN’s Hedging Role”, *East Asia Forum Quarterly*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (January-March), pp. 22-23.
- 2017 “A Tempting Torch? Malaysia Embraces (and Leverages on) BRI Despite Domestic Discontent”, in *Praxis: A Review of Policy Practice, Asian Politics and Policy*, Vol. 9, No. 4, pp. 652-654. (**SCOPUS-indexed**)
- 2017 “A View from Southeast Asia: Beyond the ASEAN-based Concentric Multilateralism”, *The Asan Forum: An Online Journal* (September 5).
- 2017 “Explaining the Contradiction in China’s South China Sea Policy: Structural Drivers and Domestic Imperatives,” *China: An International Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (February), pp. 163-186. (**ISI-indexed**)
- 2016 “China’s ‘Militarization’ in the South China Sea: Three Target Audiences,” *East Asian Policy*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (April/June), pp. 15-24. (*Emerging Science Citation Index*)
- 2016 “How Do Weaker States Hedge? Unpacking ASEAN States’ Alignment Behavior towards China,” *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 25, No. 100, pp. 500-514. (**ISI-indexed**)
- 2016 “Malaysia between the United States and China: What do Weaker States Hedge Against?” *Asian Politics and Policy*, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 155-177. (**SCOPUS-indexed**)
- 2016 (With Ithraha Lawrence) “A View from Malaysia: Duterte’s and Najib’s China Visits and the Future of Small-State ‘Realignment’ in the Trump Era,” *The Asan Forum: An Online Journal* (December 14).
- 2015 “The Elephant in the Room: Is the Emerging Third Pillar Reshaping Asian Architecture and Regional Responses?” *The Asan Forum: An Online Journal* (November-December).
- 2015 “Sources of China’s Assertiveness in the South China Sea”, *EAI Background Brief No. 1089* (Singapore: East Asian Institute, 16 December 2015).
- 2015 “Malaysia’s Balancing Act”, *The International New York Times* (December 7), p. 8.
- 2015 (With Gilbert Rozman) “Light or Heavy Hedging: Positioning between China and the United States”, in Gilbert Rozman, *Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies 2015*, Vol. 26 (Washington, DC: Korea Economic Institute of America), pp. 1-9.
- 2015 “Variations on a (Hedging) Theme: Comparing ASEAN Core States’ Alignment Behavior,” in Gilbert Rozman, *Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies 2015*, Vol. 26 (Washington, DC: Korea Economic Institute of America), pp. 11-26.

- 2015 “Malaysia’s Relations with Major and Middle Powers”, *Observatoire Asie du Sud-est* (Paris: Asia Centre, Sciences Po).
- 2015 “Introduction: Decomposing and Assessing South Korea’s Hedging Options”, in “Special Forum: South Korea’s Foreign Policy Options”, *The Asan Forum: An Online Journal*, Vol. 3, No. 3 (May-June).
- 2015 “An Emerging 3rd Pillar in Asian Architecture? AIIB and Other China-led Initiatives”, *Asia-Pacific Bulletin*, Number 305, March 26 (Washington, DC: East-West Center).
- 2014 “Malaysia-China Relations after MH370: Policy Change or Business as Usual?” *The Asan Forum: An Online Journal*, October 15.
- 2013 “Making Sense of Malaysia’s China Policy: Asymmetry, Proximity, and Elite’s Domestic Authority,” *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, Vol. 6, pp. 429-467. **(ISI-indexed; SCOPUS-indexed)**
- 2013 “Malaysia’s U.S. Policy under Najib: Structural and Domestic Sources of a Small State’s Strategy,” *Asian Security*, Vol. 9, No. 3, pp. 143-164. **(SCOPUS-indexed)**
- 2012 “Malaysia’s China Policy in the Post-Mahathir Era: A Neoclassical Realist Explanation,” *RSIS Working Paper No. 244* (Singapore: Rajaratnam School of International Studies, July).
- 2012 (With Nor Azizan Idris and Abd Rahim Md Nor) “The China Factor in the U.S. ‘Reengagement’ with Southeast Asia: Drivers and Limits of Converged Hedging,” *Asian Politics and Policy*, Vol. 4, No. 3 (July), pp. 315-344. **(SCOPUS-indexed)**
- 2011 “Book Review: Ian Storey’s *Southeast Asia and the Rise of China: The Search for Security*,” *International Journal of China Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 3 (December), pp. 701-705.
- 2010 “Analyzing Malaysia’s Changing Alignment Choice, 1971-89,” *Jebat: Malaysian Journal of History, Politics and Strategic Studies*, Vol. 37, pp. 41-74.
- 2008 “The Essence of Hedging: Malaysia and Singapore’s Response to a Rising China,” *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (August), pp. 159-185. **(ISI-indexed; SCOPUS-indexed)**
- 2005 “Multilateralism in China’s ASEAN Policy: Its Evolution, Characteristics, and Aspiration,” *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Vol. 27, No. 1 (April), pp. 102-122. **(ISI-indexed; SCOPUS-indexed)**
- 2004 《中国参与东盟主导的地区机制的利益分析》 [An Interest-based Analysis on China’s Participation in the ASEAN-led Regional Institutions], *世界经济与政治* [World Economics and Politics] (Beijing) No. 9 (September), pp. 53-59.

- 2003 《反恐对马来西亚政局与对外关系的影响》 [Counter-Terrorism and Its Impact on Malaysia's Domestic Politics and Foreign Relations], *当代亚太* [Contemporary Asia Pacific] (Beijing) No. 1 (January), pp. 24-30.
- 2001 “The Ideational Sources of Chinese Foreign Policy: A Framework for Analysis,” *Journal of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations* (Kuala Lumpur), Vol. 3, No. 2 (December), pp. 21-44.

