

CURRICULUM VITAE 2024

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Ph.D. in Anthropology, Columbia University, 1982
B.A. in Anthropology (honors), Barnard College, 1974

Academic Interests

Citizenship; Cities; Diaspora; Science, Technology & Society; Contemporary Asian Art;
Southeast Asia, China, United States

Keynote Lectures

SSRC Fellow Lecture: "Near-Humans, Cloned Monkeys, and CRISPR Babies: Productive Uncertainty in China's Quest for Biosecurity," via Zoom, Sept. 23, 2020

Keynote: "The Maritime Silk Road: Reterritorializing Politics in Southeast Asia," 10th International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS10), Chiang Mai, July 20, 2017

Wertheim Lecture: "The Athlete Gene in China," Univ. of Amsterdam, April 15, 2016

Keynote: "In a Time of Earthquakes: Chinese Artists Shake the World," National Gallery of Singapore, June 17, 2016

Keynote: "How Citizenship Captures the China Flight," Pittsburgh Univ., April 3, 2015

Keynote: "Cities in the Global Stream" City University of Hong Kong June 4, 2015

Moses Lecture: "Where the Wild Genes Are," UC Berkeley, Mar. 12, 2014

Keynote: "Reassembling the Body," Univ. of Copenhagen, May 2014

Keynote: "Cultural Earthquakes: Chinese Art & Western Perceptions," Macalister University, Oct. 9, 2014

Keynote: "Why Singapore Trumps Iceland: gathering genes in the wild," University of Western Sydney, Australia, Nov. 3, 2014

Wendt Lecture, "Where the Wild Genes Are," East Asian Studies Program, Princeton University, June, 2013

Keynote: "The Lung Cancer Patient is an Asian Female Non-Smoker," University of Bergen, Aug. 16-18, 2012

Lolle Nauta Keynote "Passport Babies, Donor Babies: How Biology Mutates Citizenship," Groningen University, Oct. 6, 2011

5th Eric Wolf Lecture, "What Marco Polo Forgot: Contemporary Chinese Art Negotiates the Global," University of Vienna, Oct., 2009

Tocqueville Seminar Lecture: "Asian Art Reconfigures the Global," University of Richmond, Feb.18, 2009

Plenary Lecture: "Scales of exception," *Singapore J. of Tropical Geography*. Assoc. of Am. Geographers, San Francisco, April 17, 2007

Keynote: "Asian Sites of Emergence," Beijing Inst. Foreign Studies, Beijing, June 30, 2005

Frank Golay Memorial Lecture, "Southeast Asia Inside Outside: Flows, Networks, and Assemblages" Cornell University, 2003

Grants & Honors

2020	SSRC Fellow
2015	Robert H. Lowie Distinguished Chair in Anthropology
2011	UC Berkeley-Yonsei University Seminar Grant, May-June
2010	Sr. Research Visiting Grant, National University of Singapore, Mar-May
2009	School of American Research grant for workshop, "The New Middle Classes, Santa Fe, Mar. 28- April 3.
2008	Sloan Foundation grant for SSRC workshop, "Inter-Referencing Asia: the Art of being Global." Dubai, February.
2007	Invitation to World Economic Forum, Davos, January.
2006	UC Pacific Rim Research workshop, "Asian Biotech," Honolulu, June.
2004	UC Pacific Rim Research workshop, "Privatizing China," Shanghai, June.

- 2002 Sloan Foundation grant for SSRC workshop on “Oikos & Anthropos: Rationality, Technology, Ethics,” Prague, April
- 2001-2003 MacArthur Research Fellowship for the study of sovereignty & citizenship
- 2001-2002 UC Pacific Rim Research grant for study of labor markets

Book Awards

- 2005 Honorable Mention for Buddha is Hiding (2003), by the Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology
- 2000 Book Awards for Flexible Citizenship (1999)
Association for Asian American Studies, Cultural Studies Book Award;
American Ethnological Society, Honorable Mention.

Books

- 2024 **Diaspora Race: Navigating Identity in Asian Modernity.** A digital collection.
- 2016 **Fungible Life: Experiment in the Asian City of Life**
Duke University Press.
- 2006 **Neoliberalism as Exception: Mutations in Citizenship and Sovereignty.**
Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press [Italian & Japanese editions]
- 2003 **Buddha is Hiding: Refugees, Citizenship, the New America**
Berkeley: University of California Press [Italian edition]
- Honorable Mention, Soc. Urban, National, & Transnational Anthropology, 2005*
- 1999 **Flexible Citizenship: the Cultural Logics of Transnationality**
Durham: Duke University Press. [German edition]
- Cultural Studies Book Award, Association of Asian American Studies, 2001;
Honorable Mention, American Ethnological Society, 1999*
- 1987 **Spirits of Resistance and Capitalist Discipline: Factory Women in Malaysia**
Albany: State University of New York Press. Second Edition, 2010

Edited Volumes

- 2011 **Worlding Cities: Asian Experiments with the Art of Being Global**
(co-editor Ananya Roy). Wiley-Blackwell

- 2010 **Asian Biotech: Ethics and Communities of Fate**
(co-editor Nancy N. Chen). Duke University Press
- 2008 **Privatizing China, Socialism from Afar**
(co-editor Li Zhang). Cornell University Press
- 2005 **Global Assemblages: Technology, Politics, and Ethics as Anthropological Problems.** (co-editor Stephen J. Collier). Malden, Ma.: Blackwell Publishers
- 1997 **Ungrounded Empires: the Cultural Politics of Modern Chinese Transnationalism** (co-editor Donald Nonini). New York: Routledge
- 1995 **Bewitching Women, Pious Men: Gender and Labor Politics in Southeast Asia** (co-editor Michael Peletz). Berkeley: University of California Press.

