

Global Asia(s) and Its Problematics: A Nanyang Perspective



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Abstract:

The past two decades have witnessed the growing discourses and emerging researching/teaching programmes pertaining to Global Asia(s). What are the key dimensions and characteristics of Global Asia? How to formulate transdisciplinary and multi-lingual approaches to understanding them? What are the (potential) contributions of Global Asian studies to the globalizing social science theorization, and vice versa? What is the future of Global Asia at a time of intensifying geo-economic confrontation and deglobalization as well as heightening identity politics? What are the problematics, intellectually and structurally, in furthering Global Asian studies? Drawing upon fieldwork, classroom interactions, and relevant publications of the speaker (and his colleagues) as well as NTU's institutional engagement with Global Asia (<https://gas.ioc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/interviews/ntusingapore/>), this presentation attempts to offer preliminary answers to some of these perplexing questions.

Bio:

Professor Liu Hong is the Tan Lark Sye Chair Professor in Public Policy and Global Affairs at the School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, where he also serves as the University's Associate Vice President (International Engagement) and Director (Research & Executive Education) of the Nanyang Centre for Public Administration (NCPA). He was previously Chair of the School of Humanities & Social Sciences and NCPA Director at NTU, Founding Director of the Centre for Chinese Studies and Chair Professor of East Asian Studies at the University of Manchester, and Assistant/tenured Associate Professor and Assistant Dean (Research & Graduate Studies) of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the National University of Singapore.

Professor Liu's main areas of research include the international political economy, Asian governance, Sino-Southeast Asian interactions, global history, the Global South, Chinese international migration. He has published over 30 books as well as more than 100 articles in leading international journals such as the *World Politics*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, *The China Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, and *Global Policy*. His recent publications include *Dear China: Emigrant Letters and Remittances, 1820-1980* (University of California Press, 2018); *An Emerging Asian Model of Governance and Transnational Knowledge Transfer* (Routledge, 2020); and *The Political Economy of Transnational Governance: China and Southeast Asia in the 21st Century* (Routledge, 2022). Professor Liu has been included in Stanford-Elsevier *World's Top 2% Scientists* for "Career Long Impact" and "Single Year Impact" (2024) in the fields of Social Sciences, Cultural Studies, Political Science and Public Administration, Sociology, and Economics.



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