

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DETAIL

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

To work in a challenging environment and be known for depth of knowledge, quality, hard work, timeliness of service, and honoring the commitments.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

2011-2014	PhD in Political Economics (Title of Research: The Nature and Functioning of China's State Enterprises) Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya	University Senate Conferred the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy on 27 November 2014
2006-2010	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Troy University	CGPA: 3.71/4.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

1 April 2015 – 25 November 2019	Research Fellow at Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya
26 November 2019 – The present	Senior Lecturer at Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya

INTRERESTED RESEARCH AREA

Urban and Regional Economics (Urban Development)
International Economics (China-Malaysia Economic Relations)
Economic Development and Growth (The Chinese State and State Enterprises, Political-economic System)

ARTICLE IN ACADEMIC JOURNAL

2019

Wang, Q., Li, R., & Cheong, K.C. (2019). Shandong's Yintan town and China's "ghost city" phenomenon. *Sustainability*, 11(17), 4584.
Wang, Q., Li, R., & Cheong, K.C. (2019). Alternative globalizations and the role of China's small cities: Three case studies. *China: An International Journal*, 17(3), 95-111.

He, Y., Cheong, K.C., & Li, R. (2019). Revisiting the Malayan Emergency: The China factor in the baling peace talks. *Cold War History*, 19(4): 529-547.

2018

Wang, Q., Li, R., & Cheong, K.C. (2018). Nanning – Perils and promise of a frontier city. *Cities*, 72, Part A, 51-59.

2017

Zhang, M., Li, R., & Cheong, K.C. (2017). Introduction: Southeast Asia and China's Growth Deceleration. *International Journal of China Studies*, 8(2), 125-138.

Zhang, M., & Li, R. (2017). The Impact of China's Economic Restructuring on Southeast Asia: An Investment Perspective. *International Journal of China Studies*, 8(2), 183-198.

Li, R., & Cheong, K.C. (2017). Huawei and ZTE in Malaysia: The localisation of Chinese transnational enterprises. *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 47(5), 752-773.

2016

Li, R., & Cheong, K.C. (2016). How much "state" is in China's state enterprises? A case study of ZTE Corporation in an era of reform. *International Journal of China Studies*, 7(3), 245-270.

Zhang, C., Cheong, K.C., Li, R., & Rasiah, R. (2016). Does governance reform help? The impact of split share structure reform on corporate board structure in Chinese manufacturing enterprises. *Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies*, 53(2): 297-313.

Li, R., Wang, Q., & Cheong, K.C. (2016). From obscurity to global prominence-Yiwu's emergence as an international trade hub. *Cities*, 53, 8-17.

Li, R., Wang, Q., & Cheong, K.C. (2016). Quanzhou: Reclaiming a glorious past. *Cities*, 50, 168-179.

2014

Cheong, K.C., Li, R., Tan, E.C., & Zhang, M. (2014). China's state enterprises, economic growth and distribution: A revisionist view. *China: An International Journal*, 12(1), 132-152.

2013

Wong, C.Y., Siow, G., Li, R., & Kwek, K.T. (2013). The impact of China on the emerging world: New growth patterns in Chinese import-export activities. *Engineering Economics*, 24(4), 309-319.

BOOK

2019

Wang, Q., Cheong, K.C., & Li, R. (2019). *City development and internationalization in China: Quanzhou, Yiwu and Nanning*. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan.

2018

Li, R., & Cheong, K.C. (2018). *China's state enterprises: Changing role in a rapidly transforming economy*. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan.

A book review: Carney, R.W. (2019). China's state enterprises: Changing role in a rapidly transforming economy. *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 1-4.

CHAPTER IN BOOK

2019

Cheong, K.C., Li, R., & Wang, Q. (2019). ASEAN at 50: The rise of China and the emerging regional integration architecture. In Idris, A. & Kamaruddin N. (Eds.), *ASEAN Post 50: Emerging Issues and Challenges* (pp. 13-34). Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan.

2018

Cheong, K.C., Goh, K.L., & Li, R. (2018). Brain drain and talent capture in Malaysia: Rethinking conventional narratives. In Tyson, A. (Ed.), *The political economy of brain drain and talent capture: Evidence from Malaysia and Singapore* (pp. 18-22). London and New York: Routledge.

2017

Kuik, C.C., Li, R., & Ling, S.N. (2017). The institutional foundations and features of China-ASEAN connectivity. In, Dittmer L. & Chow, B.N. (Eds.), *Southeast Asia and China: A contest in mutual socialization* (pp. 247-278). Singapore: Worlds Scientific.

2015

Cheong, K.C., Li, R., & Zhang, M. (2015). The Chinese state, state enterprises and the global crisis. In Gomez, E.T., Bafoil, F. & Cheong, K.C. (Eds.), *Government-linked companies and sustainable, equitable development* (pp. 39-59). New York, NY: Routledge.