Articles in Journals & Book Collections

2024-2017

"A Questionnaire on Diaspora and the Modern," *October*, 186 (2023) :69-75
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/8d4r3hrawkbysqt6tg3n/h?rlkey=a3dmm132v1u0tpdug3owje7wt&dl=0>

"Citizenship: Flexible, Fungible, and Fragile," *Citizenship Studies*, June 2022
10.1080/13621025.2022.2091244

"An Anthropologist at Davos: Civilization Reimagined at the Top of the World,"
Current Anthropology, vol. 63, supplement 25 (Dec. 2022):S128-S147.

"Buoyancy: Blue Territorialization of Chinese Power," in *Voluminous States*, edited by Franck Bille. Durham: Duke University Press, 2020. pp. 191-203

"Landscapes of (Un)knowability," *Dialogues in Human Geography* Volume 8, Issue 4 :
351-354. Nov., 2018

"Genetic Origami in Asian Experiments," *Humanities Futures* Duke University, Nov. 18,
2016
<https://humanitiesfutures.org/papers/genetic-origami-in-asian-experiments/>

"In a Time of Earthquakes: Chinese Artists Shake the World," In *Bibliotechnica*, edited by John Tresh, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice: 2018, p. 175-206, 2018.

"Buoy," *Theorizing the Contemporary Cultural Anthropology* website, October 24, 2017
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1233-buoy>

2015-2012

"Why Singapore Trumps Iceland: Gathering Genes in the Wild," *Journal of Cultural Economy*, 2015, vol. 8, no. 3.

"The Carpenter and the Bricoleur: Saskia Sassen and Aihwa Ong" *Reassembling International Relations Theory*, ed. M. Acuto. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014

"The Enigma of Return: troubling bodies," *Migration: A COMPAS Anthology*, B. Anderson and M. Keith (eds.), COMPAS: Oxford. 2014

"Sovereign Wealth Funds: re-configuring global flows," in special section, "Opinions: The Anthropology of Finance." *Journal of Business Anthropology* 2(1): 54-60. Spring 2013

"A Milieu of Mutations: The Pluripotency and Fungibility of Life in Asia," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* (2013) 7:1–18

"What Marco Polo Forgot: Asian Art Negotiates the Global," *Current Anthropology* Volume 53, Number 4 (August 2012): 1-24.

"Powers of Sovereignty: State, People, Wealth, Life," *Focaal. Journal of Global & Historical Anthropology*. 62 (2012): 24-35

2011-2010

"Translating Gender Justice in SE Asia: Situated Ethics, NGOs and Bio-Welfare," in *Excavating Gender Justice*, Special Issue of *Hawwa, Journal of Women of the Middle East and the Islamic World* 9 (2011), 26-48

"Introduction: Worlding Cities, or the Art of Being Global." In *Worlding Cities*, ed. A. Roy & A. Ong, Wiley-Blackwell, 2011; 1-26

"Hyperbuilding: Spectacle, Speculation, and the Hyperspace of Sovereignty," In *Worlding Cities*, ed. A. Roy & A. Ong, Wiley-Blackwell, 2011; 205-226

"Biotech Wordt de Spoetnik van Azie," by Door Ronald Veldhuizen, *Bioneuiws*, 15 October, 2011

"Flexible Staatsburgerschap," *The Globalization Handbook*, eds. Fernand Kreff, Eva-Maria Knoll, and Andre Gingrich. pp. 167-75 Bielefeld: Transcript, 2011

"In Conversation with Professor Aihwa Ong. 21 May 2010, Singapore," *Kroeber Anthropological Society Papers*. Nos. 99/100, 2011, p. 95-103

"Introduction: An Analytics of Biotechnology & Ethics in Global Space," In *Asian Biotech*, eds. A. Ong and Nancy Chen, Duke University Press, 2010

"Lifelines: the Ethics of Blood Banking for Family and Beyond," in *Asian Biotech*, eds. A. Ong and Nancy Chen, Duke University Press, 2010

2009-2008

"Citizenship in the Midst of Transnational Regimes of Virtue," in Diane E. Davis, Julian Go (ed.) *Political Power and Social Theory (Political Power and Social Theory, Volume 20)* Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2009, pp.301 - 307

"Interview" and "Neoliberalism as a Global Form," *Horizontes antropológicos* (Brazil), ana 15, n. 31 (Junho 2009):321-28.

"Intelligent City: From Ethnic Governmentality to Ethnic Evolution," in *The Other Global City*, ed. Shail Marayam, London: Routledge, 2009

"Lost in Business-Translation," in German. Vienna, Austria, Nov. 5, .2009, Science.ORF.at
"A Bio-Cartography: Maids, Neoslavery, and NGOs," in *Migrations & Mobilities*, ed. Seyla Benhabib & Judith Resnik, 157-84. New York University Press, 2009

"The Human and Ethical Living." In *Globalizing the Research Imagination*, Jane Kenway and Johannah Fahey, eds. pp.87-100. London: Routledge, 2008

"Scales of exception: Experiments with knowledge & sheer life in tropical Southeast Asia," *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 29 (2008) 2:1-13.