Book Chapters

- 2020 “Connectivity and Gaps: The Bridging and Missed Links in China's BRI in Southeast Asia”, in Maria Adele Carrai, Jean-Christophe DeFraigne, and Jan Wouters, eds., *The Belt and Road and Global Governance* (Northampton, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming).
- 2018 (With Ngeow Chow Bing) “Lee Poh Ping and the Study of East Asian International Relations in Malaysia: Recurring Themes and Enduring Insights”, in Ngeow Chow Bing and Kuik Cheng-Chwee, eds., *Rising China, Resilient Japan, Resourceful ASEAN: Selected Writings of Lee Poh Ping on East Asian International Relations* (Petaling Jaya, Selangor: SIRD), pp. 3-23.
- 2018 (With Alice Ba) “Southeast Asia and China: Engagement and Constraint”, in Alice D. Ba and Mark Beeson, eds., *Contemporary Southeast Asia: The Politics of Change, Contestation, and Adaptation*, 3rd edition (London: Palgrave), pp. 229-247.
- 2018 “Malaysia's China Policy after MH370: Deepening Ambivalence amid Growing Asymmetry”, in Joseph Liow and Gilbert Rozman, eds., *International Relations and Asia's Southern Tier* (Singapore: Springer), pp. 189-205.
- 2017 (With Li Ran and Ling Sien Ngan) “The Institutional Foundations and Features of China-ASEAN Connectivity”, in Lowell Dittmer and Ngeow Chow Bing, eds., *Southeast Asia and China: A Contest in Mutual Socialization* (Singapore: World Scientific), pp. 247-278.
- 2016 (With Alice Ba and Sueo Sudo) “Introduction”, in Alice Ba, Kuik Cheng Chwee, and Sueo Sudo, eds., *Institutionalizing East Asia: Mapping and Reconfiguring Regional Cooperation* (London & New York: Routledge), pp. 1-7.
- 2016 “Institutionalization of Security Cooperation in East Asia”, in Alice Ba, Kuik Cheng Chwee, and Sueo Sudo, eds., *Institutionalizing East Asia: Mapping and Reconfiguring Regional Cooperation* (London & New York: Routledge), pp. 81-106.
- 2016 (With Alice Ba and Sueo Sudo) “Conclusion: Themes and Prospects”, in Alice Ba, Kuik Cheng Chwee, and Sueo Sudo, eds., *Institutionalizing East Asia: Mapping and Reconfiguring Regional Cooperation* (London & New York: Routledge), pp. 200-212.
- 2015 “Malaysia-China Relations: Three Enduring Themes”, in Meredith Weiss, ed., *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Malaysia* (London & New York: Routledge),

pp. 417-427.

- 2014 《中国参与东盟主导的机制：东南亚的视角》 [China's Participation in the ASEAN-led Institutions after the U.S. Rebalancing], in Men Honghua and Pu Xiaoyu, eds., *全球精英眼中的中国战略走向* [China's Strategic Directions in the Eyes of Global Elites] (Beijing: Renmin Publisher).
- 2011 "China's Evolving Strategic Profile in East Asia: A Southeast Asian Perspective," in Mingjiang Li and Dongmin Lee, eds., *China and East Asian Strategic Dynamics: The Shaping of a New Regional Order* (Lanham, MD: Lexington-Rowman & Littlefield), pp. 127-149.
- 2009 "Shooting Rapids in a Canoe: Singapore and Great Powers," in Bridget Welsh, James Chin, Arun Mahizhnan, and Tan Tarn How, eds., *Impressions of the Goh Chok Tong Years in Singapore* (Singapore: National University of Singapore Press), pp. 156-167.
- 2008 "China's Evolving Multilateralism in Asia: The *Aussenpolitik* and *Innenpolitik* Explanations," in Kent E. Calder and Francis Fukuyama, eds., *East Asian Multilateralism: Prospects for Regional Stability* (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press), pp. 109-142.
- 2005 (With Bridget Welsh) "Brunei: Multifaceted Survival Strategies of a Small State," in William M. Carpenter and David G. Wiencek, eds., *Asian Security Handbook: Terrorism and the New Security Environment*, 3rd edition (London & New York: M. E. Sharpe), pp. 56-69.
- 2005 "China's Participation in the ASEAN Regional Forum: The Exogenous and Endogenous Effects of International Institutions," in James K. Chin and Nicholas Thomas, eds., *China and Southeast Asia: Changing Political and Strategic Ties* (Hong Kong: University of Hong Kong), pp. 141-169.
- 2003 "Theorizing China's ASEAN Policy: Individual, State, and Systemic Perspectives," in Wang Xincheng, Yu Changsheng, and Gao Hongbin, eds., *International Relations of the Asia Pacific Region after 9.11 and China's Accession to WTO* (Beijing: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Press), pp. 326-339.
- 2000 (With Zakaria Haji Ahmad) "Responding to the New Security Agenda: An Asian Perspective," in *Strengthening International Order: The Role of Asia-Europe Cooperation*, A CAEC Task Force Report (Tokyo & London: Council for Asia-Europe Cooperation), pp. 174-197.

