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TEO You Yenn is Associate Professor and Head of Sociology at Nanyang Technological University. Her research centers on understanding inequality—how inequality is experienced; how it is reproduced; and the ways in which inequality is rationalized and naturalized. She asks questions about governance, state-society dynamics, citizenship, culture, welfare, and poverty. She is the author of *Neoliberal Morality in Singapore: How family policies make state and society* (Routledge, 2011) and *This is What Inequality Looks Like* (Ethos Books, 2018).

Aside from academic writings, she contributes commentaries to *The Straits Times*, *Today*, and *The Online Citizen*.

She has received awards for her teaching as well as for bringing her research into the public domain. In 2013, she was winner of NTU's Nanyang Education Award, and in 2016, she received the American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section's Feminist Scholar Activist Award.

## RESEARCH

Class inequalities and poverty; public policy, governance, welfare, citizenship; state-society relations and culture; gender; Singapore.

## TEACHING

Classical social theory; Qualitative methodology in social research; Power, Politics, and the State; Sociology of Gender; Social Class and Inequality; Social Movements.

## EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley, Ph.D. in Sociology, 2005.

University of California at Berkeley, M.A. in Sociology, 2001.

University of California at Berkeley, B.A. in Sociology & Mass Communications, 1998.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

2016 Feminist Scholar Activist Award, American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section.

2013 Nanyang Education Award (School), Nanyang Technological University.

2001 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley.

## EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Professor, Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, September 2014-present.
- Assistant Professor, Division of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. December 2007-August 2014.
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. February 2006-December 2007.
- Graduate Student Instructor, Social Movements, UC Berkeley, Spring 2002.

- Graduate Student Instructor, Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis, UC Berkeley, Fall 2000-Spring 2001.
- Graduate Student Researcher, Berkeley Project on Equal Opportunity, Institute for the Study of Social Change (ISSC), UC Berkeley. Summer 1999-Spring 2000.
- Reader, *Elementary Forms of Racial Domination*. UC Berkeley, Spring 1999.
- Graduate Student Instructor, *The Effects of Mass Media*, UC Berkeley, Fall 1998.

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

- Co-Investigator. Tsao Foundation Ageing Research Initiative, 2016-2018.  
Project title: *Household budgets for elderly persons in Singapore*.
- Principal Investigator. Ministry of Education (Singapore), AcRF Tier 1, 2016-18.  
Project title: *Work-life balance in contemporary Singapore: Cross-class comparisons*.
- Principal Investigator. Ministry of Education (Singapore), AcRF Tier 1, 2013-15.  
Project title: *Everyday lives of the low-income in Singapore*.
- Nanyang Technological University, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Start-up Grant, 2009-2012. Project title: *The politics of family and welfare in Asia*.
- Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Research Grant, 2007.
- Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2006-8.
- UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant, 2005.
- UC Berkeley Sociology Departmental Grant, 2005.
- National Science Foundation (USA) Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2003-2004.
- UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant, 2002.
- UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, 2002-2003.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Books**

- Teo, You Yenn. 2018. *This is What Inequality Looks Like*. Singapore: Ethos Books.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2011. *Neoliberal Morality in Singapore: How family policies make state and society*. London and New York: Routledge.

### ***Journal articles***

- Teo, Youyenn. 2018. "Whose Family Matters? Work–Care–Migration Regimes and Class Inequalities in Singapore." *Critical Sociology*: 1-14. First published online March 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0896920517748498>.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2017. "Vignettes of poverty versus stories of inequality," *Media Asia* 43(3-4): 138-144.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2016. "Not everyone has 'maids': class differentials in the elusive quest for work-life balance." *Gender, Place & Culture* 23(8): 1164-78.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2015. "Differentiated Deservedness: Governance through familialist social policies in Singapore." *TRaNS: Trans-Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia* 3(1): 73-93.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2015. "Interrogating the limits of welfare reforms in Singapore." *Development and Change* 46(1): 95-120.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2013. "Support for deserving families: inventing the anti-welfare familialist state in Singapore." *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society* 20(3): 386-406.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2010. "Shaping the Singapore family, producing state and society." *Economy and Society* 39(3): 337-359.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2010. "Asian families as sites of state politics: introduction." *Economy and Society* 39(3): 309-316.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2009. "Gender disarmed: How gendered policies produce gender-neutral politics in Singapore." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 34(3): 533-558.
- Teo, Youyenn and Nicola Piper. 2009. "Foreigners in our homes: linking migration and family policies in Singapore." *Population, Space and Place* 15(2): 147-159.
- Teo, You Yenn. 2007. "Inequality for the greater good: gendered state rule in Singapore." *Critical Asian Studies* 39(3): 263–285.