"Introduction: Powers of the Self, Socialism from Afar," in *Privatizing China, Socialism from Afar* (with Li Zhang) Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2008, 1-19.

"Self-Fashioning Shanghainese: Dancing Across Spheres of Value," in *Privatizing China, Socialism from Afar*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2008, 183-96

2007-2005

"Neoliberalism as a Mobile Technology," *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 32 (3) 2007: 3-8.

"Please Stay: Pied-a-Terre Subjects in the Megacity," *Citizenship Studies*, Vol. 11, no. 1 (2007): 83-93.

"Mutations in Citizenship," *Theory, Culture, and Society* Special NEP Issue,
"Problematizing Global Knowledge," vol. 22 (3): 499-503

"Experiments with Freedom: Milieus of the Human," *American Literary History* (2006): 299-44

"(Re)Articulations of Citizenship," *Political Science & Politics* (October, 2005): 763-65

"Anthropological Concepts for the Study of Nationalism," in *China Inside Out*, ed. Pal Nyiri and Joana Breidenbach, 1-34. Budapest: Central European Press, 2005

"Splintering Cosmopolitanism: Asian Immigrants and Zones of Autonomy in the American West," in *Sovereign Bodies*, ed. Thomas Hansen. Princeton University Press, 2005, pp. 257-275.

"Southeast Asia Inside Out: From Nations to Constellations," *Bulletin of Southeast Asian Studies*, SEAP, Cornell University, 2005

"Chinese Diaspora Politics and its Fallout in a Cyber Age," *Encyclopedia of Diasporas*, ed. Melvin Ember, 392-414. New Haven: Human Relations Area Files, Publishers. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum P. 2005

"Global Assemblages, Anthropological Problems," Co-author Stephen Collier, in *Global Assemblages*, ed. A. Ong & S. J. Collier, pp. 3-21. Malden, Ma.: Blackwell, 2005

"Ecologies of Expertise: Assembling Flows, Managing Citizenship," in *Global Assemblages*, ed. A. Ong & S. J. Collier, pp. 337-353. Malden, Ma.: Blackwell, 2005

"Citizenship," in *The Anthropology of Politics*, ed. David Nugent and Joan Vincent, pp. 55-68 Malden, Ma.: Blackwell, 2005

2004

"Urban Assemblages: An Ecological Sense of the Knowledge Economy," in *Cyber China*, ed. Francoise Mengin, 237-53, New York: Palgrave, 2004

"Intelligent Island, Baroque Ecology," in *Beyond Description*, ed. R. Bishop, J. Philips, and Yeo Wei Wei, pp. 176-89. London: Routledge, 2004

"Assembling Around SARS: Technology, Body Heat, and Political Fever in Risk Society," in *Ulrich Beck: Kosmopolitisches Projekt*, ed. Angelika Pferl/Natan Szaider, pp.81-88 Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, Baden-Baden, 2004.

"Latitudes of Citizenship: Membership, Meaning, and Multiculturalism," in *The Citizenship Gap: People Out of Place*, ed. by Alison Brysk and Gershon Shafir, pp. 53-70. New York: Routledge, 2004.

"The Chinese Axis: Zoning Technologies and Variegated Sovereignty," *Journal of East Asian Studies* 4 (2004): 69-96

"Island-Nations," in *Patterned Ground*, ed. by Stephan Harrison, Steve Pile & Nigel Thrift Realtion Press, 2004, pp. 266-67.

2003 - 2000

"Zones of New Sovereignty in Southeast Asia," *Globalization under Construction*, ed. Richard W. Perry and Bill Maurer, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2003, pp. 39- 69

"A Higher Learning: Educational Availability and Flexible Citizenship in Global Space" in *Diversity and Citizenship Education*, ed. James A. Banks, New York: J. Wiley, 2003, pp. 49-70

"Oikos/Anthropos: Rationality, Technology, Infrastructure" (co-author Stephen J. Collier) *Current Anthropology*, vol. 44, no. 3 (June 2003):421-26

"Cyberpublics and Diaspora Politics among Transnational Chinese," *Interventions* vol. 5, no. 1(2003):82-100

"Techno-Migrants in the Network Economy," in *Global America? The Cultural Consequences of Globalization*, ed. Ulrich Beck, Natan Sznaider, & Rainer Winter. Liverpool: University of Liverpool Press, 2003, pp. 153-173

"Globalization and New Strategies of Ruling in Developing Countries," *Etudes rurales* (Dec. 2002) 163-164: 233-248

"Modernity, Anthropological Aspects," *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, vol. 15. N. J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes (editors) Pergamon, Oxford, 2001, pp. 9944-49.

"Introduction: Asian Transnationalities," Co-Editor, Special Issue of *positions*, 7:3

"Graduated Sovereignty in Southeast Asia," *Theory, Culture, and Society*. Vo. 17, no. 4 (Aug. 2000):55-75.

Selected Articles 1999 & Before

"Clash of Civilizations or Asian Liberalism? An Anthropology of the State and Culture," in *Anthropological Theory Today*, ed. Henrietta Moore, pp. 48-72. Polity Press, 1999.

"Muslim Feminists in the Shelter of Corporate Islam," *Citizenship Studies* Vol. 3, no. 3 (1999):355-71.

