

Curriculum Vitae



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Education Qualifications

1992	PhD Cambridge
1989	MA NUS
1986	BA (Hons) (First Class)

Academic and Professional Experience

2023 - Present	President & Professor, Singapore University of Social Sciences
2017 - 2022	President, Yale-NUS College
2014 - 2017	Executive Vice-President (Academic Affairs), Yale-NUS College
2008 - 2015	Director, Institute of South Asian Studies
2010 - 2014	Vice Provost (Student Life)
2004 - 2008	Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
2001 - 2003	Head, Department of History
2001 - 2003	Vice-Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
2000	Acting Head, Department of History
1994 - 1999	Sub-Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
1998 - 1999	Deputy Head, Department of History

Academic Awards

- Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)' 6th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore
- British Academy Visiting Professor, 2003 (attached to Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, University College London)
- Moncado Prize, 2001, (for outstanding essay published in the Journal of Military History), Society of Military History, USA
- Overseas Commonwealth Fellowship and Visiting Fellow at Wolfson College and Centre for South Asian Studies, Cambridge University, 1999

- Teaching Excellence Award, National University of Singapore, 1992, 2000
- Shell Medal in History, NUS, 1986
- Straits Steamship Book Prize, 1985

Other Awards

- National Day Public Service Award (2020)
- National Day Public Administration Medal (Silver) Award (2009)

Professional Activities

- Vice President, The Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society
- Member, International Editorial Board, India Review (USA)

Public/Social Service

- Chairman, International Advisory Board, Asia Research Institute
- Chairman, Management Board, Institute of South Asian Studies
- Chairman, National Collections Advisory Panel, National Heritage Board
- Honorary Chairman, National Museum of Singapore -
- Vice Chair, Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), Asia-Pacific
- Co-Chair, Founders' Memorial Committee, National Heritage Board
- Member, National Heritage Board
- Member, National Library Board
- Member, Singapore Institute of International Affairs Council
- Member, Social Science Research Council, Ministry of Education
- Member, Board of Governors, Ong Teng Cheong Labour Leadership Institute
- Member, National Records Advisory Committee
- Member, Panel of Advisors, Young Sikh Association (Singapore)

Research Interests

- India and Southeast Asia
- History of Singapore
- Maritime Southeast Asia

Selected Publications

Books/Monographs Authored

- Tan, T Y, *Singapore Khalsa Association*, Singapore: Times Books International, 1988.

- Tan, T Y and E S C Lee, *Beyond Degrees: The Making of the National University of Singapore*, Singapore: Singapore University Press, 1996.
- Tan, T Y and Gyanesh Kudaisya, *The Aftermath of Partition in South Asia*, London: Routledge, 2000 and 2002.
- Tan, T Y, *The Garrison State Military, Government and Society in Colonial Punjab*, New Delhi: SAGE, 2005.
- Tan, T Y, *Creating Greater Malaysia: Decolonization and the Politics of Merger*, Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Publications, 2008.
- Tan, T Y, C G Kwa and D Heng, *Singapore: A 700-Year History - From Early Emporium to World City*, Singapore, 2009.
- Tan, T Y, D Heng, C G Kwa and P Borschberg, *Singapore: Seven Hundred Years – A History of Singapore*, Singapore, 2019.
- Tan, T Y, *The Idea of Singapore: Smallness Unconstrained*, Singapore, 2019.

Editorial Work on Books

- Tan, T Y, Mark Frey and R. W Pruessen, eds., *The Transformation of Southeast Asia: International Perspectives on Decolonisation*, Armonk, New York: M E Sharpe, 2003.
- Tan, T Y and Gyanesh Kudaisya, eds., *Partition and Post-Colonial South Asia: A Reader*, Afghanistan: Routledge, 2007. (Volume 1: History Writing, Violence, Borders; Volume 2: Gender, Minorities, Migrants and Volume 3: Identities, Geopolitics, Reconciliation).
- Tan, T Y, eds., *Socio-Political and Economic Challenges in South Asia*, New Delhi: Sage, 2009.
- Tan, T Y, eds., *South Asia. Societies in Political and Economic Transition*, New Delhi: Manohar, 2010.
- Tan, T Y and S. D. Muni, eds., *A Resurgent China. South Asian Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2012.
- Tan, T Y and M M Rahman, eds., *Diaspora Engagement and Development in South Asia*, London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013.
- Rahman, M M, T Y Tan and Ahsan Ullah, eds., *Migrant Remittances in South Asia: Implications for Development*, Afghanistan: Palgrave Macmillan (UK), 2014.
- Rahman, M M and T Y Tan, eds., *International Migration and Development in South Asia*, London and New York: Routledge (UK & USA), 2015.
- Bhattacharya, A K, and T Y Tan eds., *Looking Ahead: India and Singapore in the new millennium - Celebrating 50 years of Diplomatic Relations*, New Delhi, 2016

