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Qualifications

PhD (Law), University of Cambridge

LLM (Legal History) (Distinction), University College London

LLB (1st Class Honours), National University of Singapore

Employment

Assistant Professor – Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS) Since 2023

Lecturer – Faculty of Law, NUS 2021–2023

Sheridan Fellow – Faculty of Law, NUS 2014–2021

Research

Monograph

Extradition and Empire: Sovereignty and Subjecthood in Hong Kong (Cambridge University Press 2025)

Journal Articles

‘Colonial Syncretism in Penal Code Definitions of Property Crimes’ *Asian Journal of Comparative Law* (2026)

‘The *Satsuma* Mutiny and the Inter-colonial Origins of the Fugitive Offenders Act 1881’ *Journal of Legal History* 46 no. 3 (2025): 342–368

‘From Reciprocity to Territoriality: Extradition, the Opium War, and the Idea of British Sovereignty in Hong Kong, 1842–1844’, *Law and History Review* 40, no. 3 (2022): 437–458

‘Clarity in the Penal Code Definition of Strict Liability’, *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* (2021): 332–353

‘British Extradition Practice in Early Colonial Hong Kong’, *Law & History* 6, no. 1 (2019): 85–114

‘Common Intention and the Presumption of Joint Possession in the Misuse of Drugs Act’, *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies* (2014): 419–428

Presentations (Selected)

‘Transborder Criminal Justice in a Changing World: Britain’s Global Experience, 1870-1914’ (Criminal Law Workshop, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, 2026)

‘Punishing Fugitive Offenders in the British Empire, c.1843–1881’ (Law and Humanities Seminar Series, Peking University School of Transnational Law, 2026 [online])

‘*Extradition and Empire*’ (book talks given in 2025) (Legal History Research Group, St John’s College, University of Oxford; Legal History Seminar Series, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, UK; Hong Kong History Centre, University of Bristol; Department of History and Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong; Centre for Comparative and Transnational Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

‘The *Satsuma* Mutiny and the Inter-colonial Origins of the Fugitive Offenders Act 1881’ (Legal Histories of Empires Conference, University of Toronto, 2025; Common Law World Seminar, Max Planck Institute, Frankfurt, 2024; Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society, University of New South Wales, 2024)

‘Shifting Ideas of Theft and Embezzlement in England and Colonial India, c. 1800–1860’ (Asian Legal History Conference, Hue University, Vietnam, 2024)

‘Visions of Theft in England and Colonial India’ (Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Chicago, USA, 2022)

‘Extraditing Professional Pirates and Criminal Coolies in Early Colonial Hong Kong’ (Legal Histories of Empires Conference, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, 2018)

‘The Imperial Politics of British Treaty Performance in China, 1842–1870’ (Legal History Seminar, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, 2018; Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Houston, USA, 2018)

Book Reviews

[‘Alex Thompson, *British Law and Governance in Treaty Port China 1842–1927: Consuls, Courts and Colonial Subjects* \(Amsterdam University Press, 2024\)’, *Law and History Review* 43 no. 3 \(2025\): 601–603](#)

‘CL Lim, *Treaty for a Lost City: The Sino-British Joint Declaration* (Cambridge University Press 2022)’, *Comparative Constitutional Studies* 2, no. 1 (2024): 109–113

Teaching

Courses taught:

- Current: Criminal Law
- Others: Legal History: Themes and Perspectives
 - Introduction to Legal Theory
 - Legal Method