### ***Book chapters***

- Teo, Youyenn. 2018. "Falling Short: Class and the Performance of the Familial." Pp. 96-111 in *Family and Population Change in Singapore: A unique case in the global family changes*, edited by Wei-Jun Jean Yeung and Shu Hu. London: Routledge.

- Teo, You Yenn. 2017. "Poor people don't like oats either: how myths about poverty and wealth matter," pp. 239-248 in *Living with Myths in Singapore*, edited by Loh Kah Seng, Jack Chia, and PJ Thum. Singapore: Ethos Books.  
Also published online at *New Naratif*, September 9, 2017. Available at: <https://newnaratif.com/research/poor-people-dont-like-oats-either/>
- Teo, Youyenn. 2017. "The Singaporean welfare state system: with special reference to public housing and the Central Provident Fund," pp. 383-397 in *The Routledge International Handbook to Welfare State Systems*, edited by Christian Aspalter. London; New York: Routledge.
- Teo, You Yenn. 2016. "Undoing Differentiated Deservedness," pp. 258-64 in *Singapore Dreaming: Managing Utopia*, edited by H. Koon Wee and Jeremy Chia. Singapore: Asian Urban Lab.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2015. "Childbearing in Singapore—Do we have real choices?," pp. 217-226 in *Our Lives to Live: Putting a Woman's Face to Change in Singapore*, edited by Kanwaljit Soin and Margaret Thomas. Singapore: World Scientific.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2014. "Population problems, family policies, and the naturalization of differentiated deservedness," Pp. 64-82 in *The Future of Singapore: Population, Society and the Nature of the State*, edited by Kamaludeen Mohamed Nasir and Bryan S. Turner. London; New York: Routledge.
- Teo, Youyenn. 2013. "Women hold up the anti-welfare regime: how social policies produce social differentiation in Singapore," pp. 15-27 in *The Global Political Economy of the Household in Asia*, edited by Juanita Elias and Samanthi Gunawardana. Basingstoke, England; New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

#### **Editorial work**

- Special Issue on "Asian Families as Sites of Politics." *Economy and Society*, 39(3), August 2010.

#### **Book Reviews**

- Teo, Youyenn. 2011. Review in *Asian Journal of Social Science*, June (Volume 39, No. 3), of Werner, J. (2009) *Gender, household and state in post-revolutionary Vietnam*, London and New York: Routledge.

- Teo, Youyenn. 2011. Review in *Pacific Affairs*, September (Volume 84, No. 3), of Barr, Michael D. and Zlatko Skrbis (2008) *Constructing Singapore: Elitism, Ethnicity And The Nation-Building Project*, Copenhagen: NIAS Press.

