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After completing his PhD thesis in historical sociology on Settler Colonialism and Maori Society in the 19th century in 1986, he taught at Victoria University of Wellington. In 1990 he joined the National University of Singapore and turned his interests to Malaysia and Singapore. He co-authored with Michael Hill, 'The Politics of Nation Building and Citizenship in Singapore' (Routledge 1995) and edited three books: 'The Making of Singapore Sociology' (2002), 'Race, Ethnicity, and the State in Malaysia and Singapore' (2006), and 'Social Policy in Post-Industrial Singapore' (2008). He has published 20 articles in international journals which include **Ethnic and Racial Studies, Journal of Southeast Studies, Bijdragen, Asian Studies Review, International Migration, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of International Migration and Integration, and Asian Population Studies**. These include 'The Construction of Malay Identity Across Nations' in **Bijdragen**).

His interest in ethnic entrepreneurship developed in a collaborative work which resulted in the publication of 'Chinese Enterprise in Colonial Malaya' in **Journal of Southeast Asian Studies**. This work has continued in recent years with Mizanur Rahman on migration issues, namely, Bangladeshi migration, migrant entrepreneurship in Japan and South Korea, and migrant remittances. His work with Mizanur Rahman on 'Gender and the Remittance Process' (2009) was regarded by the Social Science Research Council in the U.S. as a contribution to the study of migration and remittances in Asia. His work Malaysia has appeared in **Asian Studies Review**: 'The Political and Economic Marginalisation of Tamils in Malaysia' (2002) and the co-authored 'Race, Class, and Politics in Peninsular Malaysia: The General Election of 2008' (2011).

His most recent publications include 'Social Change in an Urban Neighbourhood in Klang' (2015) which examines the political ramifications of the development of urban low income working class settlements as a consequence of the New Economic Policy. He has also contributed and edited two other books by Springer in 2015, 'Multiculturalism, Migration and the Politics of identity in Singapore' and 'International Migration in Southeast Asia: Continuities and Discontinuities'. His latest article with N. Ganapathy, 'Race, reintegration and social capital in Singapore' is published in **International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice** (2015).

Current projects are on the narrative method in the representation of ethnic identity in Malaysia and Tamil migrants in colonial Singapore. He leads the research cluster on migration in the IAS and plans to work on border studies – a multidisciplinary field which covers the study of territory, nation, identity, culture, mobility, and security – and will draw the interests of historians, anthropologists, sociologists, geographers, and political scientists. It is a subject very appropriate to Borneo, a region where three nation-states are located contiguous to each other and where territorial borders and social boundaries are porous.