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About

Dr Koh Sin Yee is Senior Assistant Professor in Asian Migration, Mobility and Diaspora at the IAS. She is also Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Malaysia.

She is a human geographer with 8+ years postdoctoral experience in leading universities in Hong Kong, Brunei, and Malaysia.

Her work is positioned in migration studies, urban studies and postcolonial geography. It uses the lens of migration and mobility to understand the circulations of people, capital, and aspirations in and through cities.

She is editorial board member of [Global Networks](#), [Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers](#) and [Transitions: Journal of Transient Migration](#); member of the International Advisory Committee of the [International Journal of Housing Policy](#); and member of the City Collective of [City: Analysis of Urban Change, Theory, Action](#).

Research interests

- migration mobilities and inclusion/exclusion
- urban capital and enabling agents (e.g. intermediaries, migration industry, migration infrastructure)
- China and Chinese worlds
- youth, education and mobilities

Select publications

Monograph

Koh, S.Y. (2017). [Race, Education and Citizenship: Mobile Malaysians, British Colonial Legacies, and a Culture of Migration](#). Palgrave Macmillan.

Edited books

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Rogers, D., & Koh, S.Y. (Eds.) (2018). [The Globalisation of Real Estate: The Politics and Practice of Foreign Real Estate Investment](#). Routledge.

Forrest, R., Koh, S.Y., & Wissink, B. (Eds.) (2017). [Cities and the Super-Rich: Real Estate, Elite Practices and Urban Political Economies](#). Palgrave Macmillan.

Journal articles

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