***Newsletters etc.***

- Teo, You Yenn. 2017. “When thinking poverty, also think inequality.” October 17, Ethos Books. Available at: <https://www.ethosbooks.com.sg/blogs/news/tagged/teo-you-yenn>
- Teo, Youyenn. 2017. “Singapore Sociology: After Meritocracy,” *Global Dialogue* 7.1, International Sociological Association. Available at: <http://isa-global-dialogue.net/singapore-sociology-after-meritocracy/>
- Teo, Youyenn. 2015. “Governance, Welfare, and the Familial in Singapore,” *Asian Family Matters*, Changing Family in Asia Cluster Research Brief Series No. 26, May, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. Available at: <http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/docs/downloads/Reports-and-Proceedings/CF-ResearchBriefSeriesNo26.pdf>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2015. “Support for single parents will strengthen our society,” AWARE, February 11. Available at: <http://www.aware.org.sg/2015/02/support-for-single-parents-will-strengthen-our-society/>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2014. “Context, Interests, and Unintended Consequences: Lenses for Seeing, Comprehending and Engaging with the World,” *HSSE Online: Research and Practice in Social Studies Education* 3(2), November. Available at: <http://www.hsseonline.edu.sg/journal/volume-3-issue-2-2014/context-interests-and-unintended-consequences-lenses-seeing>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2013. “Pro-Family’ Policies Need Rethinking, Parts 1 and 2” AWARE, March 28. Available at: <http://www.aware.org.sg/2013/03/pro-family-policies-need-radical-rethinking-part-1/> and <http://www.aware.org.sg/2013/03/pro-family-policies-need-rethinking-part-2/>

- Teo, You Yenn. 2012. “Neoliberal Morality in Singapore: Institutionalising the Logics of Neoliberalism,” *ISA eSymposium for Sociology*. Available at: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/publ/E-symposium/E-symposium-vol-2-2-2012/EBul-Teo-Jul2012.pdf>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2005. “Women, Procreation and the Nation’s Good: Fertility Policies Through the Years.” *Awareness: A Journal of the Association of Women for Action and Research* 12: 30-40.
- Teo, You Yenn. 2006. “Producing Singaporeans: Family Policies and their ‘Latent’ Effects.” Asia Research Institute Working Paper, No. 77, October. Available at: <https://ari.nus.edu.sg/Publication/Detail/584>

### ***Op-ed***

- Teo, You Yenn. 2018. “The economy as a means to an end, not an end in itself.” *The Straits Times*, February 23. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/the-economy-as-a-means-to-an-end-not-an-end-in-itself>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2018. “When kids say ‘I lazy what.’” *The Straits Times*, February 4. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/when-kids-say-i-lazy-what>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2017. “Let’s talk about poverty and inequality today.” *The Straits Times*, October 17. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/lets-talk-about-poverty-and-inequality-today>
- Ng, Kok Hoe and Teo You Yenn. 2017. “Civil society’s role cannot be to provide public goods.” *The Straits Times*, June 5. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/civil-societys-role-cannot-be-to-provide-public-goods>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2017. “Speak about inequality, not just inclusion.” *The Straits Times*, May 4. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/speak-about-inequality-not-just-inclusion>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2016. “Why low-income parents may make ‘poor choices.’” *The Straits Times*, March 10. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/why-low-income-parents-may-make-poor-choices>

- Teo, You Yenn. 2015. "Equality among adults begins with kids." *The Online Citizen*, October 29. <https://www.theonlinecitizen.com/2015/10/29/equality-among-adults-begins-with-kids/>
- Teo, You Yenn, and Jolene Tan. 2014. "Celebrate all families on International Day of Families." *The Straits Times Online*, May 15. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/celebrate-all-families-on-international-day-of-families>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2014. "What are you teaching child by the way you treat maid." *The Straits Times*, March 18. <http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/what-are-you-teaching-child-by-the-way-you-treat-maid>
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- Teo, You Yenn. 2013. "The trouble with limited paternity leave." *Today*, June 17. <http://www.todayonline.com/commentary/trouble-limited-paternity-leave>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2013. "Moms aren't super, they're just ordinary." *Today*, May 6. <http://www.todayonline.com/commentary/mums-arent-super-theyre-just-ordinary>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2013. "How Stiglitz weakens change in Singapore." *Today*, March 27. [https://www.academia.edu/6487105/Commentary\\_How\\_Stiglitz\\_weakens\\_change\\_in\\_Singapore](https://www.academia.edu/6487105/Commentary_How_Stiglitz_weakens_change_in_Singapore)
- Teo, You Yenn. 2013. "Beware the unintended consequences." *Today*, February 7. <http://www.todayonline.com/commentary/beware-unintended-consequences>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2013. "Why fertility measures matter to all." *Today*, January 28. <http://www.todayonline.com/commentary/why-fertility-measures-matter-all>
- Teo, You Yenn, and Kamaludeen Mohamed Nasir. 2012. "Let's stop conflating wealth with worth." *Today*, October 18. <http://www.aware.org.sg/2012/10/lets-stop-conflating-wealth-with-worth/>