Invited Presentations and Talks (Selected)

"Gaps, Not Traps: A Southeast Asian Perspective of the BRI" ▪ Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Workshop, organized by Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University ▪ Stanford, March 2-3, 2020

“Smaller States and the Twin Chessboards of Asian Geopolitics: A Malaysian Perspective” ▪ Working on “The Future of Power, Norms, and Institutions in the Indo-Pacific: Implications for the Australia-U.S. Alliance”, co-organized by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the United States Studies Centre (USSC), University of Sydney ▪ Sydney, February 3, 2020

“Smaller States’ Responses to Big Power Initiatives and Ideas: Selective, Accumulative, and Adaptive” ▪ Pacific Community Initiative First Regional Working Group Meeting, co-organized by Johns Hopkins University, Peking University, LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore ▪ Singapore, January 10-11, 2020

“Mind the Gaps: Assessing the Belt and Road Initiative in Southeast Asia” ▪ International Conference on Changing the World Order? China’s Long-Term Global Strategy, co-organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation, Rizalino S. Navarro Policy Center for Competitiveness, and De La Salle University ▪ Manila, November 18-19, 2019

“Malaysia, the BRI, and the Eurasian Connectivity” ▪ The Second USPIR Deans Forum on Belt and Road and Euro-Asia Connectivity, organized by Fudan University ▪ Shanghai, October 17-18, 2019

“Malaysia between the BRI and the Indo-Pacific: Smaller States and the Politics of Asian Connectivity Visions” ▪ MGIMO ASEAN Academic Days, organized by MGIMO University ▪ Moscow, October 11, 2019

(With Sok Kha) “The BRI and the Developmental Dividend-Deficit Spectrum: The Cases of Malaysia’s Kuantan and Cambodia’s Sihanoukville” ▪ International Workshop on the Belt and Road Initiative: Impacts on Recipient Countries and Global Governance, co-organized by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) and School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University ▪ Singapore, October 7, 2019

“Mapping Malaysia Middlepowerism: Structural and Domestic Sources of Small-State Activism” ▪ International Conference on Middle Powers in the Indo-Pacific Region, co-organized by U.S. Naval War College and Bond University ▪ Gold Coast, Australia, October 3-5, 2019

“Theorizing Smaller States’ Responses to the BRI: The Cases of Malaysia and Thailand’s Rail Engagement with China” ▪ International Conference on China’s Rising Influence and Belt and Road Initiative, co-organized by Chulalongkorn University’s ASEAN Studies Centre and China Development Institute ▪ Bangkok, June 27-28, 2019

(With Ithra Lawrence) “Theorizing the Geopolitics of Connectivity Cooperation in Multiplex Asia” ▪ International Conference on A Multiplex World: East Asian International Relations and Foreign Policies, co-organized by Thammasat University and Hanyang University ▪ Bangkok, June 26, 2019

“The BRI in Malaysia: The Case of the East Coast Rail Link” ▪ International Workshop on the Belt and Road Initiative in Southeast Asia and South Asia”, organized by Chinese Academy of Science ▪ Beijing, May 13-14, 2019

“Mind the Gaps: China, BRI, and the Politics of Connectivity Cooperation in Southeast Asia” ▪ Public Lecture on Dealing with China: Lessons from Southeast Asia, co-organized by Leiden Asia Centre and The Clingendael Institute ▪ The Hague, Netherlands, May 8, 2019

“The ‘New’ Southeast Asia and the ‘Indo-Pacific’: Analyzing the Weaker States’ (Old Ambivalence)” ▪ Columbia-Harvard International Conference on China and the World, organized by Columbia University ▪ New York City, February 27-28, 2019

“Emerging Great Games in Southeast Asia: Influence, Infrastructure, and Institutions (via FONOPs, BRI, and the Indo-Pacific)” ▪ Ifri Annual Conference on Asia 2018: “Power Competition and Regional Stability in Asia”, organized by the French Institute of International Relations (ifri) Center for Asian Studies ▪ Paris, France, December 3, 2018

“Art of Ambivalence: A Southeast Asian Perspective of Indo-Pacific” ▪ Valdai Club Asian Regional Conference, co-organized by Valdai Club and International Institute of International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia ▪ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 21-22, 2018

“Mahathir 2.0 and Malaysia’s Evolving China Policy: The Politics of Renegotiation” ▪ CICP Public Lecture, organized by Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) ▪ Phnom Penh, Cambodia, November 20, 2018

“The Next Globalization? BRI and the Geopolitics of Connectivity Cooperation in the 21st Century” ▪ International Conference on “Politics and International Studies” (ICPIS), organized by University Malaysia Sabah ▪ Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, October 30-31, 2018

“Geopolitics of Connectivity Courtships: Balance of Power by Other Means” ▪ International Conference on “ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership”, organized by Institute of East Asian Studies, Thammasat University ▪ Bangkok, Thailand, October 22, 2018

“ASEAN in Korea’s New Southern Policy: Mapping Maritime Middlepower” ▪ 4th International Workshop for the Network of Experts on Maritime and Territory in the Asia Pacific Region (NEMT Workshop), organized by Korea Maritime Institute ▪ Seoul, Korea, October 9-11, 2018

“China’s Expanding Multilateralism in Asia: Institutionalization of Interests (and Influence?)” ▪ International Conference on “Engaging a Global China: EU’s and ASEAN’s Perspectives and Responses”, co-organized by EU Centre in Singapore and Leiden Asia Centre ▪ Singapore, October 4-5, 2018

“ASEAN-led Multi-stakeholder Cooperation” ▪ 3rd ASEAN Security Connectivity Workshop, co-organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV) ▪ Danang, Vietnam, September 23-24, 2018

“Connectivity and Gaps: The Bridging and Missing Links in China’s BRI in Southeast Asia” ▪ International Conference on The Belt and Road Initiative and Global Governance, organized by the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies ▪ Brussels, Belgium, August 31, 2018.

“A Southeast Asian Perspective of U.S.-China Strategic Futures” ▪ International Conference on U.S.-China Strategic Futures, organized by University of Southern California ▪ Los Angeles, USA, August 27, 2018.

