

Conference on Indigenous Charities: Historical Studies of Charity Institutions Across Culture

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A Short Biography

Academic positions

2008-Present	Professor in International Business, Royal Holloway College, London
2002- 2008	Reader in International Comparative Business, Royal Holloway College, London
1996-2002	Lecturer in Asia-Pacific Business and Management, Royal Holloway College, London
1990-96	Research Fellow, and part-time lecturer, School of Oriental and African Studies
1988-90	Research Officer, Business History Unit, and part-time lecturer in the Economic History Department, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London
1986-88	Lecturer in Economic History, London School of Economics
1976-1986	I held part-time positions at Hatfield Polytechnic; Economics Department, University of Cambridge; Open University; Workers Educational Association; and Granada Television (consultant on the 'End of Empire' series)
1966-76	Lecturer, Department of History, University of Malaya

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Education

University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies

1975-78, PhD, History

University of Malaya,

1967-69, MA, History

1963-1966, BA, History and Sanskrit, 2i

Languages

Fluent in Bahasa Malaysia/Indonesia and Tamil: read Sanskrit and Dutch. I am learning Arabic for research purposes.

Selected Publications

Research Monographs

The Indian Minority and Political Change in Malaya, 1945-1957, Kuala Lumpur, Oxford University Press, 1981, 260 pp. ISBN 0195804732

Malaysia [World Bibliographical Series, vol. 12], Oxford, Clio Press, 1986 [with Ian Brown]

Capital and Entrepreneurship in South East Asia, London, Macmillan, 1994, 302 pp, ISBN 0-333-54565-6, reviewed in *Economic History Review*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Asian Studies* and *Business History*

Chinese Big Business and the Wealth of Asian Nations. London, Macmillan, 2000, 328 pp, ISBN 0333 7534 45, reviewed in *Times Higher Education Supplement*, *Business History Review*, *Business History*, and *Journal of Economic History*

The Rise of the Corporate Economy in South East Asia. London, Routledge Curzon, 2006, 417 pp, ISBN 0-415-39559-3

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Edited books

Chinese Business Enterprise in Asia. London, Routledge, 1995. 251 pp. ISBN 0-415-11487-X. ['Introduction', pp. 1-26]

Chinese Business Enterprise: Critical Perspectives on Business and Management. 4 Volumes, London, Routledge, 1996. ISBN 0-415-13241-X. ['Uses and Abuses of Chinese Business History and Methodology', pp. 1-14]

Articles in journals and edited books

'Class, Caste, and Ethnicism among Urban Indians in Malaya, 1920-1941', *Nusantara*, 2, 1972, pp. 209-36.

'Chinese Business and Banking in South-East Asia since 1870', in Geoffrey Jones (ed), *Banks as Multinationals*, London, Routledge, 1990, pp. 173-90.

'Contemporary Indian Political Elites in Malaysia' in K.S. Sandhu and A. Mani (eds), *Indian Communities in South East Asia*, Singapore, Institute of South East Asian Studies and Times Academic Press, 1993

'Chettiar Capital and South-East Asian Credit Networks in the Inter-War Period', in G. Austin and Kaoru Sugihara (eds), *Local Suppliers of Credit in the Third World*, London, Macmillan, 1993, pp. 254-87.

'ASEAN Chinese Investments in China: Diversification, Economic Performance, and Finance', *China Quarterly*, 155, September 1998, pp. 610-36.

'Sino-Thai Corporate Profligacy and the Thai Financial Turmoil of 1997', *South East Asia Research*, 8, 2, 2000. ISSN 0967 828X

'Irrational Exuberance: The Fatal Conceit of Chinese Financial Capitalism in Contemporary Indonesia', in G. Zeles and I. Minogolou (ed.), *Diasporas and Entrepreneurial Growth*, Oxford, Berg, 2004, pp. 313-49.

