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Education

- Masters of Social Science (Geography), National University of Singapore, 2016
 - Bachelors of Arts (Communications), Ateneo de Manila University, 2009
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Professional Experience

JANUARY 2019 – PRESENT

Research Associate, Asia Research Institute

- Key team member of several research projects, most notably, the CHAMPSEA Wave 2 Project (an 8-year longitudinal research study in Asia that aimed to assess the long-term impacts of migration on left-behind families in four study sites: Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Thailand)
- Highly experienced in handling multicultural and international research collaborations by being part of different projects tackling several issues in migration research (i.e. nurse migration, left-behind families, long-distance intimacy, and food security)
- Trained in planning and designing qualitative research proposals (including sampling, budgeting, and designing research tools) and effectively deploying qualitative research methodologies (participant observation, ethnography, focus group discussions, and in-depth interviews)
- Led and collaborated on several peer-reviewed publications and presentations, displaying pro-active independent work and critical thinking

MAY 2016 – DECEMBER 2018

Research Assistant, Asia Research Institute

- Responsible for assisting in the conceptualisation and implementation of the research design, literature review, data collection, analysis, and the writing and presentation of research findings
- Published six (6) internationally-peer reviewed journal articles and one (1) book chapter
- Presented key research findings at academic conferences in both local and international contexts
- Planned, implemented, and convened international conferences involving top researchers in the field of labour migration, multiculturalism, and the social sciences

JANUARY 2014 – MAY 2016

Graduate Research Assistant, Asia Research Institute

- Assisted in academic and logistical tasks, which included the conceptualisation and publication of peer-reviewed journal articles, organization of events, and collaboration with academics, researchers, and publishers from different cultural backgrounds

MAY 2013 – NOVEMBER 2013

Marketing Manager, Smart Communications Inc.

- Spearheaded end-to-end product launches and marketing campaigns from conceptualisation to development of sales strategies up to ensuring consumer satisfaction

MAY 2011 – MAY 2013

Corporate Sales Manager, Digitel Mobile Philippines, Inc.

- Responsible for overall account management of existing and new corporate clients (B2B), from scoping accounts' technical business needs to after sales customer care

MAY 2010 – MAY 2011

Management Trainee, Digitel Mobile Philippines, Inc.

- Chosen as 1 out of 25 Management Trainees (among over 100 applicants) for one of the top telecommunications companies in the Philippines
- Had been exposed to rigorous training and immersion in the company's different functions and divisions to gain a holistic understanding of the telecommunications industry

AUGUST 2009 – JANUARY 2010

Junior Media Researcher, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation

- Trained in managing audience research projects (from research design, conducting focus group discussions (FGDs) to generating market and consumer insights) aimed at improving television content and ratings

Research Area/Topic/Discipline

- Transnational families
- Asian Migration
- Gendered Intimacies
- Youth Mobilities
- Communication Technologies

Short Biography

Kristel Acedera is currently a Research Associate in the Asian Migration Cluster of the Asia Research Institute. She has an M. Soc. Sci. degree from the Department of Geography, National University of Singapore. Her dissertation was about long-distance intimate relationships between Filipina migrants in Singapore and their left-behind husbands in the Philippines. Thus far, she has been involved in several ARI research projects focusing on labour migration, transnational families, communication technologies, gender, and intimate relationships. Her previous works on these have been published in *Geoforum*, *New Media and Society*, and *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, among others.

Publications

Refereed Articles

- **Acedera, K.**, Somaiah, B. C., & Yeoh, B. S. (2023). Growing Up with Smartphones: How Stay-behind Filipino and Indonesian Children Exercise Agency in Transnational Families. *Transfers*, 12(3), 8-27.
- **Acedera, K.F.** and Yeoh B.S.A. Online first (2022). The Intimate Lives of Left-Behind Young Adults in the Philippines: Social Media, Gendered Intimacies, and Transnational Parenting. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*. doi: 1080/15562948.2022.2044572.
- **Acedera, K.** and Yeoh B.S.A. (2021). When Care is Near and Far: Care Triangles and the Mediated Spaces of Mobile Phones among Filipino Transnational Families. *Geoforum*, 121 181-191.
- Yeoh, B.S.A., **Acedera K.A.**, Rocha, Z., and Rootham, E. (2020). Family Matters: Negotiating Intergenerational Mixed Identities among Eurasian Families in Singapore. *Journal of Family Issues*.
- Yeoh, B. S., Somaiah, B. C., Lam, T., & **Acedera, K. F.** (2020). Doing Family in “Times of Migration”: Care Temporalities and Gender Politics in Southeast Asia. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 1-17.
- **Acedera, K.A.** and Yeoh, B.S.A. (2019). ‘Until death do us part?’ Migrant wives, left-behind husbands, and the negotiation of intimacy in transnational marriages. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
- **Acedera, K.A.** and Yeoh, B.S.A. (2018). Facebook, Long-distance Marriages, and the Mediation of Intimacies. *International Journal of Communication*.
- Yeoh, B. S., **Acedera, K.**, & Rootham, E. (2018). Negotiating postcolonial Eurasian identities and national belonging in global-city Singapore. *Social Identities*, 1-16.
- Rocha, Z. L., Fozdar, F., **Acedera, K. A.**, & Yeoh, B. S. (2018). Mixing race, nation, and ethnicity in Asia and Australasia. *Social Identities*.
- **Acedera, K. A.**, & Yeoh, B. S. (2018). ‘Making time’: Long-distance marriages and the temporalities of the transnational family. *Current Sociology*, 0011392118792927.
- Platt, M., Yeoh B.S.A., **Acedera, K.A.**, Khoo, C.Y., Lam, T. and Baey G. (2014) “Migration and Information Communication Technology Use: A Case Study of Indonesian Domestic Workers in Singapore”. The University of Sussex: Migrating out of Poverty Consortium Working Paper Series. <http://migratingoutofpoverty.dfid.gov.uk/documents/wp-24-platt-et-al-2014-migration-and-ict-use.pdf>
- Cabanes, J. and **Acedera, K.** (2012) On mobile phones and mother-fathers: Calls, text messages, and conjugal power relations in mother-away Filipino families. *New Media and Society*, 14(6): pp.913-930.

Edited Journal Special Issue

- Platt, M., Yeoh, B.S.A, **Acedera, K.A.**, Khoo, C.Y., Baey, G., Lam, T. (2016) Renegotiating migration experiences: Indonesian domestic workers in Singapore and use of information communication technologies. *New Media and Society Special Issue*.

Book Chapter

- **Acedera, K.A.**, Yeoh, B.S.A. and Asis, M.M.B. (2018) Migrant Mothers and Left-Behind Families: The Rituals of Communication and the Reconstitution of Familyhood Across Transnational Space and Time. In *Transnational Migrations in the Asia-Pacific: Transformative Experiences in the Age of Digital Media*, edited by C. Gomes, and B.S.A. Yeoh, pp. 153-174. Rowman and Littlefield.