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Education

- (Ongoing) Master of Social Sciences (Research) in Geography, National University of Singapore, 2021-Present
 - Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Geography, National University of Singapore, 2016-2020
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Professional Experience

JULY 2020 - PRESENT

Research Assistant, Asia Research Institute (ARI), NUS

- Based in the Asian Migration Cluster
- Conducts literature reviews on a variety of migration-related topics such as temporary migration, return migration and transnationalism; assists with the design of research methodologies, which involves creating aide memoires and designing sample frames
- Transcribes and codes qualitative data using NVivo
- Proofreads and copyedits articles, manuscripts and reference lists for publication according to journal house style requirements
- Consolidates research into presentation slides for various talks and presentations and assists with the organisation of online presentations and webinars
- Assisted with budget planning and other administrative tasks for MOE Tier 2 grant application for project titled 'Plastic Waste and Women's Household Practices in Asia and Australia' (successful)
- Organised and liaised with contributing authors, editors and publishers of the *Handbook on Transnationalism* commissioned by Edward Elgar Publishing (2022)
- Designs figures (graphs, diagrams and maps) using Microsoft Excel, ArcGIS, Google Maps and Google Earth for presentations and journal articles; designs event posters and book covers using Adobe Photoshop and Canva
- Presented research at conferences/ workshops:
 - "Multi-Sited Research in Pandemic Times: Following Migration Trajectories Using Geospatial Tools", 'Migration Methodologies: Challenges, Innovations and Conceptual Implications for Asian Migrations' workshop at ARI, 20-21 January 2022
 - "Mobility Regimes, Temporalities and Transnational Families", Paris 2022 International Geographic Union Centennial Congress (UGI-IGU Paris 2022), July 2022.
 - "The resilience of mobility capital under regimes of (im)mobility: The case of middle-class Indonesian migrants in Singapore during COVID-19", 2023 AAG Annual Meeting, Denver, 23-27 March 2023

Oct 2023

- Chaired panels at workshops:
 - Contested Asian Parenting in Intra-Asia Migration at ARI, NUS, 16-17 Nov 2021
 - Infrastructure and (im)mobile lives: Interruptions, failures and repairs at ARI, NUS, 21-22 Feb 2022

MAY 2018 – JULY 2018

Internship, Strategy Group, Prime Minister's Office (PMO-SG)

- Internship at National Population and Talent Division (NPTD)'s Integration Directorate, under the Policy and Planning department
- Designed and carried out a research study on local-foreigner workplace integration
- Initiated and held consultations with key academics in the field, conducted surveys and led in-depth interviews with representatives of various MNCs and SMEs within Banking, Finance and ICT sectors
- Organised and analysed large sets of data from past government surveys using IBM SPSS, assisted with web data extraction and carried out social media sentiment analyses
- Assisted with an observational study and conducted qualitative interviews
- Presented research results and policy recommendations

Research Area/Topic/Discipline

- Transnational migration; mobilities; family practices; citizenship

Short Biography

Franchesca Morais is a Research Assistant at the Asia Research Institute (ARI) and a Master's Student at the Department of Geography in the National University of Singapore (NUS). Her thesis broadly explores the impacts of COVID-19 on middle-class Indonesian migrants and their families. At ARI, she is based in the Asian Migration Cluster. Her research interests include a wide range of topics related to ethnic and migration studies, where she is primarily interested in transnational relationships, family dynamics, mobility regimes and negotiations of citizenship across a range of migration categories from highly skilled to low wage labour migrants.

Publications

Book Chapters

Morais, F., & S.A. Yeoh, B. (2023). "Chapter 22: Transnational families and mobility regimes". In Handbook on Migration and the Family. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing. Retrieved Oct 9, 2023, from <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781789908732.00030>

Yeoh, B. S., & **Morais, F.** (2023). "Chapter 11: Temporalities of migration and homemaking". In Handbook on Home and Migration. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing. Retrieved Oct 9, 2023, from <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800882775.00020>

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

- Recipient of Dean's List in Academic Year 2017/2018
- Recipient of DUO-Sweden Student Fellowship Award 2018, selectively nominated by the NUS Global Relations Office