"Flexible Citizenship among Chinese Cosmopolitans," In P. Cheah and B. Robbins, eds. *Cosmopolitics*, 134-62. U. Minnesota Press, 1998.

"'A Better Tomorrow'? The Struggle for Global Visibility," *Sojourn*, Vol. 12, no. 2 (1997):192-225.

"‘A Momentary Glow of Fraternity’: Images of Nation and Capitalism in Asia" *Identities* Vol.3, no. 3 (1997):331-366.

"‘Strategic Sisterhood’ or Sisters in Solidarity? Questions of Communitarianism and Citizenship in Asia." *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, vol 4(1997), no. 1:107-35.

"The Invisible Costs of Soeharto’s Empire," *AnthroWatch* vol. IV, no. 2 (Nov. 1996):7-8

"Cultural Citizenship as Subject-making: New Immigrants Negotiate Racial and Ethnic Boundaries." *Current Anthropology* (Dec. 1996) 37(5):737-62.

"Anthropology, China, and Modernities: The Geopolitics of Cultural Knowledge" In H. Moore, ed. *The Future of Anthropological Knowledge*, pp. 60-92. Routledge, 1995.

"Women Out of China: Traveling Tales and Traveling Theories in Postcolonial Feminism," In Ruth Behar and Deborah Gordon, eds. *Women Writing Culture*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995, pp. 350-372.

"Southeast Asian Refugees and Immigrants in Our Midst." *Positions* vol.3, no. 3 (winter 1995):806-13.

"Making the Biopolitical Subject: Khmer Immigrants, Refugee Medicine and Citizenship in California." *Social Science and Medicine*, 40(1995):1243-1257.

"Mother’s Milk in War and Diaspora" *Cultural Survival Quarterly* 19 (1994):61-64.

"On the Edge of Empires: Flexible Citizenship among Chinese in Diaspora." *Positions* 1 (1993), no. 3:745-778.

"Limits to Cultural Accumulation: Chinese Capitalists on the American Pacific Rim." *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* Vol. 645 (1992):125-145.

"The Gender and Labor Politics of Postmodernity" *Annual Review of Anthropology* 20 (1991):279-309.

"State versus Islam: Malay Families, Women’s Bodies, and the Body Politic in Malaysia." *American Ethnologist*, 17(1991), no. 2:258-276.

"Japanese Factories, Malay Workers: Industrialization and Sexual Metaphors in West Malaysia." In J. Atkinson & S. Errington, eds. *Power and Difference: Gender in Island Southeast Asia*, pp. 385-442. Stanford University Press, 1990.

"Center, Periphery, and Hierarchy: Gender in Southeast Asia." In S. Morgen, ed. *Gender and Anthropology: Critical Reviews for Research and Teaching*. Arlington: AAA, 1989.

"Colonialism and Modernity: Feminist Re-presentations of Women in Non-Western Societies," *Inscriptions* (1988) 3/4:79-93.

"The Production of Possession: Spirits and the Multinational Corporation in Malaysia," *American Ethnologist* 15 (1987), no. 1: 28-42.

Translated & Reprinted Articles:

"Flexible Citizens," in *Encyclopedia of Diversity in Education*, ed. James A. Banks. Sage 2012

"Biotech Wordt de Spoetnik van Azie," by Door Ronald Veldhuizen, *Bioneuws*, 15 October, 2011

"Flexible Staatsburgerschaft," *The Globalization Handbook*, eds. Fernand Kreff, Eva-Maria Knoll, and Andre Gingrich. pp. 167-75 Bielefeld: Transcript, 2011

"Kuayue Taipingyang: Jiazu, Guoji ji Ziben Yunzuo" (or "Pacific Shuttle" in pinyin) *Thinking*, 2009 (2): 37-41

"Les mutations de la citoyennete," *Rue DesCartes* (2009), no. 67, 109-117

"Dislocazioni del lavoro. Mobilita e flessibilita nel nuovo mercato globale della conoscenza," *Sociologia del lavoro*, n. 115/2009

"Please Stay: Pied-a-Terre Subjects in the Megacity," in *Citizenship between Past and Future*, eds. E.F. Isin, P. Nyers and B.S. Turner, London: Routledge, 2008, pp. 81-91.

"Per favore rimanete! Soggetti pied-a-terre nella megacittà," *Posse*, 13, La metropolis biopolitica, Novembre 2007

"Quella grammatica volatile dei diritti. Un'intervista con Aihwa Ong, Brett Neilson, Gigi Roggero," *Il Manifesto*, 13 Marzo, 2007, p. 12

"Fengshui yu Wenhua Jilie de Yuxian," *Sixiang Zhanxian*, vol. 33(1)(2007):73-83 ["Fengshui and the Limits to Cultural Accumulation," *Thinking at the Frontier Journal*. Vol. 33 (1)(2007):73-83] (In Chinese/pinyin)

"Gluckskeks Staatsburgerschaft," *Zeitschrift fuer Kulturaustausch, Berlin (Ausgabe 1, 2006): 35-36*

"Cyberpublics and Diaspora Politics among Transnational Chinese," *Cybercultures Reader*, ed. David Bell, London: Routledge, 2006.

"Techno-Migranten in der Netzwerkokonomie," *Globales Amerika?* ed. by U. Beck et al. Bielefeld, Verlag, pp. 189-218, 2003.

