

## BIODATA



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Her research interests cover trade in goods and services as well as foreign direct investment (FDI), including Belt and Road initiatives in the region. She has published extensively on trade-related issues in books and journals such as *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, *Emerging Markets*, *Finance and Trade*, *Asian Economic Panel* and *Prague Economic Papers*, besides co-editing several books published by international publishing houses.

Recent publications include: *China in Malaysia: State-Business Relations and the New Order of Investment Flows* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020); co-authored with Edmund Terence Gomez, Ran Li and Kee Cheek Cheong).

She also writes public commentaries. These include among others,

16 March 2019. "Concluding the high-stakes RCEP in 2019 will need a different approach". *Channelnewsasia (CNA)*, <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/commentary/concluding-high-stakes-rcep-2019-will-need-different-approach-11336424>.

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