- Teo, You Yenn, and Vivienne Wee. 2012. "Let all dads enjoy family life." *Today*, June 16. [https://www.academia.edu/4522885/Op-ed\\_Let\\_all\\_dads\\_enjoy\\_family\\_life\\_co-written\\_with\\_Vivienne\\_Wee](https://www.academia.edu/4522885/Op-ed_Let_all_dads_enjoy_family_life_co-written_with_Vivienne_Wee)
- Teo, You Yenn, and Vivienne Wee. 2012. "The right to rights, in debate over maids' day off." *Today*, March 16. [https://www.academia.edu/4522880/Op-ed\\_The\\_right\\_to\\_rights\\_in\\_debate\\_over\\_maids\\_day\\_off\\_co-written\\_with\\_Vivienne\\_Wee](https://www.academia.edu/4522880/Op-ed_The_right_to_rights_in_debate_over_maids_day_off_co-written_with_Vivienne_Wee)
- Teo, You Yenn. 2012. "To protect younger members of society." *Today*, May 10. <http://www.aware.org.sg/2012/05/protecting-younger-members-of-our-society/>
- Teo, You Yenn. 2012. "Having kids not just a personal choice." *The Straits Times*, January 27. <http://www.aware.org.sg/2011/01/having-kids-not-just-a-personal-choice/>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "‘Still ok,’ not ok: precarious in Singapore," Asia Research Institute Conference, "Living in an Age of Precarity: Living and Lives in 21st Century Asia," February 27-28, 2017, Singapore.
- "The Vignettes of Poverty Are Not the Same as the Stories of Inequality," Temasek Foundation International, Asia Journalism Forum, Singapore, September 23, 2016. Video available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnLGxQB4uBg>
- "Watch the (care) gap: class differentials and the struggle for work-life balance," Mini-workshop, "The Global Migration of Gendered Care Work," Vienna, Austria, July 9, 2016.
- "Class differences in performing the familial," Centre for Research on Families & Relationships International Conference: Unequal Families & Relationships, June 13-15, 2016, Edinburgh, UK.
- "Watch the (care) gap: class differentials and the elusive quest for work-life balance," Social Service Research Centre Conference, "Working with low-income families: Challenges and Innovations," April 21, 2016, Singapore.
- "Falling Short: Performing the familial while low-income in contemporary Singapore," Centre of Family and Population Research Conference, "Singapore Families and Population Dynamics," April 28, 2015, Singapore.

- “Excluded: being poor in Global City Singapore,” New Silk Road Workshop: Looking Ahead to Global Asia, February 13-14, 2015, Singapore.
- “Not everyone has maids: work-life balance policies and their class differential effects in Singapore,” XVIII International Sociological Association’s World Congress of Sociology, July 13-19, 2014, Yokohama, Japan.
- “Hidden and kept apart: being poor in wealthy Singapore,” (with Kamaludeen Mohamed Nasir). SUNY Stonybrook conference “How Class Works,” June 5-7, 2014, New York.
- “Citizenship and its exclusions in Global City Singapore,” 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 21-23, 2013, Chicago, USA.
- “Differentiated Deservedness: governance through familialist social policies,” Conference “Reconstituting Southeast Asian Families: Transnational Impacts and Local Dynamics”, Institute for East Asian Studies, Sogang University (SIEAS), Seoul, Korea, May 23-24, 2013.
- “Making good men and good women: The Singapore state and its ‘population problem,’” 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 1-4, 2012, Vancouver, Canada.
- “Women hold up the non-welfare state: gendered assumptions and consequences of social policies in Singapore,” Griffith University Global Political Economy of the Household in Asia Workshop, September 24-25, 2012, Brisbane, Australia.
- “The vicious cycle of self-reliance: Welfare reform and its limits in Singapore,” Second ISA Forum of Sociology: Social Justice and Democratization, August 1-4, 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- “Not a welfare state: examining the sustainability of the Singapore Model,” 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, December 3, 2011, Hong Kong.
- “Welfare for the few: an analysis of the intersections of welfare and the familial in Singapore,” Annual Conference of the International Sociological Association’s Research Committee 19, August 25-27, 2011, Seoul, Korea.
- “Neoliberal morality in Singapore: Institutionalizing the logics of neoliberalism,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, June 23-25, 2011, Madrid, Spain.
- “Making choices amidst increasing burdens: a feminist analysis of Singapore’s pronatal

policies,” Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE), 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Forum: Women’s Choices, Women’s Lives, March 5, 2011, Singapore.

