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Research Interests: Archives, Business and financial history, Chinese overseas, Capitalism, Transnationalism, Singapore, and Southeast Asia's past and present

EDUCATION

PhD in History (Ongoing), University of Warwick (2023-2027)

- Project: Globalizing from the Periphery: Chinese banking transnationalism in colonial Singapore, Malaya, and China (1900-1950). Supervisors: [Song-Chuan Chen](#) and [Charles Walton](#)

M. A. (Research) in Global and Interdisciplinary History, Nanyang Technological University (2018-2020)

- CGPA: **5.00/5.00**
- Thesis: *Banking, Business and Race: The Kwong Yik Bank in Colonial Singapore and the Malay States*
Based on archival research in Singapore during COVID-19 pandemic. Supervisor: [Keng We Koh](#)

B. A. with Honours (Highest Distinction/First Class) in History, Nanyang Technological University (2014-2018)

- CGPA: **4.83/5.00** (Highest in cohort)
- Thesis: *Modern Enterprises, Multiple Entanglements: An Exploration of Lim Peng Siang's Business Career and Social Activities in Colonial Singapore and Fujian, 1904-1941*
Based on fieldwork and archival research in Singapore and China (Hong Kong, Zhangzhou, and Xiamen).
Supervisor: [Keng We Koh](#)

TEACHING/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

1. Research Associate (Full Time), Nanyang Centre for Public Administration, Nanyang Technological University (January 2021–September 2023)

Conducted interdisciplinary research at the intersections of business, banking, public administration, and history as part of a research team. Supported the coordination of onsite, online, and hybrid international conferences.

2. Teaching Assistant, HH1003 Asia-Pacific in Global History: From 1800, Nanyang Technological University (August-December 2019)
3. Research Assistant, Chronicles Research and Education Pte Ltd, Singapore (November 2019-August 2021; August 2017-May 2018)
4. Research Assistant, History Programme, Nanyang Technological University (August 2015-August 2018)
5. Content & Services Intern, National Library Board Singapore (May-July 2016)

PUBLICATIONS

In Progress

1. **Goh, Jeremy** and Tham, Deniss. “闽商智慧：以林秉祥为例 1904-1941 [The Wisdom of Hokkien Entrepreneurs: the case of Lim Peng Siang]”, in Kua, Bak Lim ed., 《闽南文化在新加坡论文集》 *Essays on Fujianese Culture in Singapore* (Singapore: Amoy Association) (In Press, forthcoming in 2025)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **Goh, Jeremy**. ‘Banking Failure and Regulatory Reform on the Periphery: The Kwong Yik Bank in the British Straits Settlements’. [Business History](#) (2025), Online First. (Open Access)
2. **Goh, Jeremy**. ‘The Historian’s Second Home? Navigating Archives and Interim Archives in Global Perspective’. [Transactions of the Royal Historical Society](#) (2025), First View. (Open Access)
3. Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and **Goh, Jeremy**. ‘Introduction: Agile Governance for a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous World’, in Special Issue: Governing a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous World, [Global Policy](#), Vol. 15, S6 (2024), 5-11. (Open Access)
4. Liu, Hong and **Goh, Jeremy** (Corresponding Author). “Emerging Business Transnationalism in Singapore and China: Governance, Networks, and Strategies.” [Asia Pacific Business Review](#), 30(4) (2024), 640-666. (Open Access)
5. Liu, Hong and **Goh, Jeremy**. “新加坡华商企业的商业跨国主义：族群网络与治理策略 [Chinese Business Transnationalism in Singapore: Ethnic Networks and Governing Strategies].” 南洋问题研究 ([Southeast Asian Affairs](#)), 4 (2023), 103-116.
6. **Goh, Jeremy** and Koh, Keng We. “Industrialization and Chinese Big Business in Colonial Singapore, Malaya, and China: The Transnational Enterprises of Lim Peng Siang (1904-1941).” [Journal of Southeast Asian Studies](#), 54(1) (2023), 89-115. (Open Access)
7. Loh, Kah Seng and **Goh, Jeremy**. “Semi-archives and Interim Archives: A History of the National Wages Council in Singapore.” [Southeast Asian Studies](#), 11(3), (2022), 427-449.
8. 吴杰明 [**Goh, Jeremy**]. “新书发布会《长为异乡客？：当代华人新移民》 [Book Release: Forever Strangers? Contemporary Chinese Immigrants Around the World],” 华人研究国际学报 ([International Journal of Diasporic Chinese Studies](#)), 13(1) (2021), 119-124.

