

Ms LEE Chyen Yee

Education

- Master of Social Sciences in Economics (Research), National University of Singapore, 2022
- Master of Science in Applied Economics, Singapore Management University, 2018
- Master of Science in Journalism, Columbia University, 1998
- Bachelor of Science in Physics (Hons), 1994

Professional Experience

JULY 2024 –

Research Associate, ARI

- Conducts research and writes on Chinese companies and their networks in Singapore during the colonial era.

AUGUST 2022 –

Associate faculty lecturer, SUSS (Part-time)

- Lectures on economics, behavioural economics and political economy modules.

SEPTEMBER 1998 – MAY 2019

Journalist, Reuters News

- Reported, edited and managed news teams covering financial news.
- Covered various beats such as Asia property, China commodities and Taiwan economy.
- Based in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

JULY 1994 – SEPTEMBER 1997

Reporter and Editor, The Asia-Pacific I.T. Times

- Reported and edited I.T. magazines published by the company.

Research Area/Topic/Discipline

Political Economy; Economics History; China; Southeast Asia

Short Biography

Lee Chyen Yee joined ARI as a Research Associate in July 2024 delving into the history and networks of Chinese businesses in colonial Singapore.

Her other research interests lie mainly in economics and political economy in China and Southeast Asia. Besides conducting research, she also lectures part-time at SUSS on economics-related modules.

Before venturing into academia, she was a journalist with Reuters for 20 years in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, where she witnessed sweeping political and socio-economic changes in the region.

She holds master's degrees in economics from NUS and SMU, and in journalism from Columbia University.

Publications

Book

World War II@Bukit Brown published by Ethos Books (2017). Writer and Editing team.

Refereed Article

Last mile in anti-poverty drive: Impact of cadres' appraisals on growth and poverty reduction. *World Development* (2023).

Op-Ed

How China's anti-poverty drive worked. *The Diplomat* (2023).

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

- National Heritage Board Research Grant (Awarded 2023, ongoing)
- NUS Graduate Students' Teaching Awards (Semesters 1 and 2 in 2021/22)
- Dean's list for Master course in Applied Economics at SMU (2018)
- Story of the Year at Reuters, part of team covering 2008 Beijing Olympics (2009)
- Intel IT Journalism Awards: Overall first and first in News Category (1995)