

Ms Aishah ALHADAD

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Education

- M.A. (Southeast Asian Studies) National University of Singapore
 - B.A. (History) (Honours) Nanyang Technological University
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Professional Experience

MAY 2022 – PRESENT

Research Associate, Asia Research Institute National University of Singapore

- Research Associate to the “Archiving the Underclasses: Knowledge, Law, and Everyday Agency in Modern Southeast Asia”, within the Inter-Asia Engagements Cluster, led by Associate Professor Mairii Victoriano Aung-Thwin (PI)
- Responsibilities include managing and coordinating institutional and administrative matters and communications, assisting the research team with their research needs, training and overseeing undergraduate research assistants, producing and collaborating on website deliverables, and planning and organising project workshops

MAY 2019 – JANUARY 2022

Co-Interviewer, -Researcher, and -Writer Beyond The Hijab, Crit Talk, Penawar, and Women and Law in Islam

- Interviewed and transcribed interviews with respondents, analysed findings, conducted focus group discussions for, and co-wrote and -designed the collaborative project report, “Let’s Talk About the Bad Stuff: A Study of Violences in Muslim Pre-Marriage Courses in Singapore”

JANUARY 2019 – DECEMBER 2020

Graduate Teaching Assistant, National University of Singapore

- Tutored Southeast Asian Studies Department undergraduate modules: GE1045 World Religions; SE1101E Southeast Asia: A Changing Region; and GET1016 Changing Global Economic Landscape
- Awarded the Graduate Students’ Teaching Award

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2018

Research Assistant, Institute of Adult Learning SKILLs Future Singapore

- Assisted the “Innovative Learning Culture in SMEs” project in research analyses and writing, conceptualisation of new frameworks, and conducting interviews
- Co-authored a chapter with the project team

MAY – DECEMBER 2017

Research Assistant, History Department and School of Arts, Design and Media Nanyang Technological University

- Assisted in three academic grant projects: “Turtles All the Way Down” under Drs. Lisa Onaga and Chen Song-Chuan; “Biomaterial Matters” under Dr. Lisa Onaga, and; “Stone Tools as Storyteller” under Dr. Laura Longo
- Primary responsibilities included research analyses and writing, and content creation for project deliverables (i.e. website and exhibition)

MAY – JULY 2016

Research Intern, Centre for Research on Islamic and Malay Affairs

- Assisted in the initial source collection and research analyses for *Indian Muslims in Singapore: History, Heritage and Contributions* (RIMA, 2022)

Research Area/Topic/Discipline

Gender and Islam in Singapore and Malaysia
Women, Race, and Class in Singapore
Islamic Feminism
Social histories of Singapore’s Hadhrami Diaspora
Knowledge Production

Short Biography

Aishah Alhadad is a Research Associate with the Inter-Asia Engagements Cluster in Asia Research Institute, and to the “Archiving the Underclasses: Knowledge, Law, and Everyday Agency in Modern Southeast Asia” MOE Tier II Grant project led by Associate Professor and Principal Investigator (PI) Mairii Victoriano Aung-Thwin.

Aishah’s research interests in gender relations and antiracism have led her to centre gender, sexual, and racial minorities in Singapore in her writing, research, and community work. Beyond the academic, Aishah is involved in a number of community-led organisations and projects that focus on local Muslim (-raised) women and underclasses.

Publications

Book Chapters

Billett, Stephen, Silin Yang, Arthur Chia, Jo Fang Tai, Millie Lee and Sha Alhadad. "Remaking and Transforming Cultural Practices: Exploring the Co-occurrence of Work, Learning, Innovation." In *Creativity and Learning: Contexts, Processes and Support*, edited by Soila Lemmetty, Kaija Collin, Vlad Petre Glăveanu, Panu Forsman. 219-244. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.

Alhadad, Aishah. "The Malay Problem Poses a Double Burden on Malay Women." In *Budi Kritik: Expanded Edition*, edited by Mohamed Imran Mohamed Taib and Nurul Fadhiah Johari. 137-147. Singapore: Math Paper Press, 2019.

Alhadad, Aishah. "It's Still Family First." In *Growing Up Perempuan*, edited by Filzah Sumartono and Margaret Thomas. Singapore: Association of Women for Action and Research, 2018.

Other Selected Works

Alhadad, Aishah. "Speaking in the Name of Islam: A Discursive Study of the Contestations over Polygyny and Child Marriage in Contemporary Malaysia and Singapore." Master's Thesis, National University of Singapore, 2022.

Hadad, Aishah, Filzah Sumartono, Nadzirah Samsudin and Sya Rasheed. "Let's Talk About the Bad Stuff: A Study of Violences in Muslim Pre-Marriage Courses in Singapore." Singapore: *Beyond the Hijab, Crit Talk, Penawar, and Women and Law in Islam*, 2021.

Awards and Distinctions

Graduate Teaching Award, National University of Singapore, April 2021