Journal Special Issue

1. Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and **Goh, Jeremy** eds. Special Issue: Governing a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous World, [Global Policy](#), 15(S6), (2024).

Edited Volumes

1. Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and **Goh, Jeremy** eds. *ASEAN Centrality and the Revitalisation of Regional Connectivity* (Singapore: World Scientific, 2026).
2. Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and **Goh, Jeremy** eds. *Governing a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous World* (Durham and New Jersey: University of Durham and John Wiley and Sons, 2025). (hardcover print)

3. Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and **Goh, Jeremy** eds. *Good Governance in a Post COVID-19 World – Global Health and Economic Recovery* (Brussels: International Institute of Administrative Sciences, 2023).

Book Chapters

1. Lu, Cheng Yang; **Goh, Jeremy** and Goh, Crystal. 'ASEAN, Singapore, and Regional Connectivity: Finance, Legal Regulations, and Electric Power'. In *ASEAN Centrality and the Revitalisation of Regional Connectivity* (2026)
2. Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and Goh, Jeremy. 'ASEAN Centrality: Institutional Leadership and Regional Cooperation'. In *ASEAN Centrality and the Revitalisation of Regional Connectivity* (2026).
3. Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and **Goh, Jeremy**. "Introduction". In Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and Goh, Jeremy eds., [Good Governance in a Post COVID-19 World – Global Health and Economic Recovery](#) (Brussels: International Institute of Administrative Sciences, 2023).
4. Lee, Celia and **Goh, Jeremy**. "Continuing Education and Training in Post-COVID 19 Singapore". In Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and Goh, Jeremy eds., *Good Governance in a Post COVID-19 World – Global Health and Economic Recovery* (Brussels: International Institute of Administrative Sciences, 2023).
5. Fisher, Dale and **Goh, Jeremy**. "Managing COVID-19: Singapore's experience from a medical practitioner's perspective." In Liu, Hong; Lee, Celia and **Goh, Jeremy** eds., *Good Governance in a Post COVID-19 World – Global Health and Economic Recovery* (Brussels: International Institute of Administrative Sciences, 2023).
6. **Goh, Jeremy**. "Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry: An Institution in Transition." In Kwa, Chong Guan and Kua, Bak Lim eds., [A General History of the Chinese in Singapore](#) (Singapore: World Scientific, 2019), 345-359.

Book Review

1. **Goh, Jeremy**. "Book Review: Theatres of Memory: Industrial Heritage of 20th Century Singapore by Loh Kah Seng et. al." [Berita](#) (Official Publication of Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei Studies Group Association for Asian Studies), 48(1), (2022), 52-56.

Newsletter Articles

1. **Goh, Jeremy**. "The early industrial pioneers of colonial Singapore: Tan Kah Kee and Lim Peng Siang." [Tan Kah Kee Foundation](#), November 2024, pp. 39-40.
2. **Goh, Jeremy**. "Beyond Ethnicity and Dialect: The Organization, Scope and Clientele of the Kwong Yik Bank in Singapore." [Berita](#) (Official Publication of Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei Studies Group Association for Asian Studies), 48(1) (2022), 17-30.
3. **Goh, Jeremy**. "觉世牖民 独任其难：薛有礼与《叻报》 Jueshi yongmin duren qinan: Xue youli yu lebao [See Ewe Lay, the Founder of Lat Pau]." *Yuan*, No. 5, Issue 123 (2016), 12-13.

Online Articles

1. **Goh, Jeremy**; Law Judy & Nitya, Gundu. "Global Connections in Southeast Asia: Dynamics of Early Modern and Modern Economic and Social History." [Global History and Culture Centre Blog](#) (2025), University of Warwick, UK.
2. **Goh, Jeremy**. "The Singapore Ratepayers Association." [ISEAS Library Blog](#) (2024), Singapore.