"I rifugiati e la medicina. Attrarre e deviare lo sguardo" *Aut Aut* 316-317 (2003):6-47

"La cittadinanza flessibile dei cinesi in diaspora," *Aut Aut* 312 (2002): 115-145

Interviews, Reviews & Media

"Interview" *Tank Magazine, The New Tate Museum*, London, Feb. 2018

Cover Interview, *Rorotoko: Cutting Edge Intellectual Interviews*, January 18, 2017

Feature Interview Prof. Aihwa Ong, *Oxford St. Anthony's International Review*, Vol. 12, no. 2, pp. 15-25. April 2017

"Situating Global Forms: An Anthropology of Cosmopolitan Science," Aihwa Ong
Interviewed by Armen Avanessian and Suhail Malik, *DIS Magazine*, July 9, 2019

"'I Don't Do Theory, I do Concept-Work': An Interview with Aihwa Ong," By Nina T. Andersen. *Women, Gender, and Research*, No. 1 (2015)

"Asien tager globalt førergreb på bioteknologien," Interview by Nina Trige Andersen.
Udgivet på Information (<http://www.information.dk>). 17. maj 2013

"Biotech Wordt de Spoetnik van Azie," *Bioneuiws*, 15 October, 2011 (Dutch)

"In Conversation with Aihwa Ong, by Vineeta Sinha, *International Sociological Association, e-bulletin*, May 2010, p. 90-103

"Lost in Business-Translation," in German. Vienna, Austria, Nov. 5, 2009 Science.ORF.at
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Review of The Politics of Multiculturalism. Edited by Robert W. Hefner. University of Hawai'i Press, 2001, xi, 319 pp. *Sojourn* 17 (2002): 301-305.

Review of Across the Pacific: Asian Americans and Globalization. Ed. Evelyn Hu-DeHart. Philadelphia: Temple U. Press. *Journal of Asian American Studies* (May, 2000): 258-260.

Review of Globalization and the Asia-Pacific, Ed. Kris Olds et al., Routledge. *Journal of Asian Studies* 59 (2000): 392-93.

Review Article. "Disassembling Gender in the Electronics Age." *Feminist Studies* 13(1987), no. 3:609-626.

Invited Lectures & Presentations (selected)

2024

"Affects of the Silk Road," *Asian Futures*, Arizona State University, Feb. 9

2022

"Cultural Anthropology," Cal State Fresno, Zoom Feb. 22

"Experiment & Performance in the Global Asian City," Brown University, Zoom, Oct. 11

2021

"Not So Crazy Asian Elites & the Re-Worlding of Racial Hierarchy" Arizona State University, Zoom, March 16-17

"Technosphere: An Infrastructure State Reconfigures Global Space," Leipzig, Zoom, May 5

"Hyperbuilding: Asian Cities, from liquidity to limits" Toronto Power Plant Workshop, Zoom, May 27

"Modes of Biopolitics: fungibility & fragility of care in Asia," COEDA, NUS, Zoom, July 15

"Territorial Infrastructure: Malaysia Negotiates Chinese plans," New Sciences/New States conference, UChicago, Zoom, July 22-24

"Sovereignty & Science Diplomacy Co-exist?" TransAsiaSTS, Sydney, Zoom, Sept. 23

2020

"Near-Humans, Cloned Monkeys, and CRISPR Babies: Productive Uncertainty in China's Quest for Biosecurity," SSRC Fellow Lecture via Zoom, Sept. 23.

2018

"Infrastructure & Displacement," Conference on *Migration & Mobilities in Southeast Asia*. UN Berkeley, April 28

"Distributed Sovereignty: Better Inroads into Southeast Asia," Department of Anthropology, Humboldt University, May 8

"Genomic Folds: Asian Bodies in Cosmopolitan Science," Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 21

2017

"Fungibility of Life," presentation at University of Sydney, March 29, 2017

"China Re-Constructs: Re-territorializing Politics in Southeast Asia," Yunnan Minzu University, July 12, 2017 Kunming

Keynote: "The Maritime Silk Road: Reterritorializing Politics in Southeast Asia," 10th International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS10), Chiang Mai, July 20, 2017

2016

Keynote: Wertheim Lecture, "The Athlete Gene in China's Future," University of Amsterdam, April 15

"Fungible Life: the Book," Asia Research Institute, National Univ. Singapore, June 15

Keynote: "In a Time of Earthquakes: Chinese Artists Shake the World," National Gallery of Singapore, June 17

"Liberal Enclaves" CUNY Graduate Center, NYC, 10/19- 21

"Genomic Folds," Global Asian Health Regimes, Duke University, 11/18

2015

Keynote: "How Citizenship Captures the China Flight," University of Pittsburgh April 3.

Keynote: "Archipelago: Cities in the Global Stream" City University of Hong Kong June 4

"The Chinese Capital Flight," Minzu University, Beijing June 26-27

"How the Chinese Rich are Changing World Cities," Peking University, Beijing June 28-29

"City of One Billion," Yale School of Architecture. Oct. 1-3.

