

Prof Tim BUNNELL

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Education

- Ph.D (Geography) University of Nottingham, UK
- B.A. Hons (Geography) University of Nottingham, UK

Professional Experience

JULY 2019 - CURRENT

Director, Asia Research Institute, NUS

2018 - CURRENT

Professor, Department of Geography, NUS

2006 - 2018

Associate Professor, Department of Geography, NUS

2006 - 2006

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, NUS

1999 - 2000

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Geography, NUS

1998 - 1999

Research Associate, School of Geography, University of Nottingham, UK

Research Area/Topic/Discipline

Urban development in Southeast Asia
Malay mobilities and transnational urban linkages
Relational conceptions of place and landscape
Postcolonial urbanism
Inter-Asia urban aspirations and futurity

Short Biography

Tim Bunnell is Professor of geography and Director of the Asia Research Institute (ARI) at the National University of Singapore. His research concerns human geographies of urban development in Southeast Asia, focusing mostly on cities in Malaysia and Indonesia. He also has longstanding research interest in inter-urban connections between Southeast Asia and other regions of the world. Within ARI, Tim is research leader of the Asian Urbanisms Cluster. He is currently involved in a Singapore Ministry of Education-funded comparative research project on Putrajaya, Nusantara (the planned new capital of Indonesia), and Singapore as "capitals of the future".

Publications

Books

2016 *From World City to the World in One City: Liverpool Through Malay Lives*. Chichester: Wiley Blackwell.

2004 *Malaysia, Modernity and the Multimedia Super Corridor: A Critical Geography of Intelligent Landscapes*. London: RoutledgeCurzon.

Refereed Articles (selected past 5 years)

2022 'Points of persuasion: Truth spots in future development', *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 40(6): 1082-1099 [with M. Aung-Thwin, J. Clendenning, D. Goh and N.R. Smith]

2022 'Where is the future? Geography, Expectation and Experience across three decades of Malaysia's Vision 2020,' *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 46(5): 885-895.

2021 'Productive tensions? The "city" across geographies of planetary urbanization and the urban age', *Urban Geography* 42(7): 1011-1022 [with Ricardo Martinez and Michele Acuto]

2020 'Extending aspirations: Taipei street performers and collaborative possibilities', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 45(2): 299-312 [with Xin Wei Andy Tan]

2019 'Inclusiveness in urban theory and urban-centred international development policy', *Journal of City and Regional Planning* 30(2): 89-101.

2018 'The politics of learning from a small city: Solo as translocal model and political launchpad', *Regional Studies* 52(8): 1065-74 [with R. Padawangi and E.C. Thompson]

Edited Journal Special Issues (selected)

- 2015 'Doing Asian Cities', *Ethnography* 16(3) [with D. Goh and P. van der Veer]
- 2013 'Decentralised Governance and Urban Change in Asia', *Pacific Affairs* 86 (4) [with Michelle Miller]
- 2013 'Recentering Southeast Asian Cities', *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 37(3) [with D. Goh]
- 2012 'Re-viewing Informality: Perspectives from Urban Asia', *International Development Planning Review* 34(4) [with A. Harris]
- 2012 'Global urban frontiers? Asian cities in theory, practice and imagination', *Urban Studies* 49(13) [with D. Goh, C.K. Lai and C.P. Pow]
- 2006 'Re-mapping the "Growth Triangle": Singapore's cross-border hinterland', *Asia Pacific Viewpoint* 47(2). [with C. Grundy-Warr and J.D. Sidaway]

Edited Books

- 2018 *Urban Asias: Essays on futurity past and present*. Berlin: Jovis. [co-editor with D.P.S. Goh]
- 2014 *Asian Cities in an Era of Decentralisation*. Abingdon: Routledge. [co-editor with Michelle Ann Miller]
- 2013 *Cleavage, Connection and Conflict in Rural, Urban and Contemporary Asia*. Dordrecht: ARI – Springer Asia Series. [co-editor, with D. Parthasarathy and E.C. Thompson]
- 2002 *Critical Reflections on Cities in Southeast Asia*. Singapore: Times Academic Press. [co-editor, with L.B.W. Drummond and K.C. Ho]

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

- 2023 S\$859,649 as co-PI, *Capitals of the Future: Place, Power and Possibility in Southeast Asia* (Singapore Ministry of Education's Academic Research Fund, AcRF Tier 2)
- 2020-2023 CAD\$200,000 as co-applicant, *Smart Cities in Global Comparative Perspective: Worlding and Provincializing Relationships* (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Partnership Development Grant)
- 2015 *Urban Studies* best article prize, 2015
- 2013-2016 S\$509,997 grant as principal investigator, *Aspirations, Urban Governance, and the remaking of Asian cities* (Singapore Ministry of Education's Academic Research Fund, AcRF Tier 2)