

# Hawker Culture and Social Spaces in Singapore

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## Singapore Hawker Culture:

A WEBINAR SERIES

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Hawker Culture reflects a living heritage that resonates with people from all walks of life in Singapore. In celebration of the successful inscription of Hawker Culture onto the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage, the National Heritage Board will be organising a webinar series on Hawker Culture.

This second and final session of the webinar series explores the relationships between Hawker Culture and Social Spaces in Singapore, and how they can play a role in promoting community identity and fostering inter-cultural understanding and appreciation in Singapore's context.

### Speakers



#### Dr Lai Ah Eng

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Lai Ah Eng is an adjunct senior fellow associate at the National University of Singapore's University Scholars Programme. Dr Lai received her BSc degree in Economics from the Universiti Sains Malaysia (1977), her Master's in Development Studies from the University of Sussex (1981), and her PhD in Social Anthropology from the University of Cambridge (1995). Dr Lai's research interests lie in multiculturalism, heritage, migration and gender on which she has published several books and articles.



#### Dr Kelvin Low

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Dr. Kelvin E.Y. Low is Associate Professor and Deputy Head of Sociology at the National University of Singapore. He is the author and/or editor of four books, with recent titles that include *Senses in Cities: Experiences of Urban Settings* (Routledge, 2017) and his journal articles have been published in *Asian Studies Review*, *The Sociological Review*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, and *Food, Culture and Society*, among others. Dr Low's research interests comprise sensory studies, social memory, heritage and historiography, migration and transnationalism, and food and foodways.



#### Professor Ho Puay Peng

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Professor Ho Puay Peng holds the UNESCO Chair on Architectural Heritage Conservation and Management in Asia and is currently Head of Department of Architecture, School of Design and Environment, National University of Singapore. He is a conservation consultant, architect and adviser to some 100 conservation projects in Hong Kong and Singapore including PMQ, Haw Par Villa, Comix Homebase, Oil Street Art Space, Court of Final Appeal, and New Campus for Chicago University Booth School. Professor Ho's main research interests are in architectural history and conservation practices, and how conservation knowledge can be translated in teaching and practice.



#### Mr Justin Zhuang

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Mr Justin Zhuang is a writer and researcher who sees the world through design, and a co-founder of the writing studio *In Plain Words*. A journalism graduate by training, Mr Zhuang has contributed to various architecture and design publications, and worked on various books about design and urban life in Singapore. They include *INDEPENDENCE: The history of graphic design in Singapore since the 1960s* (2012), *Mosaic Memories: Remembering Singapore's Old Playgrounds* (2013) and *Control Chaos: Redefining the Visual Cultures of Asia* (2020). In 2013, Justin received the DesignSingapore Scholarship to study in the School of Visual Arts' MFA in Design Criticism program in New York.

The webinar will be hosted on Zoom, and each speaker will deliver a 20-minute presentation and share their research insights on Singapore's Hawker Culture. This will be followed by a panel discussion and a Q&A session.

The webinar is free and open to all, and you may scan the QR code to register.



**Date: Thursday, 10 June 2021**  
**Time: 4 pm to 6 pm (GMT +0800)**  
**Webinar Medium: Zoom**

For more information, you may visit  
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