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Academic qualifications

- **2022** Ph.D. (Human Geography) National University of Singapore
- **2013** Post-graduate Diploma in Education, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University of Singapore
- **2012** M.Soc.Sci (Geography) National University of Singapore
- **2010** B.Soc.Sci (Hons First Class) (Geography) National University of Singapore

Employment history

- **2022-Present** Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- **2021-2022** Research Officer, Sustainability Learning Lab, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University of Singapore
- **2014-2017** General education officer, Ministry of Education, Singapore (H1, H2 Geography, H1 Project Work)

Refereed Articles

Yeoh, B. S. A., Tan, Q. H. & Rahadini, I. A. (2026). From ‘caring for the home’ to ‘caring for the environment’: Migrant domestic workers and circular household waste management in Singapore. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*. 1-22.

Tan, Q. H., & Yeoh, B. S. A. (2026). Circulating referencescapes: inter-Asian references to circular urban policies among ordinary residents in Singapore. *Urban Geography*, 1-24.

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- Tan, Q. H. and Yeoh, B. S. A. (2024).** Freecycling Markets as Sustainable Materialist Movements? Closing Reuse Circularity Loops in Singapore. *Worldwide Waste*, 7(1), 1-1.
- Tan, Q. H. (2016).** Scent-orship and Scent-iments on the Scent-ual: The Relational Geographies of Smoke/Smell between Smokers and Non-Smokers in Singapore. *The Senses and Society*, 11(2), 177-198.
- Tan, Q. H. (2016).** Feeling/filling closet smoking spaces: Negotiating public-private spheres, traversing emotional terrains. *Asian Geographer*, 33(1), 1-21.
- Tan, Q. H. (2016).** Living fast and dangerously? Spatio-temporalities of happy and healthful smoking futures. *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 37(1), 94-109.
- Tan, Q. H. (2014).** Orientalist obsessions: Fabricating hyper-reality and performing hyper-femininity in Thailand's kathoey tourism. *Annals of Leisure Research*, 17(2), 145-160.
- Tan, Q. H. (2014).** Postfeminist possibilities: Unpacking the paradoxical performances of heterosexualized femininity in club spaces. *Social & Cultural Geography*, 15(1), 23-48.
- Tan, Q. H. (2013).** Smoking spaces as enabling spaces of wellbeing. *Health & Place*, 24, 173-182.
- Tan, Q. H. (2013).** Smell in the city: Smoking and olfactory politics. *Urban Studies*, 50(1), 55-71.
- Tan, Q. H. (2013).** Flirtatious geographies: clubs as spaces for the performance of affective heterosexualities. *Gender, Place & Culture*, 20(6), 718-736.
- Tan, Q. H. (2012).** Towards an affective smoking geography. *Geography Compass*, 6(9), 533-545.
- Tan, Q. H. (2011).** Gender and tobacco in (globalizing) Asia-exorcizing the ghosts of dualistic thought? *Sociology Compass*, 5(12), 1018-1028.

Book Chapters

- Tan, Q. H. (2024).** Queering Methodologies: Conceptualizing and Conducting Qualitative Research Informed by a Queer Subjectless Critique, *Sage Research Methods Cases: Diversifying and Decolonizing Research*. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781529691092>
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- Ho, L. C. Seow, T. and Tan, Q. H. (2024).** Transcendent civic education: Global comparative explorations of hope and “wicked problems” In E. Yeager (ed.) *The Future of Civic Education: Rebuilding a Democracy in Ruins*. Routledge: London, pp. 98-109
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- Huang, S. and Tan, Q. H. (2020).** Feminist Perspectives on Neoliberal Globalization, (Post)feminisms and (Homo)normativities In A. Datta et al. (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Gender and Feminist Geographies*. Routledge: London, pp. 389-398.
- Tan, Q. H. (2017).** Atmospheric Affinities: Olfactory accounts of aero-pollution between smokers and non-smokers in Singapore In K. Low and D. Kalekin-Fishman (eds.) *Senses in Cities: Experiences of Urban Settings*. Routledge: London, pp. 105-121.
- Tan, Q. H. (2016).** Governing Futures and Saving Young Lives: Wilful Smoking Temporalities and Subjectivities, In B. Evans et al. (eds.) *Geographies of Children and Young People*. Springer: Singapore, pp. 1-13

Book Review

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Op-Eds

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Tan, Q. H. and Seow, T. (2022). Towards transformative pedagogies for sustainability education. *HSSE Online*, 11(2), 21-92.

Seow, T. Das, D. and Tan Q. H. (2022). Editors’ forward for HSSE’s special issue on sustainability, *HSSE Online*, 11(2), np.

Conference Papers

Tan, Q. H. (2019). Queering temporalities: Rescripting the capitalist repro-time of single lives, Conference paper and presentation, 14th Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies, Asia Research Institute. 25 July 2019.

Tan, Q. H. (2024). Labouring in waste: The lack of a recycling ethos in Singapore, ICAS 13, Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya. 30 July 2024

Tan, Q. H. (2024). Maternities and Materialities: Mothering with plastic baby/child care Products, Asia Research Institute. 5 August 2024

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

2021 Dean’s PhD Fellowship, National University of Singapore.

2019 Graduate Students’ Teaching Award (for teaching GE3206 Gender, Space and Place), National University of Singapore.

2019 FASS Graduate Research Support Scheme (for local fieldwork), National University of Singapore.

2017 President’s Graduate Fellowship, National University of Singapore.

2012 Wang Gungwu Medal and Prize for best Master’s thesis in the Social Sciences/Humanities, National University of Singapore.

2011, 2012 Association of American Geographers’ Sexuality and Space Student Paper Competition, Runner-up.

2011 FASS Graduate Student Conference Funding, National University of Singapore. **2011** Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography Conference Award.

2011 FASS Graduate Research Support Scheme (for local fieldwork), National University of Singapore.

2010 Graduate Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore.

2009 Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography Book Prize.

2008 NUS Geographical Society Gold Medal.

2006 – 2009 Dean’s List (5 semesters), National University of Singapore.

2006 Ministry of Education Teaching Award.