Journal Articles – International Refereed

- Tan, T Y, "Prelude to partition: Sikh responses to the demand for Pakistan, 1940-47". *International Journal of Punjab Studies*, 1, no. 2 (1994): 167-195. (India).
- Tan, T Y, "Maintaining the military districts: Civil-military integration and district soldiers' boards in the Punjab, 1919-1939". *Modern Asian Studies*, 28, no. 4 (1994): 833-874. (United States).
- Tan, T Y, "Assuaging the Sikhs: Government Responses to the Akali Movement, 1920-1925". *Modern Asian Studies*, Vol. 29, part. Part 3 (1995): 655-703. (United States).
- Tan, T Y, "Punjab and the making of Pakistan: The roots of a civil-military state". *South Asia*, Vol. XVIII (Special Issue) (1995). (Australia).
- Tan, T Y, "'Sir Cyril goes to India': Partition, boundary-making and disruptions in the Punjab". *International Journal of Punjab Studies*, 4, no. 1 (1997): 1-18. (India).
- Tan, T Y, "An imperial home-front: Punjab and the First World War". *Journal of Military History*, no. 64 (2000): 371-410. (United States).
- Tan, T Y, "Mobilisation, Militarisation and Malcontentment: Punjab and the Second World War". *South Asia*, 25, no. 2 (Special Issue on Essays in Honour of Professor D. A. Low) (2002): 137-151. (Australia).
- Tan, T Y, "Surviving Globalisation: An Historical Perspective". *Commentary*, 18 (Special on Globalisation) (2002): 17-22. (Singapore).
- Tan, T Y, "Port Cities and Hinterlands. A Comparative Study of Singapore and Calcutta". *Political Geography*, (2007). (United Kingdom).
- Tan, T Y and C M See, "The Evolution of India-ASEAN Relations". *India Review*, 8, no. 1 (Jan-Mar 2009). (United Kingdom).

Chapters in Books

- Tan, T Y, "The challenges of history". In *World of Humanities*, ed. Brenda Yeoh and Chua Beng Huat, 12-15. Singapore: Gifted Education Unit, Ministry of Education, 1994.
- Tan, T Y, "India and Indians in the making of Singapore, 1819-1990"(with Andrew Major). In *Singapore-India Relations: A Primer*, ed. Assoc Prof Yong Mun Cheong, 1-20. Singapore: Singapore University Press, 1995.
- Tan, T Y, "Punjab and the making of Pakistan: The roots of a civil-military state". In *Freedom, Trauma, Continuities*, ed. D A Low and Howard Brasted, 199-215. Studies in Contemporary South Asia. New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1998.
- Tan, T Y, 'A Post-war history of the Asia-Pacific', Asia-Europe Foundation, Lund, 2000
- Tan, T Y, "Singapore: Civil-Military Fusion". In *Coercion and Governance: The Declining Political Role of the Military in Asia*, ed. Alagappa, Muthiah, 276-293. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2001.
- Tan, T Y, 'Social Development in Post-War Asia', Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore, 2001.

- Tan, T Y, "Sepoys and the Colonial State: Punjab and the Military Base of the Indian Army 1849-1900". In *British Raj and its Indian Armed Forces, 1857-1939*, ed. Prof P. S. Gupta, 7-44. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2002.
- Tan, T Y, "The "Grand Design": British Policy, Local Politics, and the Making of Malaysia, 1955-1961". In *The Transformation of Southeast Asia: International Perspectives on Decolonisation*, ed. Marc Frey, Ronald W. Pruessen, Tan Tai Yong, 142-160. Armonk, New York: M. E. Sharpe, 2003.
- Tan, T Y, "Sir Herbert Emerson". In *New Dictionary of National Biography*, comp. British Academy and Oxford University Press. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
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- Tan, T Y, "Indian National Army from Ang Kor Wat to East Timor". In *Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopaedia*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2004.
- Tan, T Y, "Early Southeast Asian Maritime Trade and Historical Overview of Pre-colonial Singapore". In *Maritime Heritage of Singapore*, Singapore, 2005.
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- Tan, T Y and M M Rahman, "Diaspora engagement and development in South Asia – An Introduction". In *Diaspora Engagement and Development in South Asia*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.
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