DR. RACHEL CHAN SUET KAY

research fellow

EDUCATION

- 2016 - Doctor of Philosophy (Sociology), University of Malaya
- 2012 - Master of Arts by Research (Sociology), University of Malaya
- 2007 - Bachelor of Science (Honours) Sociology, University of London (London School of Economics and Political Science)
- 2005 - Diploma in Economics, University of London (London School of Economics and Political Science)

LINKS

- Google Scholar (Publications)
- Publons /web of science (Journal Reviewer)
- ORCID (Publications)
- YouTube (MOOC/Teaching/Virtual Conference Presentations)
- ScienceOpen (Collection Editor and contributor to the Research Portal)

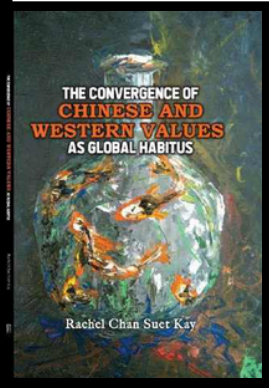
BIOGRAPHY

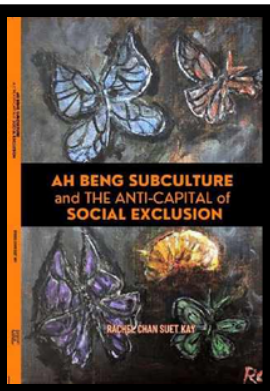
Dr. Rachel CHAN Suet Kay is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethnic Studies, National University of Malaysia. She specialises in cultural sociology, having written on cultural capital flows between East Asia and the West, and most recently, cultural heritage. Her latest publications are on Chinese clan associations, English translations of Chinese online fiction, habitus and field in Malaysian cosplay, anti-capital in the Ah Beng subculture, Malaysian manga, and the convergence of cultural values among Chinese-educated and non-Chinese-educated Malaysian Chinese. Her three monographs are “The Convergence of Chinese and Western Values as Global Habitus”, "Ah Beng Subculture and the Anti-Capital of Social Exclusion", and "Chinese Values, Western Values, and the Survival of the Chinese Clan as Social Institution". She is currently the Chief Editor of the UKM Ethnic Studies Paper Series, an editor of KITA Monograph Series, and Managing Editor of the Journal of Ethnic and Diversity Studies (JOEDS) (as Chairperson of the KITA Publication Committee) and welcomes manuscript submissions. Her research agenda is to discover whether there is a hierarchy of cultural goods, relative to value systems. She received her PhD in Sociology and MA in Sociology by Research from the University of Malaya; and a BSc (Hons) in Sociology and Diploma in Economics from the University of London.

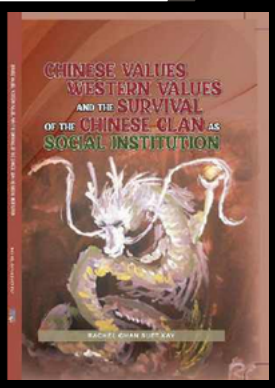
accomplishments

- Given a TEDx Talk in 2021
- Received RM 220, 403 in FRGS in 2018
- Authored 3 monographs in 2020, 2021, 2022

MONOGRAPHS







research areas

Cultural Heritage, Urban Studies, Transnational and Malaysian Chinese identity, Popular Culture, Subculture, Manga

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List of PhD Graduates

Nama	Tajuk Tesis	Graduation Year	Supervisory Role	Note
Dayangku Egawaty Binti Awang Yusof	Pengaruh Dampingan Dalam Pengasuhan Digital Kanak-Kanak	2025	Committee Member	
Fauzie Bin Sarjono	Fenomena Smokol Dalam Aktiviti Perdagangan Informal Rentas Sempadan Di Pulau Sebatik Malaysia-Indonesia	2022	Co-Supervisor	
Beh Sang How	Pengaruh Pengantaraan Transisi Politik Dalam Model Kesepaduan Nasional Kawasan Rukun Tetangga Di Malaysia	2022	Committee Member	
Lyu Sheng	Living Heritage In Practice: Exploring The Social-Material Networks Of Lion Dance In Malaysia	2025	Main Supervisor	GOT (Graduate on Time)

List of Current PhD Students (Active)

Nama	Tajuk Tesis	Expected Graduati	Supervisory Role	Note
Tang Ying Ying	Superdiversity Networks: Sustaining Youth Interest in Chinese Clan Association	2/20242025	Committee Member	
Sun Jing	Research on Islamic Culture and Social Life of Hui Communities in Hainan	2/20262027	Committee Member	
Tang Thong Nhan	Towards A Sustainable Tourism Development For Indigenous People: Studying Vegetables In Traditional	2/20242025	Committee Member	
Li Xiaojun	One Dimension of Chinese Culture of Learning: A Comparative Study on Students Expectation to Teachers	0/0	Main Supervisor	
Yang Sidian		2/20272028	Committee Chair	
Yang Yang		2/20252026	Committee Chair	
Zhang Xin		0/0	Main Supervisor	
Wang Menghui		1/20262027	Committee Chair	
Huang Fei	Aesthetics Perspective on Hakka Children's Literary Functional Equivalence Translation	1/20262027	Committee Chair	
Melvin Foo Bok Yee		1/20262027	Main Supervisor	
Yu Yawei		1/20262027	Committee Chair	
Wang Hong		2/20262027	Main Supervisor	
Kooi Eng Chong		2/20262027	Committee Member	
Luo Linzi		2/20262027	Main Supervisor	
Fang Zhihao		2/20272028	Main Supervisor	
Nor Zuwairi Bin Zakwa	Pemuafakatan Politik Alaf Baharu Di Malaysia	1/20232024	Committee Member	