- “Family as first line of defense: the (re)production of heteronormativity through welfare in Singapore,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Thematic Session on Citizenship in Southeast Asia, August 2010, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Gender disarmed: How gendered policies produce gender-neutral politics,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Section on Political Sociology Paper Session: Politics, Sexuality, and Gender. August 2007, New York, New York.
- “Shaping the Family, Producing State and Society,” Asia Research Institute International Conference on The Changing Asian Family as a Site of (State) Politics. 26-27 April 2007, Singapore.
- “Foreigners in our homes: linking migration and family policies in Singapore,” co-authored with Nicola Piper, Asia Research Institute Workshop on International Migration and Social Development. 20-21 November 2006, Singapore.
- “Of family policies and ‘latent effects’: the production of citizen subjects in Singapore,” 7<sup>th</sup> Asean Inter-University Seminars on Social Development. July 2006, Hanoi, Vietnam.
- “Inequality for the greater good: gendered state rule and its consequences in Singapore,” Asia Research Institute Symposium on Gender Studies in Asia: Peoples, Politics and Power. September 2004, Singapore.
- “No Economy, No Singapore: Weddings, Babies, and the Development Project,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Section on Economic Sociology, Refereed Roundtable. August 2004, San Francisco, California.
- “Public Problems, Private Solutions: Negotiating care-giving dilemmas in Singapore,” Asia Research Institute Conference “The Changing Asian Family: A Support System with Holes?” May 2004, Singapore.
- “Producing Citizens: State Rule, Ideal Mothers and ‘Pro-Family’ Policies in Singapore,” American Sociology Association Annual Conference, Section on Sex and Gender, Refereed Roundtable. August 2003, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Beyond the Western Script: Forging Hegemony in Post-Colonial Singapore,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Section on Asia and Asian America, Refereed Roundtable. August 2002, Chicago, Illinois.

## KEYNOTES/LECTURES/SEMINARS

- “Thoughts on advocacy,” panel on advocacy, conference “Is Social Work Advocacy Dead?” organized by SW101, October 6, 2017.
- “Poverty is not just about poverty,” panel on Poverty in Singapore, organized by Future of Singapore, September 16, 2017.
- “Poverty and inequality in contemporary Singapore,” seminar given at Senior Management Programme, Civil Service College, July 20, 2017.
- “Read widely, think broadly, stay dreamy,” panel on “Envision new prospects for a collective Singapore psyche” at the 2017 Pre-University Seminar, organized by Catholic Junior College and the Ministry of Education, May 30, 2017.
- “‘I want my children better than me’: the challenges of parenting in Singapore,” Public lecture organized by the Global Asia Research Cluster, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore National Library, January 24, 2017.
- “Performing the familial: social class and its implications,” lecture given at the Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore, August 26, 2016.
- “Imagining our way out of the Singapore Story,” panel on “The Singapore Story versus Singapore’s Stories,” at Apa Itu Activist: A Forum on Civil Society, Singapore, August 20, 2016. Video available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlGSFxuOdgg>
- “Watch the (care) gap: class differentials and the elusive quest for work-life balance,” panel on “Realities of Poverty” at The Social Mission Conference, organized by Caritas Singapore, August 13, 2016.
- “Step 1: Disrupt the narrative,” Roundtable “Let’s Talk #2: Poverty and Inequality in Singapore,” Singapore, May 28, 2016. Video available at: <http://www.theonlinecitizen.com/2016/05/poverty-and-inequality-in-singapore-by-lets-talk-singapore/>
- “Falling Short: Performing the familial while low-income in contemporary Singapore,” Keynote Address, International Sociological Association PhD Lab, National University of Singapore, July 24, 2015.