3. **Goh, Jeremy.** “Researching Chinese Big Business in the British Straits Settlements.” [Global History and Culture Centre Blog](#) (2024), University of Warwick, UK.
4. **Goh, Jeremy.** “Between culture and enterprise: The business history of Tan Yeok Seong.” [HistorySpeaks](#) (2022), 48-61.
5. **Goh, Jeremy.** “British, Dutch, Japanese or Chinese? The Sugar King Inheritance Dispute in Pre-war Singapore.” [HIST:RE](#), Vol. 1 (2019), 65-69.
6. Thulaja, Naidu Ratnala; Abd Rahman, Nor-Afidah & **Goh, Jeremy.** “Singapore Infopedia: Marsiling Road.” [National Library Board, Singapore](#) (2016).

AWARDS

1. Global Scholars Support and Talent Development Initiative Award, University of Malaya (2025)
2. Best Customer Service Award (Merit), Nanyang Centre for Public Administration, Nanyang Technological University (2023)
3. Best Teamwork Award (Merit), Nanyang Centre for Public Administration, Nanyang Technological University (2022)
4. Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal (2018)
(Awarded by Nanyang Technological University to one top graduate in each programme)
5. Dean’s List Award, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University (2015, 2017, 2018)
(Awarded annually by the college to undergraduates within the top 5% of their cohort)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Ongoing

1. Chancellor’s International Scholarship, University of Warwick (2023-2026)
2. PhD Scholarship, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore (2023-2027)
3. [Social Science Research Council Graduate Research Fellowship](#), Singapore (2024-2026)

Past

1. 20th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies Fellowship, Asia Research Institute, Singapore (June 2025)
2. [Tan Ean Kham Postgraduate Scholarship](#), Tan Kah Kee Foundation, Singapore (2023-2024)
3. Research Scholarship (Graduate), Nanyang Technological University (2018-2020)
4. President Research Scholarship, Nanyang Technological University (2015, 2017)
5. Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Employees’ Union (SMEEU) Scholarship (Undergraduate) (2015-2018)
6. Visiting Studentship, National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University (2015-2016)
7. Summer Programme Studentship, Chung-Ang University, South Korea (2015)

8. Nanyang Scholarship (Undergraduate), Nanyang Technological University (2014-2018)
9. University Scholars Programme Studentship, Nanyang Technological University (2014-2018)

INVITED TALKS

1. 'Creating Colonial Credit: Currencies, Chinese Banks, and Culture in the British Straits Settlements', History Work-In-Progress, [University of Warwick](#), 3 March 2025.
2. Discussant for Book Talk: 'Banking and Politics in the Age of Democratic Revolution' by Niccolò Valmori, Early Modern and Eighteenth-Century Centre, [University of Warwick](#), 18 January 2024.
3. Guest Lecture: 'Business, Industrialization, and Modernization in Colonial Singapore and Malaya: The Case of Lim Peng Siang's Transnational Enterprises (1900-1941)', HH1003 Asia-Pacific in Global History: From 1800, [Nanyang Technological University](#), 15 March 2023.
4. Sharing at Arkebe Oqubay, 'Perspectives on Research Methodology for Social Sciences and Public Policy: Complexity, Experiences, and Insights.' Seminar for Research Students, School of Social Sciences, [Nanyang Technological University](#), 28 November 2022.
5. 'Good Governance in the Post COVID-19 World – Global Health and Economic Recovery'. Resilience Governance and Soft Book Launch, International Institute of Administrative Sciences Special Panel, [Lien Development Conference](#), Singapore, 26 November 2022.
6. Guest Lecture: 'Between 'traditional' and 'modern': Business, race and class in colonial Singapore and Malaya', HH1003 Asia-Pacific in Global History: From 1800, [Nanyang Technological University](#), 13 September 2021.

WORKSHOP PAPERS

1. 'Building Trust Practices: The Chinese Commercial Bank in the British Straits Settlements', 20th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies, Asia Research Institute, [National University of Singapore](#), 16 to 27 June 2025.
2. 'Between Individual and Institution: Ethnic Chinese Banking and Trust Practices in British Malaya, 1912-1928', 'New Histories of the Chinese Overseas' Workshop, [National University of Singapore](#), 19 to 20 June 2025.
3. 'Banking Embeddedness in the British Straits Settlements: The Chinese Commercial Bank', Economic History Society PhD Student Workshop, [University of Warwick](#), 27 to 30 November 2024.
4. 'Chinese Big Business in the British Straits Settlements: The Transnational Enterprises of Lim Peng Siang (1904-1941).' PhD Student Workshop, Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre, [London School of Economics and Political Science](#), 6 July 2024.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