“Politics of Geo-economic Initiatives in the Indo-Pacific: A Southeast Asian Perspective” ▪ Ketagalan Forum: 2018 Asia-Pacific Security Dialogue, organized by The Prospect Foundation ▪ Taipei, Taiwan, July 24, 2018

“Circles of Courtships: ASEAN-India Partnership in the Age of the Indo-Pacific” ▪ Delhi Dialogue X: Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Advantage, co-organized by Indian Ministry of External Affairs and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) ▪ New Delhi, July 19-20, 2018

“Korea’s New Southern Policy: Themes, Prospects, and Possibilities” ▪ International Conference on “Korea’s New Southern Policy in the Era of the Indo-Pacific: Visions and Ways Forward”, organized by Center for ASEAN-Indian Studies, Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea ▪ Seoul, South Korea, July 3-4, 2018

“The Lure and Limits of China’s BRI in Malaysia” ▪ International Conference on “Chinese Public Diplomacy in East Asia and the Pacific”, co-organized by AidData (College of William & Mary), Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and ASPI, in partnership with RSIS, funded by the US Department of State ▪ Singapore, June 27, 2018

“Prospects (and Politics) of Connectivity Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific: Beyond Bilateralism” ▪ Griffith-CASS “China-Australia Cooperation Forum”, co-organized by Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University and the National Institute for Global Strategy (NIGS), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), hosted by Fuzhou University ▪ Fuzhou, China, May 10-12, 2018

“Initiative, Influence, and Infrastructure Development in Asia: A Southeast Asian Perspective” ▪ MIMA-CIISS International Conference on “Belt and Road Initiative and Promoting Regional Security: Turning Risks of Conflict into Opportunities for Cooperation”, co-organized by Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA) and China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CIISS) ▪ Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia, April 26-27, 2018

“Malaysia and the Belt and Road Initiative” ▪ Working Consultation for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Technical Assistance Study of the Belt and Road Initiative with Stakeholders in the GMS and Malaysia, organized by ADB ▪ Beijing, PRC, April 24, 2018

“Malaysia’s Response to the New Regional Dynamics in the Trump-Xi Era: Uncertainty, Inducement, and Small-State Hedging” ▪ International Conference on “The Trump Administration and Southeast Asia: Strategic Implications and Southeast Asian Responses”, organized by Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University ▪ New York City, USA, April 12, 2018

“Malaysia and the Institutionalization of East Asian Cooperation: An Activist Lilliputian’s Journey” ▪ Seminar at the Asian Studies Program, University of Delaware ▪ Newark, Delaware, USA, April 11, 2018

“Mechanisms for Institutionalizing ASEAN Security Connectivity” ▪ 2nd ASEAN Security Connectivity Workshop, co-organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV) ▪ Hanoi, Vietnam, March 19-21, 2018

“Malaysia’s Response to China’s Belt and Road: Interests, Authority, and Asymmetry” ▪ The 2nd UKM-QMUL Workshop on “Asymmetry and Authority: ASEAN States’ Responses to China’s Belt and Road Initiative” ▪ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 10-11, 2018

“Geopolitics and Geoeconomics of Connectivity Cooperation in Asia” ▪ Seminar at Pukyong National University (PKNU) ▪ Busan, South Korea, January 16, 2018

“When Do Weaker States Hedge? Southeast Asia, China, and the Structural Sources of Alignment Behavior” ▪ Inaugural International Conference on “China and the World: A Cross-discipline Perspective”, organized by Institute for China and the World Studies, Tongji University ▪ Shanghai, PRC, December 17-19, 2017

“ASEAN-led Multilateralism and Regional Security Challenges: Institutional Features, Functions, and Fractures” ▪ Inaugural ASEAN Security Connectivity Workshop, co-organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV) ▪ Singapore, December 6-8, 2017

“The Geopolitics of Connectivity Cooperation in Asia: What, How, and Why” ▪ Symposium on Prospects for Peace and Prosperity in Asia, co-organized by Soka Gakkai and Daisanbunmei-Sha ▪ Kobe, Japan, December 2, 2017

“Inducement and Smaller States’ Triple Trade-offs: Southeast Asian Responses to China’s Belt and Road Initiative” ▪ Southeast Asia Seminar Series, Asian Studies Centre, St. Anthony’s College, University of Oxford ▪ Oxford, November 22, 2017

“Malaysia-China Partnership Under Najib: The Third Transformative Engagement?” ▪ The Chatham House ▪ London, November 20, 2017

“Re-Imagining Regional Security Order in Asia” ▪ Symposium on “Cambodia and the Region under the Belt and Road Initiative”, co-organized by Royal University of Phnom Penh and the Cambodian Development Resource Institute ▪ Phnom Penh, Cambodia, October 30, 2017

“Challenges to ASEAN Community-Building: Three Known Unknowns” ▪ ERIA Editors Roundtable on ASEAN@50: Unknown Challenges”, organized by Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) ▪ Manila, the Philippines, October 18-19, 2017

“Smaller States in Multi-Nation Maritime Disputes: ASEAN States’ Triple Dilemmas in the South China Sea and Beyond” ▪ 3rd International Workshop for the Network of Experts on Maritime and Territory in the Asia Pacific Region (NEMT Workshop), organized by Korea Maritime Institute ▪ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, September 15, 2017

“Structural Uncertainty and Weaker States’ Hedging Behavior: Evidence from Southeast Asia” ▪ LSE Public Panel Discussion on “The Challenges of Trump’s America and Xi’s China: Perspectives and Strategies in Northeast and Southeast Asia”, London School of Economics and Political Science ▪ London, United Kingdom, September 8, 2017