2014

"Zoning the Future," New School University, Feb. 21

"Assemblage: Concept and Configuration," New School University, Feb. 24

"The Productive Uncertainty of Risk," Duke University, Feb. 28

Keynote: Moses Lecture (UC Berkeley): "Where the Wild Genes Are," Mar. 12

"Global Babies, Donor Babies," Pomona College, April 2

Keynote: "Smoldering Fire, Contrary Affects" & "Reassembling the Baby," Gender Dynamics, University of Copenhagen, May 5-7

"Art in a Time of Earthquake: Contemporary/Chinese/Art," Dialogo di San Giorgio, Venice, September 10

Keynote: "Cultural Earthquakes: dislocations of Chinese Art & Western Perceptions," Macalister University, Oct. 9

"Not just a DNA assembly line: BGI Genetics, Biodiversity & Ethnic DNA in China," Anthropology, History, & Social Medicine, UCSF, Oct. 22

Keynote: "Why Singapore Trumps Iceland: Gathering Genes in the Wild," University of Western Sydney, Nov. 3

2013

"Assemblage as Method," International Studies Association Meetings, SF, April 4

"Why Singapore Trumps Iceland," 3rd Biopoleis Conference, Tembusu College, National University of Singapore, July 14

Keynote: Wendt Lecture, "Where the Wild Genes Are," East Asian Studies Program, Princeton University, Oct. 2

2012

Keynote: "Reassembling the Body," University of Bergen, Aug. 16-18

"Asian Cancers: Genetic Exceptionalism & Ethical Ownership," Inter-Asian Connections III, SSRC Conference, University of Hong Kong, June 6-8

"Science as the Heart of 'World-class' Cities in Asia," Conference: "Rising Asia, Anxious Europe," Univ. of Copenhagen, May 2-3.

2011

"Futures Seminar," East Asian Studies Program, Johns Hopkins Univ., Sept. 14-15

"Assembling the Global," The Free University of Brussels, Oct. 4

Keynote: The Lolle Nauta Forum: "Passport Babies, Donor Babies: How Biology Mutates Citizenship," Groningen University, the Netherlands, Oct. 6

"Global Babies are Stateless Subjects," Anthropology, Harvard University, Oct. 26

"The Pluripotency & Fungibility of Life in Asia," Conference on "Asian Biopoleis," Singapore, January 6-7.

"Asian Health & Communities of Fate," Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. Stanford University, Feb. 3

"Author Meets Reader: A Discussion with Aihwa Ong. Cal State University Los Angeles, March 3

2010

Keynote: Tocqueville Seminar Lecture: "Contemporary Chinese Art Reconfigures the Global," University of Richmond, Feb.18

"Asian Biotech & Communities of Fate," Asian Research Institute, Singapore, April, 20

"The Ethics of: Banking Blood for the Family and Beyond," National Library of Singapore, May 5.

2009

"New Vectors of Professional Classes," Middle Classes Workshop, School of American Research, Santa Fe, Mar. 28-April 3

Keynote : "Variegated Sovereignty, Distributed Welfare." Conference on "Welfare State Transformation since 1970s." Organized by the University of Chicago. Paris, April 24-25

Keynote: The 5th Eric Wolf Lecture: "What Marco Polo Forgot," University of Vienna, Nov. 11

2008

Workshop "Inter-Referencing Asia: Urban Experiments & the Art of Being Global," SSRC Conference Inter-Asian Connections, Dubai, Feb. 21-24

"Anthropology in the 21st Century," Museum of Natural History, NY, April 1

"Neoliberalism & Democracy," Ohio State University, May16-18

"Knowledge Nomads in the Asian World City," University of Heidelberg, May 20-21

"Worlding Cities, Pied-a-terre Subjects," University of British Columbia, Sept. 16

"Is China Neoliberal?" in Conference on Representing China, Washington University, St. Louis, Oct. 17-18

"Assembling an Asia Knowledge Class," Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dec. 12-14

2007

Participant at the World Economic Forum, Davos, Jan 22-28

"Win-Win in Global Philanthropy?" University of Colorado, March 1-2

"Biotech Experiments, Ethical Scales," Experimental States Workshop, Irvine, April 13-14

Keynote: Plenary Seminar: "Scales of exception: Experiments with knowledge & sheer life in tropical Southeast Asia," *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, April 17-21

"Neoliberalism as a Global Form," Brooklyn College, April 26

"Beyond Empire? Continents, Race and Gender in the Equation," University of Oregon, May 18

"Politics of Fragility," "Alternative Development" Conference in Celebration of the King of Thailand's 80th Birthday, Bangkok, July 11-16.

"Rethinking Neoliberalism in Asian Milieus," The World Bank, Oct. 9

"Neoliberalism: A Mobile Technology of Governing," McMaster University, Oct. 11-12

2006

"Ecologies of Expertise," Transforming Asia Conference, UCSC, March 10.

"Self-Fashioning Shanghainese: Translating Between Spheres of Value," McCauley Lecture, University of Hawaii, March 22

"Neoliberalism," Society for the Anthropology of North America, NYC, April 22.

"Technologies of the Self in Shanghai," Rutgers University, April 24

"Bloodlines & Lifelines," Asian Biotechnology Workshop, University of Hawaii, May 26-27

"A Canary in the Mine": Sentinels in Asian Biomedical Science," University of California San Francisco, Sept. 28

"Neoliberal Configurations," University of California Santa Cruz, Oct. 6

"US Management: Re-engineering Chinese Personalities in Shanghai," American Studies Association, Oakland, Oct. 13

2005

"Sites of Emergence," School of Social Medicine, Harvard University, Mar.4

"Experiments with Freedom: Milieus of the Human" American Literary History Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 15-16

"Labor Arbitrage: Displacements and Betrayal in the Silicon Valley," University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, April 8-9

"Neoliberalism, or the Shifting Ground of Politics," Bowling Green Univ., April 11

"Constellations: Problem Spaces of the Global," World-Scale Ambitions? Workshop, Stanford University, April 28.

