

MAKING IDENTITY COUNT IN ASIA

Making Identity Count in Asia is a three-year project funded by Singapore's Social Science Research Council for 2017-2020. The research focuses on the national identities of the members of ASEAN, as well as South Korea, Hong Kong, China, Japan, and Taiwan, in the years 2010 and 2015. At the conference, authors of the papers on each country's national identity will present their findings and discussants with regional expertise will offer advice for how to move these papers forward. This project is unique in using discourse analysis to recover the predominant elite and mass conceptions of national identity in each country. In the case of Singapore, in particular, separate analyses were performed for English, Chinese, Malay, and Tamil texts. The works presented will provide the foundation for publications on individual countries over time, relations between and among pairs and groups of countries, as well as the region's identity relations with the world writ large.

10-11 January 2019

AS8, Level 4, Seminar Room 04-04

10 JANUARY 2019 • THURSDAY

09:00 – 09:15	REGISTRATION	
09:15 – 09:30	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	
09:15	TED HOPF, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	
09:30 – 11:00	PANEL 1 • NORTHEAST ASIA	
<i>Chairperson</i>	TED HOPF, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	
<i>Discussants</i>	KONRAD KALICKI, Department of Japanese Studies, National University of Singapore SAYAKA CHATANI, Department of History, National University of Singapore	
09:30	KU MINSEON Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, USA	From Confidence to Insecurity: The Changes and Continuities in South Korea's National Identity in 2010 and 2015
09:50	SU XIUMIN Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	Progressing through Social Schisms: Chinese National Identity in 2015 "Development" as a Means to an Unknown End (by Liang Ce and Rachel Zeng Rui)
10:05	FELIX KUHN Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	Globally Active? Competitive or Egalitarian? Debates on the Future of Japan Progress Starts from Home: Japanese National Identity in 2015 (by Xiumin Su)
10:25	Discussion	
11:00 – 11:30	MORNING COFFEE	
11:30 – 13:00	PANEL 2 • TAIWAN AND HONG KONG	
<i>Chairperson</i>	AMIT JULKA, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	
<i>Discussants</i>	IAN ROWEN, Department of Geography and Urban Planning, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore LO CHI MAN MANDY, Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore	
11:30	LIM JINGWEI Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore	Dissensions or Unanimity: Are You <i>Local</i> ? Taiwan National Identity in 2015
11:45	LING HUI JUN Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	Which Name? Chinese Taipei, Republic of China, or Taiwan?
12:00	CHONG JA IAN Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	Hong Kong: China, Not China Taiwan: Many Identities, Multiple Interpretations
12:30	Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	

14:00 – 15:30	PANEL 3 • VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA	
<i>Chairperson</i>	EVE WARBURTON , ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore	
<i>Discussants</i>	BRUCE LOCKHART , Department of History, National University of Singapore GERARD SASGES , Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore	
14:00	CHU DUY LY Comparative Asian Studies, National University of Singapore	Vietnamese National Identity in 2015: A Developing Nation Locked in Socialist Mentality
14:20	KATHRYN SWEET Independent Researcher, Laos	Multi-ethnic, Developing and Highly Aware of the World Outside: National Identity in the Lao PDR
14:40	THEARA THUN International Institute for Asian Studies, Netherlands (from February 2019)	Cambodian National Identity Reports, 2010 and 2015
15:00	Discussion	
15:30 – 16:00	AFTERNOON COFFEE	
16:00 – 17:10	PANEL 4 • PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA	
<i>Chairperson</i>	JAMIE S. DAVIDSON , Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	
<i>Discussants</i>	EVE WARBURTON , ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore OONA PARADES , Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore	
16:00	LIBERTY CHEE Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands	Awaiting Deliverance: Filipino Dreams of Freedom, Justice and a Functional Democracy
16:20	RISA J. TOHA Department of Political Science, Yale-NUS College, Singapore	Identity in Indonesia: 2010 and 2015
16:40	Discussion	
17:10	END OF DAY 1	
19:00 – 21:00	CONFERENCE DINNER (For Speakers, Chairpersons & Invited Guests)	

11 JANUARY 2019 • FRIDAY

09:15 – 09:30	REGISTRATION	
09:30 – 10:50	PANEL 5 • MYANMAR, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND	
<i>Chairperson</i>	MAITRII V. AUNG-THWIN , Department of History, National University of Singapore	
<i>Discussants</i>	COLM FOX , Department of Political Science, Singapore Management University	
	MOE THUZAR , ASEAN Studies Centre, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore	
	WALID JUMBLATT ABDULLAH , School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	
09:30	CHO ZIN THET Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore	Discourses of National Identity in Myanmar (2010 and 2015)
09:50	HUMAIRAH BINTE ZAINAL Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	Multiple Malay Identities in Malaysia: Vernacular Sources from 2010 and 2015
10:10	SORASICH SWANGSILP <i>(Unable to Attend)</i> Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore	Development in the Western Mind: Thai National Identity in 2015 Calling for Democracy and Social Harmony: Thai National Identity in 2010
10:20	Discussion	
10:50 – 11:20	MORNING COFFEE	
11:20 – 13:40	PANEL 6 • SINGAPORE	
<i>Chairperson</i>	REUBEN WONG , Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	
<i>Discussants</i>	KENNETH PAUL TAN , Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore	
	LAAVANYA KATHIRAVELU , Division of Sociology, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	
	TAN ERN SER , Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore	
	MATHEW MATHEWS , Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore	
11:20	TEO KAY KEY Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	Discussions on Society: National Identity in English and Chinese Language Texts from Singapore, 2010 and 2015
11:50	PRADEEP KRISHNAN Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	A Flawed Paradise?
12:10	SURAENDHER KUMARR Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	The “Singaporean Pragmatist”: Accommodating Socialism and Neoliberalism?
12:30	HUMAIRAH BINTE ZAINAL Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	Multiple Malay Identities in Singapore: Vernacular Sources from 2010 and 2015
12:50	Discussion	
13:40 – 14:00	CLOSING REMARKS	
13:40	TED HOPF , Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore	
14:00	END OF CONFERENCE	
14:00 – 16:00	CLOSED DOOR WORKING LUNCH	