

# Dr Yannis-Adam ALLOUACHE

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## Education

- Ph.D. (Geography), National University of Singapore, 2024
- M.A. (Political Science), University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, 2017
- B.Soc.Sci. (Public Administration and Political Science), University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, 2013

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## Professional Experience

AUGUST 2025 - PRESENT

### **Max Weber Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore**

- Appointment with the “[Research Partnership on Asian Infrastructures](#)” between ARI and The Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien (DIJ) of the Max Weber Foundation (MWS), and as a member of the Asian Urbanisms cluster.
- Developing a research project on visions of green urbanism within and across Singapore, the Gulf, and the Arabian Peninsula, contributing to debates in geography, urban environmental studies, and Arabia–Asia scholarship.

JANUARY 2017 - MARCH 2017

### **Acting Advisor, Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia Pacific, Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

- Led the *Asia Competencies Project* to deepen branch expertise on investment, trade, and international development within Asia’s geopolitical landscape.
- Spearheaded the branch’s mentorship program, fostering professional growth through knowledge transfer, peer learning, and coaching.

MAY 2016 - DECEMBER 2016

### **Junior Analyst, Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia Pacific, Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

- Collaborated with the Chief of Staff and Assistant Deputy Minister on corporate planning, programs, and strategic initiatives; drafted and edited bilingual policy materials to

articulate the ADM's vision and enhance internal and external communications, ensuring alignment with Canada's foreign policy priorities.

- Coordinated contributions to weekly trade and geopolitical outlook reports for ministers; engaged leading experts to deliver policy-relevant insights that strengthened Canada's strategic positioning in Asia.

JUNE 2013 - AUGUST 2014

## **Operations Officer, Emergency Watch and Response Centre, Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

- Managed complex consular cases, delivering direct assistance to Canadians in distress abroad.
- Coordinated emergency response efforts and supported large-scale crisis operations by liaising with embassies, consulates, and local authorities; monitored global political developments, assessed risks, and advised senior management on consular policy and case strategy.

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## **Research Areas**

- Political Geography
- Labour Geography
- Urban Environmental Geography
- Migration Studies
- Arabia Asia Studies

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## **Biography**

Dr Yannis-Adam Allouache commenced his appointment as Max Weber Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow with the Asian Urbanisms Cluster with effect from 12 August 2025, as part of the [DIJ-ARI Asian Infrastructures Research Partnership](#)

Dr Yannis-Adam's research explores the politics of transregional migration and its intersections with urban environmental transformations. His PhD in Geography, co-advised by Professors Elaine Ho and Brenda Yeoh from the National University of Singapore, was awarded in 2024 with a dissertation titled, "Infrastructural Geographies of Precarious Labour and Solidarity: Southeast Asian migrants' Employment Journeys across Taiwan's Urban Peripheries". Prior to his doctoral studies, he completed a Master of Arts in Political Science at the School of Political Studies at the University of Ottawa while working at Global Affairs Canada.

At ARI, he is developing a research project on visions of green urbanism within and across Singapore, the Gulf, and the Arabian Peninsula, contributing to debates in geography, urban environmental studies, and Arabia-Asia scholarship.

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## Publications

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### Refereed Articles:

- Allouache, Y.-A. (2025) 'I came here to work, not to die': Infrastructures of migrant labour solidarity across Taiwan's urban peripheries. *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. *Accepted/Forthcoming*.
- Allouache, Y.-A. (2023). Muslim geographies, positionality, and ways of knowing migration. *Area*, 55(3), 381–389. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1111/area.12864> (Open Access)

### Editor Reviewed:

- Allouache, Y.-A. (2024). Makkah's hinterworlds: Jeddah, the Indian Ocean Hajj, and Southeast Asia. *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 45(2), 403–412. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1111/sjtq.12547> (Open Access)
- Allouache, Y.-A. (2021). Follow the maid: Domestic worker migration in and from Indonesia. *Gender, Place & Culture*, 29(11), 1662–1665. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2021.1954797>

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## Awards, Grants & Fellowships

- Travel Grant, *Economic Geography*, Global Conference on Economic Geography, Clark University, 2025
- Emerging Scholar, 2024–25 Cohort, Global Urban History Project
- Conference Travel Grant, Taiwan Studies Program, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, 2024
- Workshop Travel Grant, Urban Transitions Hub, University of Lisbon, 2023
- Postgraduate Researcher Bursary, Biennial Conference of the Political Geography Research Group, The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), University of Sheffield, 2023
- Student Bursary, International Conference on Critical Muslim Studies, University of Leeds, 2023 & 2024
- Conference Travel Grant, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, Université du Québec à Montréal, 2023
- Taiwan Fellowship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan), 2020
- Graduate Research Support Scheme, National University of Singapore, 2020
- Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore, 2017–2021
- Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan), 2014

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