“China’s Belt and Road Initiative and the Evolving Regional Order in Asia: A Preliminary Assessment” ▪ Panel on “The Rise of Asia in the Global Context: Significance and Implications”, Japan-ASEAN Media Forum ▪ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 26-28, 2017

“Bilateralism, Multilateralism, and China’s Belt and Road Initiative: An Emerging Third Pillar in Asian Architecture?” ▪ Seminar at the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University ▪ Taipei, Taiwan, August 17, 2017

“Why Weaker States Hedge Differently: Evidence from Southeast Asia” ▪ Seminar at the National Defense University ▪ Taipei, Taiwan, August 17, 2017

“ASEAN States’ Responses to China’s BRI: One Theme, Many Perspectives” ▪ Seminar at the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica ▪ Taipei, Taiwan, August 16, 2017

“ASEAN and the ‘Imagined’ Community in East Asia: Beyond Concentric Multilateralism” ▪ Inter-Regional Dialogue on Regional Cooperation: “Regional Community in East Asia: Where To?”, Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat ▪ Seoul, South Korea, August 9, 2017

“Soft Footprints, Competing Initiatives, and the Evolving Asian Order” ▪ Session on “Assessing Soft Power: Which Initiatives Shape Values and Forge Relationships”, Asia-Europe Conference 2017, University of Malaya ▪ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 3-4, 2017

“Gaps in Commitments: U.S.-China Hegemonic Struggle and ASEAN States’ Hedging Behavior” ▪ Panel on “How to Promote Peaceful Uses of the Seas in Asia”, World Congress for Korean Politics and Society on “Rebuilding Trust in Peace and Democracy”, Yonsei University ▪ Seoul, South Korea, June 22-23, 2017

“Explaining ASEAN States’ ‘Silence’ after Arbitration: Structural and Domestic Drivers” ▪ Global Ocean Regime Conference on “The Role of International Law and Its Limits: Maritime Order in Asia after the South China Sea Arbitration”, organized by Korea Maritime Institute ▪ Seoul, South Korea, June 20-21, 2017

“Mapping Middle Power Diplomacy: MIKTA, Malaysia, and the Art of Activism” ▪ MIKTA Night, organized by the Embassies of Mexico, Indonesia, Korea, Turkey, and Australia in Kuala Lumpur ▪ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 25, 2017

“Malaysia’s Response to China’s Belt and Road” ▪ UKM-QMUL Workshop on “Asymmetry and Authority: ASEAN States’ Responses to China’s Belt and Road Initiative” ▪ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 29-30, 2017

(With Lee Jones) “Explaining China’s Contradictory Rise and Southeast Asian Responses: A Framework of Analysis” ▪ UKM-QMUL Workshop on “Asymmetry and Authority: ASEAN States’ Responses to China’s Belt and Road Initiative” ▪ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 29-30, 2017

“China’s Growing Economic and Diplomatic Presence in Malaysia” ▪ Workshop on “New Dimensions of China’s Influence in Southeast Asia: Implications for Malaysia, Indonesia and

Singapore”, organized by School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, Singapore, February 6, 2017

“Turning the Tables? China’s Strategic Diplomacy, ASEAN-based Multilateralism, and the Emerging Third Pillar in Asian Architecture During the Trump Era” ▪ Workshop on “Strategic Diplomacy in Southeast Asia”, co-organized by ANU Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy & Strategic and Defense Studies Centre and Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore, February 2-3, 2017

“Strategic Activism: The Pathway to Malaysia’s Middlepowerism” ▪ Seminar on “Malaysia’s Foreign Policy Direction as a Middle Power”, co-organized by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations and Unit Perundingan Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, November 26, 2016

“Challenges and Options for Small States: ASEAN States’ ‘Impossible Trinity’ amidst China’s Contradictory Strategies” ▪ The 9th East Asia Security Outlook Seminar, organized by the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (SHHBIDSS), Brunei, November 10, 2016

“AIIB and Southeast Asia’s Responses to China’s Belt and Road Initiative: Preliminary Observations” ▪ International Conference on “TPP, RCEP, AIIB: Shaping a New Political-Economic Order in the Asia-Pacific”, organized by the University of California, Berkeley ▪ Berkeley, United States, October 21, 2016

“ASEAN States’ Commitment Dilemma in the South China Sea” ▪ Griffith Workshop on “The South China Sea: A New Strategic Playground for the United States and China?”, organized by the Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University ▪ Brisbane, Australia, October 17-18, 2016

“ASEAN Centrality and the Evolving East Asian Institutionalization: The Centripetal and Centrifugal Forces” ▪ AUN-KASEAS Conference on “ASEAN Centrality in the Multilateral Regional Architecture of East Asia”, organized by Korean Association of Southeast Asian Studies (KASEAS) and ASEAN University Network (AUN) ▪ Seoul, South Korea, August 26-27, 2016

“Risks, Uncertainties, and Hedging in International Relations: Theorizing ASEAN States’ Alignment Behavior” ▪ Hanyang-Routledge International Studies Workshop on “IR Theory and Practice in Asia: Where are we and where are we headed”, organized by Hanyang University ▪ Seoul, South Korea, August 27, 2016

“America’s Role in Asian Architecture” ▪ Southeast Asia Regional Workshop, organized by the Asia Foundation ▪ Bangkok, Thailand, April 20-22, 2016

“Connections and Gaps in China’s Economic-Security Nexus” (with Li Ran) ▪ International Workshop on ‘China and the Economic-Security Nexus in Southeast Asia’, co-organized by Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) and Institute of International Studies, Yunnan University ▪ Singapore, March 28, 2016

“Balancing and Hedging in the South China Sea” ▪ Lecture at Universiteit Leiden ▪ Leiden, Netherlands, March 21, 2016