"Neoliberalism and Asian Metropolises," Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, May 28

"A Bio-Cartography of Maids," Chiatong University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, May 30

"The Future of Transnational Studies in Asia," Beijing University, June 28

Keynote: Fifth International Diversity Conference, "Asian Sites of Emergence," Beijing, June 30

"Neoliberalism as Mobile Governmentality" Stockholm University, September 19

"Intelligent City: From Ethnic Governmentality to Ethnic Evolution," Center for Study of Developing Society, New Delhi, Oct. 22

2004

"A Taichi Sense of Feminism: Ethics and the Politics of Sheer Life," Conference on *Back to the Future: Generations of Feminism*, Women's Studies Program, University of Chicago, Feb. 28

"Management Knowledge in Shanghai," Metropolitan Studies, New York University, Mar. 24

"A New Ecology of Life: (Re)mobilizations of Knowledge, Actors and Genes," Oxford University, SSRC Conference on *Money and Migration after Globalization*, Mar. 25-26

"Female Migrants and Bio-Citizenship," Univ. Toronto, Mar. 26

"Figures of the New Economy in China," UC Santa Cruz, April 16.

"Re-engineering the 'Chinese Soul' in Shanghai," Texas A&M Univ., Apr. 26-29

"Displacements in the Knowledge Economy," University of S. California, 5/4

"Re-engineering 'Chinese Personality' for a Global Age," Conference on *Privatizing China*, (co-organizer), Shanghai, June 27-29.

"Latitudinal Citizenship" University of Pennsylvania, Ethnohistory Workshop, September 21-22.

"Re-engineering 'Chinese Personality'," University of Nevada, Oct. 21

"A Cartography of Maids: from Neo-Slavery to Bio-Welfare," Gender Studies, Northwestern University, Nov. 1

"Attachment and Detachment: Transpacific Lines of Power and Culture," Asian-American workshop, Stanford University, December 1.

2003

"The New Chinese Economy," Oregon Consortium for Asian Studies, Feb. 22

Keynote: The Frank Golay Memorial Lecture, "Southeast Asia Inside Outside: Flows, Networks, and Assemblages" Cornell University, Mar. 25

"The Migrant Anthropos in Asian Cities," Assoc. of Asian Scholars Meetings, Mar. 27-30

"Figures in the New Chinese Economy," Washington University, April 25-26.

"An Exception to the Good Life: Bio-Availability & Bio-Legitimacy " Yale University, May 8-9

"The Chinese Axis: Zoning Technologies & Variegated Sovereignty," The Gorbachev Foundation & East Asia Institute, Seoul, Sept. 2-4

"Gender Justice in Southeast Asia," Int'nal Development Research Center, Montreal, Nov. 13-14

"An Ecology of Ruling" American Anthropological Association, Nov. 19-22

2002

"The Ambiguity of Borders," Conference on "*Circulations*," University of Florida, Gainesville, Feb. 15-16.

"Latitudes of Citizenship," and Comments on Tanner Lecture by Benjamin Barber, University of Utah, Mar. 18

"Transnationalism and Transgressions," Univ. Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Mar. 29-30

Organized SSRC Workshop *Oikos and Anthropos: Rationality, Technology, Ethics*. NYU-Prague Center, April 26-28.

"Asian Cities of Power," Center for the Humanities, Univ. of Washington, May 9-10

"A Higher Learning: Education Availability & Flexible Citizenship in Global Space," Conference *Diversity and Citizenship Education in Multicultural Nation-States*, Rockefeller Center, Bellagio, June 17-21

"Latitudinal Citizenship," Comparative Literature, Univ. of Michigan, Sept. 19

"Ecology of Labor in Southeast Asia," Grd. Sch. for African & Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Oct. 25-27

"Post-911 Spaces: Radical versus Moderate Islam," American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Nov. 20-24

2001

"Space and Anthropos in Global Localization" SSRC Workshop on the New Economy. Emory University, April 13-14.

Co-organizer, *Critical Ethnographies of Globalization: Interrogating the "Crisis" in Africa and Southeast Asia*, UC Berkeley, May 11, 2001

"Political Reasoning in Asian Cities," Sociology, University of Chicago, May 18-19

"Problematizing Life in the Space of Flows," *Globalizing Hong Kong Conference*, City University of Hong Kong, June 4-6

"Nationalism, Transnationalism, and the Reworking of Citizenship" *Summer Seminar at Central European University*, Budapest, August 10-17.

"Refugee Love as Feminist Compassion" Center for Ethnicities, Communities & Social Policy, Bryn Mawr College, Oct. 4

"The Biopolitical City: Risk and Government in the Asian Metropolis," *Conference on Globalization & Citizenship*, IGCC, UCSD, November 16-27

2000

"Splintering Cosmopolitanism" Conference on *Sovereign Bodies: Citizenship, Community and the State*, Roskilde University, Denmark, Dec. 9-12.

"The New Regionalism" Conference on *Comparative Globalization*, Munich University, Oct. 18.

"The Techno-Migrants" *Global America Conference*, Elmau, Germany, Oct. 15

"The Dynamics of Governance, and Citizenship in Southeast Asia," SSRC workshop on *Rethinking Sovereignty*, Yonsei University, Seoul, June 8-9.