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'Capital Structure Puzzle: The Hong Leong Group in Malaysia', in Wong Sui Lun (ed.), *Comparative Study of Chinese and Indian Entrepreneurial Diasporas*, Hong Kong, Hong Kong University Press, 2004, pp. 95-138.

'Conglomerates in Contemporary Indonesia: Concentration, Crisis, and Restructuring', in *South East Asia Research*, 12, 3, 2004, pp. 378-407.

'Indonesian Corporations, Cronyism, and Corruption,' *Modern Asian Studies*, 40, 4, October 2006, pp. 953-992.

'State Entrepreneurship in Singapore: Prospects for Regional Economic Power?' in Youssef Cassis and Ioanna Pepelasis Minoglou (eds), *Country Studies in Entrepreneurship: A Historical Perspective*, London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2006, pp. 149-198.

'Capitalism and Islam: Arab Business Groups and Capital Flows in South East Asia', in Chris Smith, Brendan McSweeney, and R. Fitzgerald (ed.), *Global Management Practice*, CUP

Islamic Endowments and the Land Economy in Singapore: The Genesis of an Ethical Capitalism 1830-2007 Forth coming November 2008 in *Journal Of South East Asia Research*

Forthcoming

The present research project will result in a three volume work: 1] Islamic banking, finance, and insurance in South East Asia; 2] Charities and social entrepreneurship in South East Asia; 3] Terror and violence in South East Asia: an enigma. I will seek an American publisher, perhaps Princeton.

Research Projects

1988-90: Indian Capital Transformation in Asia [Leverhulme]: £75,000.

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- 1990-93: The Emergence of Modern Capitalism in South-East Asia 1890-1941. R000232381, £105,099 [ESRC: received 'outstanding' grade for final report], Book from this is *Capital and Entrepreneurship in South East Asia* [1994]
- 1991: Chinese Banking in South East Asia in the early C20th [Nuffield]: £2,940
- 1994-96: The Restructuring of the South-East Asian Economies, 1945-1995. R000235361, £156,498 [ESRC: received 'good' grade, with each referee confirming that the grade would be raised to 'outstanding' on final publication: the publication from this project is *Chinese Big Business and the Wealth of Asian Nations*, Macmillan, 2000]
- 1996: The Nature and Impact of South East Asian Chinese Investments in China, 1950-1995. British Academy, South-East Asia Committee, £3,000: Nuffield Foundation, £5,000: SOC/100/1299.
- 1996: Asian Financial Markets: Cycles and Crises. British Academy, South-East Asia Committee, £3,700
- 1996: Since 1996 I had been involved in a research project jointly held with scholars in Malaysia . In 1997-98, Professor Jomo K Sundaram, Dr Terence Gomes, and I were successful in securing research grants of US\$ 125,000 per year over two years from the Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation, Taiwan, and the Toyota Foundation in Japan to work on Chinese business in Malaysia.

This research funding from British Academy, Nuffield Foundation and from Taiwan resulted in my 2006 monograph, *The Rise of the Corporate Economy in South East Asia*.

- 2002: Muslim Diasporas and Financial Institutions in South-East Asia. Nuffield Foundation, £5,960

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- 2002: Muslim Financial Institutions in South East Asia: Asian Research Institute, National University of Singapore, £9,000
- 2005: Islamic Charities of the Muslim Diaspora in South East Asia, 1830-2000 [Nuffield]: £5,960
- 2005: Muslim Diasporas as Mediators of Business Knowledge and Islamic Economics in the Regional Economies of South East Asia [AHRC]: £121, 443 for two years. [Received A+ rating]
- 2006: Muslim Diasporas as Mediators of Business Knowledge and Islamic Economics in the Regional Economies of South East Asia [AHRC]: £10,500 for public dissemination of research findings.
- 2007: The waqf in South East Asia: Change in Traditional Institutions [British Academy]: £5,189

In the last 17 years between 1988 and 2007, I have raised £684,300 in personal research grants over a wide range of subjects and regions. This is particularly impressive for a historian in the United Kingdom.