OPINION PIECE

2016

Writing column articles for Sin Chew Daily bimonthly from 10 April 2016 to 10 June 2018.

Li, R. (2016). Singapore still the pragmatist we once knew? My Sinchew/Opinion (2016-11-28), at <http://www.mysinchew.com/node/116212>

2015

Li, R., & Cheong, K.C. (2015). China's State Enterprises: Part 2 – Three Decades of State Enterprise Reform. Opinion Piece. ICS Bulletin No.4, 2015.

Li, R., & Cheong, K.C. (2015). China's State Enterprises: Part 1 – China's Misunderstood State Enterprises. Opinion Piece. ICS Bulletin No.3, 2015.

PAPER PRESENTED

2019

16 December 2019, presented a paper entitled “Implications for Malaysia in the Building of Belt and Road Initiative” at “‘10+3’ Connectivity Partnership International Forum 2019 – Boosting East Asian Connectivity: New Impetuses and New Efforts” organized by National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Guangxi University in Beijing, China.

30 September 2019, was one of panelists for the panel discussion at the launch of the World Bank's Belt and Road Economics Report organized by World Bank Group Global Knowledge and Research Hub in Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

8 July 2019, was one of panelists for the session of “Belt and Road Initiative” at “Malaysia-China Outlook Forum 2019, What's Next after Beijing BRI Forum” organized by Star Media Group in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

15 April 2019, presented a paper entitled “BRI: Retrospect and Prospect for Malaysia” at a Roundtable Discussion “China Outward Direct Investment: Some Policy Response and Future Challenges to Malaysia” organized by National University of Malaysia and Ministry of Finance in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2018

14 December 2018, presented a paper entitled “Production Capacity Cooperation between China and Malaysia: The Case of Steel Industry” at “‘10+3’ International Production Capacity Cooperation Symposium 2018 – Belt and Road Initiative and Production Capacity Cooperation in East Asia” organized by National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Nanyang Technological University in Beijing, China.

5 December 2018, presented a PPT entitled “China's Outward Investment in Malaysia and its Controversy - The Case of Steel Project” at a Roundtable “the Impact of China-US Trade War on Malaysia: Opportunity or Crisis?” organized by Insight Think Tank and Malaysia-China Business Magazine in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2017

13 December 2017, presented a paper entitled “China's Outward Investment in Malaysia and its Controversy - The Case of Steel Project” at a workshop “Book Launch and Academic Dialogue Session in Honor of Professor Lee Poh Ping” organized by Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

19 November 2017, presented a paper entitled “ASEAN at 50: The Evolving China-ASEAN Relationship” at an international conference “the Role of Social Sciences and Humanities in Socio-economic Development and International Integration” organized by University of Social Sciences and Humanities and Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

27 October 2017, presented a paper entitled “China-Malaysia Economic Relations – China’s Outward Investment in Malaysia” at a forum “Forum for commemorating the 4th Anniversary of the ‘21st Century Maritime Silk Road’ Initiative” organized by China Machinery Engineering Corporation and Center for the Belt and Road Studies of Peking University, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

13 September 2017, presented a paper entitled “Huawei and ZTE in Malaysia: The Localization of Chinese Transnational Enterprises” at an international workshop “Towards Sustainable Malaysia-China Relations: Economic and Political Dimensions” organized by Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya and China-ASEAN Research Institute, Guangxi University, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

8 September 2017, presented a paper entitled “Maritime Cooperation between China and Malaysia: An Malaysia Perspective” at a forum “2017 East Asia Marine Cooperation Platform Huangdao Forum” organized by State Oceanic Administration of PRC and People’s Government of Shandong Province in Qingdao, China.

9 July 2017, presented a paper entitled “Interpreting China's Political and Economic System” at a seminar organized by Klang Old Friend Marina Association in Klang, Malaysia.

15 June 2017, presented a paper entitled “China’s Foreign Economic Relations, 2016-2017” at a forum “China 2017: Review and Prospect” organized by Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

31 March 2017, presented a paper entitled “the Dilemma and Opportunities of China’s State Enterprises under the Economic New Normal” at an international workshop “Opportunities and Challenges under China's Economic Transition” organized by Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, together with the Jeffery Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia, with the cooperation of Antai College of Economics & Management, Shanghai Jiao Tong University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2016

17 November 2016, presented a paper entitled “The Status Analysis of China’s OFDI in Malaysia” in a conference “Think Tank Forum of Countries Along the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road” organized by School of International Studies and Academy of Overseas Chinese Studies, Jinan University in Guangzhou, China.

10 September 2016, presented a paper entitled “The Bank of China: From A Turbulent Past to A Strategic Future – What Does its Presence in Malaysia Show?” in a conference “The Financial Cooperation between China and Malaysia” organized by China-ASEAN Research Institute, Guangxi University, in Nanning, China.