"Cosmopolitan Law and Aliens in Global-Cities," Workshop on *Governance Beyond the State*, the Institute for Advanced Study, Wessenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, May 12-13.

"The New Regionalism: Citizens, Cosmopolitans, Aliens in Global-Cities," *Mellon Seminar*, University of N. Carolina, Chapel Hill, April. 14.

"Multiple Publics and Human Rights in Diaspora Politics," *Ethnicity & Human Rights at the Millenium Conference*, York University, Mar. 25-27.

Discussant, *Panel on The Cultural Politics of the Asian Financial Crisis*, Association of Asian Studies Meetings, San Diego, Mar. 9-12

"Can Diaspora & Transnationalism Bridge Asian & Asian-American Studies?" Winter Colloquium, Stanford Center for East Asian Studies, Mar. 2

"Reengineering Personality and Guanxi in Shanghai," *East Asian Capitalisms* Workshop, IEAS, UC Berkeley, Feb. 18

"Diaspora & Gender Politics in an Age of State Crisis," Center for History, Society & Culture, UC Davis, Feb. 17

1999

"Southeast Asian Studies in an Age of Globality," SSRC, New York, Dec. 10.

"Globalization, the State, and Regionalism" *Distinguished Lecture*, Institute of Global Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Dec. 3.

"Diasporas and Communities of Fate," Post Slavic Studies, UCB, Nov. 12-13

"Questions of Globalization," Globalization mini-conference, University of Colorado, Oct. 22- 23.

"Multiple Publics, Multiple Homelands: The Divergent Politics of Diasporan Chinese," *Global Diaspora conference*, University of Wisconsin, Oct. 29-30.

"Money Markets as Common Ground?" Conference *BEYOND BABEL -Common Language, Common Differences, Common Ground*, Western Humanities Alliance, San Diego, Oct. 14-16.

"An Interpretive Analytics of Globalization and Gender: Space, Governance, and Feminist Political Agency," Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia University, Feb. 18.

1998

"Global Vision and Corporate Practice in Shanghai," University of Pennsylvania Ethnohistory Workshop, Dec. 2, 1998.

"Rethinking Sovereignty in an Age of Globalization," *Conference on Individual and Collective Rights*, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, Oct. 15-17.

"Globalization & Zones of New Sovereignty in Southeast Asia," Department of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, Mar. 27.

Keynote: Plenary Lecture, "Graduated Sovereignty in Southeast Asia," *Critical Issues in Development*, Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia, Feb. 7.

"Postdevelopmental State Strategy: Sovereignty & Governmentality," *New World Disorders? Workshop*, University of California Irvine, Jan. 16-18.

1997 and before, Selected

"Muslim Feminists in the Shelter of Corporate Islam," *Annual Yulee Lecture*, Women's Studies Program, George Washington University, Nov. 19, 1997

"Metropolitan Futures: Male Migration, the Media, and Emerging Transnational Publics" SSRC Conference on *Diasporic Cultures*, Singapore Dec. 6-8, 1996

"Sisterly Solidarity and Gendered Citizenship in Malaysia," *Conference on Religions and Cultures in East Asia*, Seoul National University, Seoul, Nov. 28, 1996

"The Asian Debate on Communitarianism and Citizenship," Indiana Law School, 1996

"A Momentary Glow of Fraternity: Images of Nation and Capitalism in the Pacific Era." New York Academy of Sciences. Feb. 25, 1995

"Cultural Capital, Cultural Citizenship: The Work of Signs in An Age of Flexible Accumulation" Wenner-Gren Conference on Transnationalism Mijas, Spain. June 1994

"From Model Minority to Bridge-Builders: New Chinese Immigrants to the US." The International Symposium on Ethnic Chinese Economy, Shantou University, Nov, 1993

"Anthropology, China, and Modernities: The Geopolitics of Cultural Knowledge." Assoc. of Social Anthropologists Decennial Meetings, Oxford University, Nov., 1993

"Engendering Cantonese Modernity" Comparative Perspectives on Gender, Industrial Restructuring, and the State in East Asia. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 1992

"The Cultural Economy of Transnationalism," Stanford University, May. 1991

"Trans-Pacific Shuttle: Chinese Business Families and Cultural Citizenship in California." New York Academy of Sciences, Feb., 1990

Workshops & Conferences Organized (selected)

Main Organizer, **Inter-Referencing Asia: Urban Experiments & the Art of Being Global**, Inter-Asian Connections I, SSRC Conference, Dubai, Feb. 21-24, 2008

Co-organizer, **Asian Biotechnology: An Emerging Field of Life, Nationalism, and Capitalism**. UC Pacific Rim Research Program. Honolulu, May 26-27, 2006.

Co-organizer, **Privatizing China: Neoliberalism, Politics, and Ethics after Socialism**. Shanghai, June 27-29, 2004.

Main Organizer, International Workshop, **Oikos and Anthropos: Governmentality, Technology & Ethics**. Funded by SSRC, Prague, April 26-27, 2002

Main Organizer, **"States of Power": Culture, Capital, and Governmentality**, Biannual Conference of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, San Francisco, May 21-23, 1999

Professional Activities

Science Council of the International Panel on Social Progress, Paris, 2014 -2017

Editorial Board, Asian Mobilities Series, University of Amsterdam Press

Advisory Boards: *Anthropological Quarterly*; *Citizenship Studies*; *Cultural Anthropology*; *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*