- “Poor people don’t like oats either: imagining poverty, constructing deservedness,” panel at Living with Myths: A project exploring Singapore’s pasts and futures, July 20, 2015, Singapore. Video available at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrlfT\\_XliyU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrlfT_XliyU)
- “Not everyone has ‘helpers’: work-life balance policies and their class differential effects in Singapore,” AWARE Roundtable, November 20, 2014, Singapore.
- “Addressing gender and class inequalities through policy reforms,” guest lecture at the Singapore Management University Public Policy Task Force examining ‘Families with Unmet Needs—Single-Parent Headed Households,’ September 30, 2014, Singapore.
- “Undoing differentiated deservedness,” Singapore Dreaming Project workshop, organized by Asian Urban Lab, September 27, 2014, Singapore. Video available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0Z5XBUncSU>
- “Addressing gender and class inequalities through policy reforms,” Civil Service College-Australian National University Inaugural Conference on “Social Policy in an Era of Globalisation: Changes, Shifts, and Transformation,” September 10, 2014, Singapore.
- “Support for Childcare: evaluating the possibilities and limitations for gender equality in public policy reforms,” Seminar organized by the Penang Women’s Development Corporation, August 13, 2014, Penang, Malaysia.
- “Women hold up the anti-welfare regime: gendered assumptions and consequences of social policies in Singapore,” Plenary Speaker at the KANITA Postgraduate International Conference on Gender Studies, Women’s Development Research Centre (KANITA), Universiti Sains Malaysia, August 13, 2014, Penang, Malaysia.
- “Contexts, interests, and unintended consequences: lenses for seeing, comprehending and engaging with the world,” guest speaker at the National Institute of Education’s Symposium on “Singapore’s Population Changes: The White Paper and Beyond,” April 22, 2014, Singapore.
- “Feminist organizing in Singapore: of limits and possibilities,” Roundtable on “Reflections on the state of feminist organizing today” at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 21-23, 2013, Chicago, USA.
- “Differentiated Deservedness: Governance through familialist social policies in Singapore,” guest speaker at Raffles Institution (Junior College), Governance and Civic Engagement Programme, August 12, 2013, Singapore.

- “Differentiated Deservedness: Governance through familialist social policies in Singapore,” Keynote Address, 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, July 25, 2013.
- “Gendered citizenship in Singapore: good men citizens versus good women citizens,” National University of Singapore and Association of Women for Action and Research Joint Roundtable on Changing Definitions of Masculinity and Femininity in Singapore, May 12, 2012.
- “Welfare and the familial in Singapore,” Singapore Management University Capstone Seminar Series, April 5, 2012.
- “Support for childcare: evaluating the possibilities and limitations for equality in Budget 2012,” Association of Women for Action and Research Roundtable on Singapore Budget 2012, March 24, 2012, Singapore.
- “Welfare for deserving families: how welfare policies produce Singaporean families,” Nanyang Technological University, Division of Sociology Seminar Series, October 28, 2011, Singapore.
- “Of culture and maids,” commentary on Professor Raka Ray’s presentation, “Families, Children, and Domestic Workers in Asia,” Asia Research Institute Asia Trends Series, Singapore National Library, May 26, 2010.
- “Gender disarmed: How gendered policies produce gender-neutral politics,” National University of Singapore Department of Sociology Seminar Series, February 15, 2007.
- “Thinking Culture as a Singaporean Sociologist,” Asia Research Institute Roundtable on Culture in Singapore, November 28, 2006, Singapore.
- “The ‘Singaporean’ Way: Family Policies and Their Latent Effects,” Asia Research Institute Seminar Series, April 4, 2006, Singapore.

## MEDIA

- Power 98FM *Breakroom Conversations*, March 2013. Interview on gender, fertility policies, and work-life balance. Aired daily for a week in celebration of International Women’s Day.
- Channel New Asia *Sg+*, September 2013. Interview on population policies.