1. 'Building Financial Trust: The Chinese Commercial Bank in Singapore', Lien International Conference on Good Governance (Special Panel on Emerging Governance Frameworks for Financial Resilience and Social Impact: Family Office, Banks, and Philanthropic Organisations), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 21 July to 22 July 2025.
2. "The Historian's Second Home? Digitised Sources, Materiality and 'Interim Archives' in Asia and the United Kingdom", History Postgraduate Conference, [University of Warwick](#), 22 May to 23 May 2025.

3. 'Semi-archives and Interim Archives: Researching Chinese Business in Southeast Asia.' History Postgraduate Conference, [University of Warwick](#), 22 to 24 May 2024.
4. 'Between the *yinhao* and modern bank: The Kwong Yik Bank and company law reform in the Straits Settlements.' Annual Conference of the Association of Business Historians, Newcastle Business School, Northumbria University, 29 June to 1 July 2023.
5. 'Emerging business transnationalism in Singapore and China: governance, networks, and strategies.' 10th Global Social Sciences Graduate Student Hybrid Conference, Hong Kong Baptist University, 19 May 2023.
6. 'Culture, Nationality and Conflict: An Analysis of Tan Kah Kee & Company's Advertisements in Pre-War Singapore.' Annual Conference of the Association of Business Historians, Sheffield Hallam University, 5 July to 6 July 2019.
7. 'Philanthropy, Products and Patriotism: The Advertisements of Lim Peng Siang and Tan Kah Kee in Late Colonial Singapore (1920–1941).' Hong Kong University Spring History Symposium, 2 May to 3 May 2019.
8. 'Chinese Shipping in Pre-war Southeast Asia and China: The case of the Ho Hong Steamship Company.' Graduate Student Conference, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, 20 October 2018.
9. 'Modern Hokkien Banking in Prewar Singapore and Asia: The Vicissitudes of the Ho Hong Bank (1917–1932).' Early Career Conference, University of Tokyo, 11 September 2018.
10. 'Concordia Et Copia: An Examination of Lim Peng Siang's Business Career and his Modernization Project in the Straits Settlements and Southern China (1872–1944).' Annual Conference of the Association of Business Historians, Open University, United Kingdom, 29 June to 30 June 2018.
11. 'From Riches to Rags? Exploring the Lim Peng Siang Business Story 1904 – 1944.' Annual Conference of the Association of Business Historians, University of Glasgow, 29 June to 1 July 2017.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

1. 'Managing Connections: The Everyday Experiences of Remittance Shopkeepers in Chinatown', Small Businesses and Shops of Chinatown, 1819s-1980s: A Panel Discussion (NHB Heritage Research Grant Public Talk), [Singapore Coffee Shop Heritage Gallery](#), 13 June 2025.
2. 'A Brief History of Chinese Banks and the SCCC (1903-1932).' [Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry](#) Culture & Heritage Docent Training Programme, 21 November 2021.
3. 'Lim Peng Siang and Chinese Big Business in Singapore (1904-1941).' Collecting & Research on the Chinese in Southeast Asia, [National University of Singapore](#), 25 October 2021.
4. Panellist, 'Post-Graduation: What Comes Next?' [Nanyang Technological University Research Society](#), 22 January 2020.

SERVICE

1. Peer Reviewer, *Applied Economics Letters* (June 2025)
2. Member, Research Committee, Singapore Federation of Chinese Clans Associations (2020–2024)

3. Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Infrastructure, Policy, and Development* (2024)
4. Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* (2022, 2024)
5. Peer Reviewer, *Business History* (2022)
6. Vice President, History Society, Nanyang Technological University (2016-2017)
7. Student Ambassador, History Programme, Nanyang Technological University (2017)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (GRADUATE STUDENT)

1. Royal Historical Society, UK
2. Economic History Society, UK
3. Association of Southeast Asian Studies, UK

LANGUAGES

English (reading, writing, speaking): Native

Simplified Chinese (reading, writing, speaking): Native

Traditional Chinese (reading, writing): Proficient

Hokkien (speaking): Intermediate

Malay (reading, writing, speaking): Beginner - Intermediate