“Malaysia and ASEAN-led Institutions: The Limits and Functions of Multilateralism in an Era of Regional Transformation” ▪ NTU-HSS Workshop on “Role of Security Institutions in East Asian Power Shift: US-led Alliances and ASEAN-led Multilateral Organizations”, organized by School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, March 10-11, 2016

“Hedging in International Relations” ▪ UKM-SNU International Symposium on “Theorizing East Asian International Relations”, organized by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Seoul National University ▪ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 29, 2016

“Managing Maritime Disputes in the South China Sea: Explaining ASEAN’s Dilemmas” ▪ International Workshop for the Network of Experts on Maritime and Territory in the Asia Pacific Region (NEMT Workshop), organized by Korea Maritime Institute ▪ Busan, South Korea, November 3-5, 2015

“Cooperation and “Hedging” in the South China Sea” ▪ The Third Workshop on “Cooperation and Development in the South China Sea”, organized by China Institute for Marine Affairs (CIMA) and Collaborative Innovation Center for Territorial Sovereignty and Maritime Rights (CICTSMR) ▪ Wuhan, China, October 28-31, 2015

“U.S.-China Relations and Regional States’ Hedging Behavior” ▪ International Conference on “America’s Asia Policy and U.S.-China-Asian Interactions”, organized by Tsinghua University’s Institute of International Strategic and Development Studies ▪ Beijing, China, September 18-19, 2015

“How Do Weaker States Hedge? Evolution of Returns-Maximizing and Risk-Contingency Options in ASEAN States’ Alignment Behavior” ▪ RSIS China Programme Workshop on “Hedging and Counter-Hedging in the Asia-Pacific, organized the China Programme, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University ▪ Singapore, August 29, 2015

“Some Thoughts on EU, Regional Integration, and Conflict Transformation in East Asia” ▪ Workshop on “Integration for Peace: The EU, Regional Integration and Conflict Resolution in East Asia”, organized by Myongji University ▪ Seoul, July 17, 2015.

“How Do Weaker States Hedge? Evolution of ASEAN States’ Alignment Options” ▪ International Symposium on “China and Its Neighbours: The Evolving Regional Order”, co-organized by China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University ▪ Beijing, China, May 31, 2015

“Re-imagining International Relations Theory in Southeast Asia: Pre-requisites, Promises, and Prospect” ▪ International Conference on “Theorizing East Asian International Relations”, organized by Center for International Studies, Seoul National University ▪ Seoul, South Korea, May 1, 2015

“Malaysia and the South China Sea: The Anatomy of a Small-State Hedging Behavior” ▪ 2nd Conference on South China Sea, co-organized by Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore & Collaborative Innovation Centre for South China Sea Studies, Nanjing University ▪ Nanjing, China, April 24-25, 2015

“Malaysia between the Great Powers: What Do Weaker States Hedge Against?” ▪ Workshop on “America’s Asian Allies: Managing Competitive and Cooperative Pressures”, co-organized by Australian National University (ANU) and East-West Center (EWC) Washington Office ▪ Washington, DC, April 14-15, 2015

“Why, When, and How Do Weaker States Hedge? Explaining Southeast Asia’s Responses to China’s Rise” ▪ APARC Seminar, hosted by Southeast Asia Program, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University ▪ Stanford, March 31, 2015

“Variations on a ‘Hedging’ Theme: The Cases of Core ASEAN States” ▪ Panel on “Hedging or Balancing between China and the United States”, Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2015 Annual Conference, March 26-29 ▪ Chicago, March 28, 2015

“China and ASEAN Integration” ▪ RSOG Seminar, Razak School of Government (RSOG) ▪ Putrajaya, Malaysia, February 26, 2015

“Security Architecture in the Asia-Pacific: An Emerging Third Pillar?” ▪ International Conference on “Regional Architecture and Frameworks for Asia-Pacific”, co-organized by the Department of Japanese Studies and Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore (NUS) ▪ Singapore, January 8-9, 2015

“Regional Integration and Conflict Management in Asia: The Case of the South China Sea Disputes” ▪ International Conference on “Regional Integration and Asian Security”, organized by the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) ▪ Rome, Italy, December 17, 2014

“Malaysia-China Relations after a Turbulent Year: A Preliminary Assessment” ▪ International Conference on “Malaysia, China, and the Asia-Pacific Region in the Twenty-First Century”, jointly organized by the Institute of China Studies (ICS) & Kong Zi Institute, University of Malaya ▪ Kuala Lumpur, October 29-30, 2014

“China and the South China Sea Disputes: Structural Drivers and Domestic Imperatives” ▪ International Conference on “China in World Politics: Is China A Status Quo Power?”, organized by the East Asian Institute (EAI), National University of Singapore ▪ Singapore, September 24-26, 2014

“The Origins of Hedging: Theorizing Weaker States’ Alignment Choices toward a Rising Power” ▪ 7th Annual China and the World Program Fellows Workshop ▪ Harvard University, December 6, 2013

“Hedging in International Relations: ASEAN States’ Responses to a Rising China” ▪ Princeton “China and the World Program” Talk ▪ Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, October 16, 2013

“When and Why Weaker States Hedge: Southeast Asian States’ Responses to a Rising China” ▪ 6th Regional Powers Network Conference “Rising Powers and Contested Orders in the Multipolar System”, jointly organized by the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) and the BRICS Policy Center (BPC) ▪ Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 19-20, 2013

“China-ASEAN Connectivity: Geography, Functional Imperatives, and Political Complexities” ▪ International Conference on “Pan-Beibu Gulf Cooperation and China-ASEAN Connectivity”, co-organized by Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS; National Institute of International Strategy (NIIS), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS); and Guangxi Normal University ▪ Guilin, China, September 3, 2013

