

# Dr HUE Guan Thye

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## Education

- Ph.D. (Chinese Traditional Culture), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU), 2011
- M.A. (Chinese Traditional Culture), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU), 2005
- B.A. (Chinese Language and Literature), Peking University, People's Republic of China, 2001

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## Professional Experience

JULY 2018 – PRESENT

### **Vice Chairman, Research Committee Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations**

- Assisting the Singapore Chinese clan associations in conducting academic research to preserve and increase the historical value of the associations.

JULY 2016 – PRESENT

### **Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institution & Department of Chinese Studies, NUS**

- Conducting historical research on Chinese temples and clan associations
- Contributing to the study of Chinese epigraphy and tombs with the publication of *Chinese Epigraphy in Singapore: 1819-1911*; and upcoming publication of *Tombs in a Tropical Forest: Qing Dynasty Tombs of Singapore*, *Chinese Epigraphy in Singapore: United Temples*, *Chinese Epigraphy in Singapore: 1912-2019*.

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## Research Area/Topic/Discipline

- Buddhism, Taoism and popular Chinese religions in Singapore and Malaysia
  - Chinese Education
  - Chinese in Southeast Asia
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## Short Biography

Dr Hue's research focuses on Buddhism, Taoism and Chinese popular religion in Singapore and Malaysia, Chinese Education, and Chinese in Southeast Asia. Some of Dr Hue's research publications include *The Buddha Lights of Lion City: The Hundred-Year Development of Buddhism in Singapore* (2020), *Chinese Epigraphic Materials in Singapore: 1819–1911* (2017, with Kenneth Dean), *The Propagation of Taoism and Buddhism in Singapore* (2013). His current research project includes "The Maritime Silk Road: Wangchuan Ceremony, Rituals and Related Practices for Maintaining the Sustainable Connection between Human and the Ocean".

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## Publications

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### Books (Selected Works)

Guan Thye, Hue. *Tombs in a Tropical Forest: Qing Dynasty Tombs of Singapore*. (with Professor Kenneth Dean, English & Chinese bilingual, in preparation)

Guan Thye, Hue. *Chinese Epigraphy in Singapore: United Temples*. Vol. 1 & 2. (with Professor Kenneth Dean, 2 Vols. English & Chinese bilingual, in preparation)

Guan Thye, Hue. *Chinese Epigraphy in Singapore: 1912–2019*. Vol. 1 & 2. (with Professor Kenneth Dean, 2 Vols. English & Chinese bilingual, in preparation)

Guan Thye, Hue. *The Buddha Lights of Lion City: The Hundred-Year Development of Buddhism in Singapore*. Hong Kong: The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2020. 521 pages.

Guan Thye, Hue, *Chinese Epigraphy in Singapore: 1819–1911*. Vol. 1 & 2. Singapore & Guangxi: National University of Singapore Press & Guangxi Normal University Press, 2017. (with Professor Kenneth Dean, English & Chinese bilingual, 1455 pages)

Guan Thye, Hue. *Evolution and Model: The Propagation of Taoism and Buddhism in Singapore*. Singapore: Department of Chinese Studies, National University of Singapore & Global Publishing Co. Inc. 2013. (283 pages)

### Journal Articles (Selected Works)

Guan Thye, Hue. "The Malaysian Historical Geographical Information System (MHGIS): The Case of Chinese Temples in Johor" (with Kui Wei Kai, Kenneth Dean, etc) in *Histories*, 2023, 14, 336; MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/14/3/336>

Guan Thye, Hue. "The Development and Changes of Singapore Chinese Society in 19–20th Century—An Analysis from the Perspective of Dialect Group Cemetery Hills" (with Liu Yilin, Klan Choo Juhn Khai) in *Histories*, 2022, 2 (3), 288; MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/histories>.

Guan Thye, Hue. "Connecting the Chinese Diaspora: See Boon Tiong and His Temple Networks in Singapore and Malacca" (with Klan Choo Juhn Khai) in *Histories*, 2022, 2(3), 241; MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/histories>.

Guan Thye, Hue. "A Study of United Temple in Singapore—Analysis of Union from the Perspective of Sub-Temple" (with Wang Yidan, Kenneth Dean, et al.) in *Religions*, 2022, 13 (7), 602; MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. [www.mdpi.com/journal/religions](http://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions).

Guan Thye, Hue. "The Buddhist Philanthropist: The Life and Times of Lee Choon Seng" (with Tang Chang and Klan Choo Juhn Khai) in *Religions*, 2022, 13(2), 147; MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. [www.mdpi.com/journal/religions](http://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions).

## **Edited Books**

Guan Thye, Hue. eds. *Receives the Dignity from Heaven: From Keng Teck Whay to Yu Huang Gong*. Singapore: Taoist Mission of Singapore, 2019. (co-eds with Kua Bak Lin & Kenneth Dean, etc.)

Guan Thye, Hue. eds. *Hong San See Temple Singapore: The journey to UNESCO*. Beijing: Palace Museum Publisher, 2019. (co-eds with Kua Bak Lin, Lee Chee Hiang, etc.)

Guan Thye, Hue. eds. *A brief overview of the development of Singapore Mahayana Buddhism*. Singapore: Buddha of Medicine Welfare Society, 2010. (co-eds with Nengdu etc, 530 pages)

## **Book Chapters (Selected Works)**

Guan Thye, Hue. "Origin and Character: The Taoism in Singapore" (English & Chinese bilingual) in Bak Lin, Kua. etc., eds. *Receives the Dignity from Heaven: From Keng Teck Whay to Yu Huang Gong*. Singapore: Taoist Mission of Singapore, 2019.

Guan Thye, Hue. "Singapore Chinese Temples and Transnational Networks: Hokkien Communities in Singapore" in *A General History of the Chinese in Singapore*. Singapore: Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Association. 2019, pp.1-16. (English version)

## **Conference Papers (Selected Works)**

Guan Thye, Hue. "Malaysian Chinese Temples and Daoist Ritual Tradition", in the conference "Global Daoist Studies Forum", organised by University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 16 September 2022.

Guan Thye, Hue. "The Buddhist Philanthropist: The Life and Times of Lee Choon Seng" in the seminar on "Chinese Business Pioneers and Humanistic Sentiments", organised by New Era University College, 19 August 2021.

Guan Thye, Hue. "A Probe into the Origin of the Founding of Chinese Buddhist Temple in Singapore and Malaysia: Take Miaolian and Xianhui Zen Master in Fuzhou as An Example" in the conference "The International Symposium on Historical and Cultural Exchange between Fuzhou and Countries along the Belt and Road (Fuzhou - Malaysia)", 16 October 2021.

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## **Awards/Grants and Distinctions**

01.2008-03.2020: Nanyang Technological University PhD Research Scholarship

08.2006-12.2007: NTU PhD Teaching Assistant Scholarship