26 August 2016, spoke in a conference organized by the China Overseas Development Research Center of Huaqiao University, in Xiamen, China.

28 May 2016, presented a paper entitled “The Localization of China's Multinational Enterprises in Malaysia” at “The Third Biennial International Conference on Malaysian Chinese Studies, 2016” organized by Centre For Malaysian Chinese Studies in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

28 March 2016, presented a paper entitled “Connections and Gaps in China’s Economic-Security Nexus” at “China and the economics-security nexus in Southeast Asia” organized by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies of Nanyang Technological University, in Singapore.

26 March 2016, presented a paper entitled “Report on China’s International Economic and Trade Situation” at a conference “The Review and Prediction of China’s Situation 2016”, organized by Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

28 May 2016, presented a paper entitled “The Localization of China's Multinational Enterprises in Malaysia” at “The Third Biennial International Conference on Malaysian Chinese Studies, 2016” in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2015

25 November 2015, presented a paper entitled “Localization of Chinese Enterprises in Malaysia – A Case Study” at “21st Century Maritime Silk Road and Chinese Soft Power: Review and Prospect” in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

25 November 2015, presented a paper entitled “ASEAN and China’s Maritime Silk Road: The Sub-National and Bilateral Dimensions” at “21st Century Maritime Silk Road and Chinese Soft Power: Review and Prospect” in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2013

12 September 2013, presented a paper entitled “Towards More Balanced Growth: Land Consolidation as a Rural Development Strategy in China at “From Hu-Wen to Xi-Li Administration: China’s Leadership Transition and its Domestic and International Implications in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

18 November 2013, presented a paper entitled “How Much ‘State’ is in China’s State Enterprises? A Case Study of ZTE Corporation” at “The 23rd International Business Research Conference” in Melbourne, Australia.

2012

9 February 2012, presented a paper entitled “The Chinese State, State Enterprises and The Global Crisis” at “The State's Return to Business: Government-linked Companies in the Post-crisis Global Economy” in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

2011

19 August 2011, presented a paper entitled “Must China's State Enterprises Follow the Path of Western Governance to Thrive?” at “3rd International Conference on Information and Financial Engineering” in Shanghai, China. An excellent paper of conference.

1 June 2011, presented a paper entitled “China's State Enterprises, Economic Growth and Distribution: A Revisionist View” at “China in the World, the World in China ‘Growth, Governance and Equity: Exploring the Social Implications of China's Economic Transformation’” in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

COURSE TAUGHT

Taught “Economic Policy of China” at Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, University of Malaya.

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTED

Studied as a candidate under the Bright Sparks Program (BSP) at PhD level for the period of 36 months.

PROJECT GRANTED

“China’s OFDI in Malaysia: Retrospect and Prospect” (Total Grant: RM 150,000.00, duration: March 2019 – December 2019) funded by Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Malaysia. Role: Main Researcher.

“Huaqiao University Special fund for Overseas Chinese Studies (Z1543014): China’s OFDI in Malaysia under the Belt and Road Initiative (HF161101)” (Total Grant: RM 30,000.00, duration: January 2017 - June 2017) funded by Huaqiao University Special fund for Overseas Chinese Studies. Role: Principal Researcher.

OTHER POSITION

Appointed as Research Fellow by Center for Malaysia-China Relations, School of International Studies and Academy of Overseas Chinese Studies, Jinan University.

COURSE CONDUCTED

In 27 August 2019, taught a course “21st Century Maritime Silk Road (MSR) and Malaysia - An Investment Perspective” under Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) 2019 on “Fostering Maritime Industry Management through Industrial Revolution 4.0”, organized by Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA).

In 31 July 2019, taught a course “China’s Investment in Malaysia: Retrospect and Prospect” in the program “Globalization and Economic Integration in Digital Era Courses” by National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN).

In 17 October 2018, taught a course “China-Malaysia Investment: Issues and Prospects” in the program “Globalization and Economic Integration” by National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN).

SUPERVISION

Tan Swee Seng, Master of Literature Program, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya. Research Field: Government and Political Economy. Thesis title: China state capitalism: dynamics of state-business relations and analysis of economic stimulus program on state-owned enterprises.

Lai Mingji (School of International Studies, Academy of Overseas Chinese Studies, Jinan University), short-term fellow, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya. Project title: Research on risks and benefits maintenance of Chinese enterprises' overseas direct investment – taking Foshan enterprises investment in Malaysia as an example

PROJECT INVOLVED

“The: Education Exchange (RP025C-15HNE)” (Total Grant: RM 52,908.00, duration: 06/08/2015 – 06/08/2017) funded by UMRG-HNE. Role: Co-Researcher.

From March 2014 to December 2014, serving as a Graduate Research Assistant (iGRA) at the Department of Science & Technology Studies, Faculty of Science, University of Malaya in the project FL025-2012 “Malaysian Business History” under the supervision of Dr. Wong Chan Yuan.

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