“Institutionalization of Security Cooperation in East Asia” ▪ The Third Workshop on the “Promotion of ASEAN and East Asian Studies”, organized by Community of East Asian Scholars (CEAS), Thammasat University, Bangkok, June 26-28, 2013

“Malaysia’s South China Sea Policy: A Weaker State’s Optimization of Interests” ▪ International Conference on “ASEAN Unity and Maritime Challenges in South China Sea and Asia-Pacific Region”, co-organized by CASS-India (Center for Asian Strategic Studies-India) & ISIS (Institute of Security and International Studies)-Thailand, Bangkok, June 20, 2013

“Malaysia between the Great Powers” ▪ Workshop on Southeast Asia Regional Security in the Context of Sino-U.S. Rivalry, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, June 7, 2013

“Making Sense of Malaysia’s China Policy: Asymmetry, Proximity, and Elite’s Domestic Authority” ▪ Workshop on The Deer and the Dragon: Southeast Asia and China in the 21st Century, co-organized by the Southeast Asia Forum, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University and The China Programme, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) ▪ Singapore, November 14-16, 2012

“China’s Rise and the U.S. ‘Re-Engagement’ with Southeast Asia” ▪ CACP-CASS India Conference on ASEAN and 10th Anniversary of DOC, Phnom Penh, March 22, 2012

“Malaysia and the Great Powers” ▪ Freeman Foundation Symposium on “Strengthening Cooperation between the United States and East Asia”, Salzburg Global Seminar (SGS), Salzburg, June 17-22, 2011

“The Essence of Hedging: Malaysia and Singapore’s Response to a Rising China” ▪ ISEAS Public Seminar, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, February 26, 2010 ▪ *Speaker*

“Multilateralism in China’s ASEAN Policy” ▪ 4th Asian Scholarship Foundation (ASF) Annual Conference, Bangkok, August 2-3, 2004

“China’s Participation in the ASEAN Regional Forum” ▪ 4th China-ASEAN Roundtable, University of Hong Kong, October 18-20, 2001

Papers Presented at Professional Conferences (Selected)

“China’s AIIB and the ‘Belt and Road’ Initiative: Regional Transformation Processes and East Asia’s Power Transition” (with Alice Ba) ▪ Panel on “Competing Regionalisms in East Asia”, 57th Annual Convention, International Studies Association ▪ Atlanta, USA, March 16-19, 2016

“When and Why Weaker States Hedge: A Two-Level Analysis” ▪ Panel on “Hedging in International Relations: Theory and Practice”, 57th Annual Convention, International Studies Association ▪ Atlanta, USA, March 16-19, 2016

“The China Factor in the U.S. ‘Re-Engagement’ with Southeast Asia: Drivers and Limits of Converged Hedging” ▪ International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, San Diego, April 1-4, 2012

“Smaller States’ Alignment Choices in the Face of a Rising Great Power: The Case of ASEAN States’ China Policies” ▪ Association for Asian Studies and the International Convention of Asia Scholars (AAS-ICAS) Joint Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 31- April 3, 2011

“Regime Legitimation and Foreign Policy Choices: Comparing the Hedging Strategies of Malaysia and Singapore toward a Rising China, 1990-2005” ▪ 5th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS), Kuala Lumpur, August 1-5, 2007

Peer Reviewer

Journals:

Asian Security
Asian Journal of Comparative Politics
Australian Journal of International Affairs
Cambridge Review of International Affairs
Chinese Journal of International Politics
Contemporary Southeast Asia
Cooperation and Conflict
eBangi: Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies
International Journal of China Studies
International Relations
International Security
International Spectator
International Studies Review
Japanese Journal of Political Science
Jebat: Malaysian Journal of History, Politics and Strategic Studies
Journal of the British Association for Chinese Studies
Journal of Cold War Studies
Pacific Review
Strategic Studies (ISSI)
TRaNS: Trans-Regional and National Studies of Southeast Asia

Others:

- Palgrave Macmillan book proposal, March 2017
- NUS Press (Singapore) book manuscript, May 2017
- Lingnan University (Hong Kong) research grant proposal, November 2017

- Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica (IPSAS, Taipei) researcher recruitment evaluation, December 2017
- Lowy Institute Research Analysis, February 2019

Teaching

2019:

- **“Great Power Politics in East Asia”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Globalization and Occidentalism”** (Postgraduate) ▪ IKMAS, UKM
- **“Strategy and International Security: Concepts and Theories”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

2018:

- **“Great Power Politics in East Asia”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Seminar in East Asian Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Strategy and International Security: Concepts and Theories”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
- **“Malaysia and Small-State Strategy”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
- **“Research Methodology in Defense Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Malaysian Armed Forces Defense College (MPAT), Ministry of Defense, Malaysia

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- **“Great Power Politics in East Asia”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Theoretical Approaches to Strategic Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

2012:

- **“Great Power Politics in East Asia”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Theoretical Approaches to Strategic Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
- **“Research Methodology in Defense Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Malaysian Armed Forces Defense College (MPAT), Ministry of Defense, Malaysia
- **“Great Powers in the Asia-Pacific Region”** (Undergraduate) ▪ UKM

2011:

- **“Great Power Politics in East Asia”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Academic Writing”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Theoretical Approaches to Strategic Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
- **“Research Methodology in Defense Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Malaysian Armed Forces Defense College (MPAT), Ministry of Defense, Malaysia
- **“Introduction to Strategic Studies”** (Undergraduate) ▪ UKM
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2010:

- **“Great Power Politics in East Asia”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Academic Writing”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Theoretical Approaches to Strategic Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
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- **“Dynamics of International System”** (Undergraduate) ▪ UKM

