

Curriculum Vitae



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Education Qualifications

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| 2009 | Ph.D. (Applied Economics and Managerial Science), the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania |
| 2005 | M.A. (International Relations), University of Chicago |
| 2003 | B.A. (Economics), University of Chicago |

Academic and Professional Experience

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| 2018 - Present | Associate Professor, School of Business, Singapore University of Social Sciences |
| 2015 - 2018 | Senior Lecturer, School of Business, Singapore University of Social Sciences |
| 2009 - 2015 | Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University |

Memberships and Professional Activities

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| 2010 - Present | Honorary Secretary, Economic Society of Singapore |
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Consultancy and Executive Experience

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| 2018 - Present | Member, Research Advisor Panel, Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore |
| 2017 - Present | Director, Singapore Taxi Academy |
| 2017 - Present | Research Consultant, Ministry of National Development, Singapore |
| 2016 - Present | Research Consultant, Economic Experts Group, Civil Service College, Singapore |
| 2014 - 2015 | Member, Advisory Committee on Moneylending, Ministry of Law, Government of Singapore |
| 2013 - 2015 | Research Consultant, Economist Service, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Government of Singapore |
| 2011 - 2015 | Resource Panel Member, Government Parliamentary Committee on Finance and Trade and Industry, 12th Parliament of Singapore |

2011 - 2016 Co-Investigator / Consultant, Singapore Retirement and Health Study, Central Provident Fund Board, Singapore

Project-based consultancies with the Land Transport Authority (2013), Ministry of Finance (2011), and the World Bank (2006). Appointed to the JC Economics syllabus development committee and JC Economics resource panels for the Ministry of Education (2010, 2014)

Research Interests

- Applied Microeconomics (Labour, Public, Transport), Behavioural Economics, Experimental Economics

Selected Publications

Journals:

- Q. Ong and **W. Theseira** (2016), "Does choosing jobs based on income risk lead to higher job satisfaction in the long run? Evidence from the natural experiment of German reunification", *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics* 65: 95-108
- C. Jenq, J. Pan and **W. Theseira** (2015), "Beauty, Weight and Skin Color in Charitable Giving", *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 119: 234-253

Book Chapters:

- **W. Theseira**, (2017) "The Wealth of Singaporeans in a Global Perspective: Risks and Challenges," in Leong, Cheah, Donoghue, Lim, Ramsay, Tan, Gn, Khoo, Lim, and Lye (eds.), *The Heart of Learning*, Singapore: Singapore University of Social Sciences
- Q. Ong, **W. Theseira**, I.Y.H. Ng, (2016) "Unpacking Debts and their Effects on Low-income Households," in Ng and Ong (eds.), *Working with low-income families in Singapore: Proceedings of Social Service Research Centre (SSR) Conference 2016*, Singapore: National University of Singapore
- **W. Theseira**, H.M. Cheah; F. Zheng; S.H. Kang; T.P. Kiang; H.C. Koh; P.M. Lee; M. Leibrecht; B.S. Lim; C.H. Lim; Nabilah I.; G.K.R. Tan; S.Y.K. Tan, (2016) "Translating Innovation into Global Economic Impact through Future Service Industries," in Bhaskaran, Faizal and Ng (eds.), *Conference Papers of New Frontiers: IPS-CFE Conference on the Future Economy of Singapore*, Singapore: National University of Singapore
- D. Tan and **W. Theseira**, (2011) "Are Fines Compatible With Building a Truly Fine Country?," in Sng and Chia (eds.), *Crisis Management and Public Policy: Singapore's Approach to Economic Resilience*, Singapore: World Scientific

Other Articles:

- Q. Ong and **W. Theseira**, (2017) "The Hidden Costs of Behavioural Interventions", *ETHOS* 17, Singapore: Civil Service College
- Nabilah I. and **W. Theseira**, (2017) "The Impact of Automation on the Malay-Muslim Community", *Karyawan* 12(1), Singapore: Association of Muslim Professionals

Research Funding:

- Oct 2016 - Oct 2017: (PI) "PL189: Study on Empirical Multi-Unit Auctions", \$274,275 (Land Transport Authority, Singapore)
- Jan 2016 - Jul 2018: (PI) "Study on Moneylending", \$298,800 (Ministry of Law, Singapore)
- Dec 2014 - Dec 2019: (Co-PI) "Assessing Singapore's Research Funding Programs for Young Global Talents: Collaboration networks, Spillovers and Identifying Predictors of Success", \$808,080 (National Research Foundation, Singapore)
- Dec 2014 - Dec 2017: (Co-PI) "Effect of Preschool Subsidies on Preschool Choice and Children's Outcomes", \$200,000 (Global Asia Institute, National University of Singapore)
- Nov 2014 - Nov 2016: (Co-PI of Sub-Module) "Future Resilient Systems", in collaboration with ETHZurich, NUS, NTU, and SMU. Total value: \$44.5 million; Co-PI of Sub-Module value: \$360,000. (National Research Foundation, Singapore)
- Jun 2014 - Jun 2015: (PI) "Mobile Energy Monitoring App Prototype - MEMAP", \$50,000 (Sustainable Earth Office, NTU)
- Jun 2014 - Jun 2015: (Co-PI) "An Interactive Solution to Improve the Energy Efficiency at the Nanyang Eco-Campus", \$1.163 Million (Economic Development Board Singapore)
- Feb 2013 - Feb 2016: (Co-PI) "The Economics of Taxi Services", \$90,000 (NTU MOE AcRF Tier 1 Grant)
- Feb 2012 - Feb 2013: (Co-PI) "Project PL155: Research on (Land Transport) User Behavior and Response" \$145,600 (Land Transport Authority of Singapore)

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