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- **“Theoretical Approaches to Strategic Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
- **“Introduction to Strategic Studies”** (Undergraduate) ▪ UKM
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2002:

- **“Theoretical Approaches to Strategic Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Theories and Concepts in International Relations”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
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- **“Theoretical Approaches to Strategic Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
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1999:

- **“Theoretical Approaches to Strategic Studies”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM
- **“Theories and Concepts in International Relations”** (Postgraduate) ▪ UKM & Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
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PhD Supervision ▪ 4 graduated + 5 in progress

- Nazira Binti Abdul Rahman (Malaysian) ▪ **“The Role and Limitation of International Maritime Organization (IMO) in Enhancing Maritime Cooperation in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, 1971-2014”** ▪ Graduated: September 2014
- Ehsan Razani (Iranian), **“Iran’s China Policy in the Post-Cold War Era, 1990-2013”** ▪ Graduated: April 2015
- Nur Shahadah binti Jamil (Malaysian) ▪ **“The Policy Process of China’s South China Sea Policy: Analyzing the Evolving Patterns of ‘Pluralization’”** ▪ Graduated: April 2018
- Ruhanie bin Ahmad (Malaysian) ▪ **“Malaysia’s Security Management during the Mahathir Era: Securitization and Domestic Politics”** ▪ Graduated: May 2018
- Wong Yao Duenn (Malaysian) ▪ P77589 ▪ **“Explaining the Variations in Responses to Singapore-Kunming Rail Link: Politics and Economics of Regional Connectivity”** ▪ In Progress
- [External Supervisee (Monash University)] Lee Chee Leong ▪ **“Chinese Sub-National Governments in China-ASEAN Cooperation: The Case of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region”** ▪ In Progress
- Farhana Khalid (Malaysian) ▪ P102767 ▪ **“ASEAN States’ Participations in the TPP and RCEP: A Comparative Study of Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam”** ▪ In Progress
- Ma Yan Yan (Chinese) ▪ P96823 ▪ **“Malaysia-China Relations: Domestic Politics and Sub-National Dimensions”** ▪ In Progress
- Sumathy Permal (Malaysian) ▪ P104629 ▪ **“The Malacca Strait and the Littoral States’**

Interests, Initiatives and Ideas: A Comparative Study” ▪ In Progress

PhD and Master’s Thesis Examiner

External Examiner

- Ph.D. Thesis ▪ Universiti Utara Malaysia ▪ Yahya Yahya Yahya Alawd (95320) ▪ Yemen-China Relations During Ali Abdullah Saleh Administration, 1990-2012 ▪ 9 January 2018
- Ph.D. Thesis ▪ Universiti Utara Malaysia ▪ Sathid Boonmuang (93318) ▪ Post-Thaksin Coup D’etat in Thailand ▪ 30 November 2016
- M.A. Thesis ▪ Universiti Malaya ▪ Sumathy A/P Permal (1200012) ▪ China’s Anti-Access/Area-Denial Strategy: Implications for Regional Maritime Security ▪ 2014

Internal Examiner

- Ph.D. Thesis ▪ Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia ▪ Guido Benny (P48998) ▪ Public Opinion of Regional Cooperation and the Formation of the ASEAN Community: A Comparative Study in Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore ▪ 27 July 2012

Master Thesis Supervision ▪ 66 graduated + 2 in progress

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- 2020 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (Strategy & Diplomacy) ▪ Sarah Nurqayyum Azlan (P102859) ▪ U.S. Counter-Terrorism Policy Towards Southeast Asia under Bush, Obama, and Trump Administrations
- 2019 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (East Asian Studies) ▪ Ahmad Fairuz Yahya (P96520) ▪ Malaysia and the Belt and Road Initiative: The Federal-State Dimensions

Completed:

- 2019 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (Strategy & Diplomacy) ▪ Kunie Koyama (P97196) ▪ Explaining Southeast Asian Responses to the Indo-Pacific: The Cases of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore
- 2018 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (Defence Studies) ▪ Thaweessin Kongprasert (P94359) ▪ Analyzing the U.S. Asian Allies’ Responses to Power Shift: The Cases of Thailand and the Philippines
- 2018 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (Defence Studies) ▪ Rosli Maarof (P94207) ▪ Small States’ Responses to Indonesia’s Regional Role: The Cases of Brunei, East Timor, and Singapore

- 2018 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (Defence Studies) ▪ Ahmad Sapuan Fathi (P94228) ▪ British Evolving Policy towards Asia since 2010: The Defense, Economic, and Diplomatic Dimensions
- 2018 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (Strategy & Diplomacy) ▪ Syed Ahmad Israa' Syed Ibrahim (P92935) ▪ Malaysia and Thailand's Responses to China's Rail Diplomacy: The Geopolitics of National Development and Subnational Dynamics
- 2018 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (Strategy & Diplomacy) ▪ Low Yeh Cher (P92936) ▪ Malaysia and Indonesia's Responses to China's Maritime Silk Road: The Port Dimensions
- 2018 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (East Asian Studies) ▪ Dinatra Mohd Saat (P87915) ▪ Security-Economy Nexus in East Asia: Malaysia and Myanmar's Responses to China's Belt and Road Initiative
- 2018 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (Analisis Strategi dan Keselamatan) ▪ Shalihin Annuar (P88289) ▪ Dasar Pertahanan Negara-negara Kecil: Perbandingan antara Singapura dan Sweden
- 2017 ▪ M. Soc.Sc. Thesis (Defence Studies) ▪ Mohd Yusri bin Yusoff (P90046) ▪ The Vietnam Factor in Laos and Cambodia's China Policies: A Comparative Analysis
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