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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Jan 2017-present
- Associate Professor (joint appointment), Yale-NUS College, Jan 2019-present
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, July 2011-Dec 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Rector, Elm College, Yale-NUS College, July 2020-present
- Head of Studies, Law-Liberal Arts Double-Degree Programme, Yale-NUS College, Jan 2019-present

KEY EXTERNAL POSITIONS

- President (2022-23), Asian Law and Society Association
- Faculty, Global Scholars Academy, Harvard Law School Institute for Global Law & Policy and The Graduate Institute Geneva, 2021
- Councillor, Southeast Asian Council, Association for Asian Studies, 2022-2024
- Lecturer, Human Rights Summer Course, Academy of European Law, 2019
- Member, Academic Committee, China Institute for Socio-Legal Studies, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2019-present
- Trustee Class Representative, Law and Society Association, 2017-2019

EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley
 - Ph.D., Jurisprudence & Social Policy (2011)
 - M.A., Jurisprudence & Social Policy (2007)
- National University of Singapore, LL.B., Faculty of Law (1st class honors) (2003)
- Ohio University, B.Sc., E.W. Scripps School of Journalism (*summa cum laude*) (1999)

BOOKS

- *The Politics of Rights and Southeast Asia* (Cambridge University Press, in press)
- *The Asian Law & Society Reader* (with Sida Liu and David M. Engel) (Cambridge University Press, accepted)
- *The Politics of Love in Myanmar: LGBT Mobilization and Human Rights as a Way of Life* (Stanford University Press, 2019)
- *Mobilizing Gay Singapore: Rights & Resistance in an Authoritarian State* (Temple University Press, 2014)

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- “Rights Mobilization: A View from Southeast Asia” in *Research Handbook on Law, Movements, and Social Change* edited by Steven Boutcher, Corey Shdaimah and Michael Yarbrough (Edward Elgar, forthcoming)
- “Interregna: Time, Law, and Resistance” (2021) *Law & Social Inquiry* 46(1): 268-91
- “Governing through Contagion” (with Jack Jin Gary Lee) in *Covid-19 in Asia: Law and Policy Contexts* edited by Victor V. Ramraj, pp. 116-32 (Oxford University Press, 2021)
- “Human Rights Activism, Sexuality, and Gender” in *Oxford Handbook of Law & Anthropology* edited by Marie-Claire Foblets, Mark Goodale, Maria Sapignoli and Olaf Zenker (Oxford University Press, 2021)
DOI:10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198840534.013.26
- “LGBTQ Rights Mobilization and Authoritarianism” in *Collected Course of the Academy of European Law 2019* edited by Gráinne de Búrca (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- “Legal Mobilization and Authoritarianism” (2019) *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 15: 355-376
- “Legal Consciousness Reconsidered” (with David M. Engel) (2019) *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 15: 335-353
- “Social Movements” in *Oxford Handbook on Asian Constitutional Law* edited by Holning Lau, David Law, and Alex Schwartz (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- “LGBTQ Rights Litigation: A Singaporean Case Study” in *Constitutionalism in Context* edited by David Law (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)

- “Decriminalisation of Same-Sex Relations and Social Attitudes: An Empirical Study of Singapore” (with Dickson Su, Rayner Kay Jin Tan, and Koh Wei Jie) (2017) *Hong Kong Law Journal* 47(3): 793-824
- “Collective Litigation and Constitutional Challenges to Decriminalize Homosexuality in Singapore” (2017) *Journal of Law & Society* 44(3): 433-55
- “Negotiating In/visibility: The Political Economy of Lesbian Activism and Rights Advocacy” (with Timothy Hildebrandt) (2017) *Development & Change* 48(4): 639-62
- “Negotiating Social Norms and Relations in the Micromobilization of Human Rights: The Case of Burmese Lesbian Activism” (2016) *Law & Social Inquiry* 41(3): 643-669
- “Judicial Review of Executive Power in the Singapore Context, 1965-2012” (with Stacia L. Haynie) (2016) *Journal of Law & Courts* 4(1): 43-64
- “Law and ‘Race’ in the Citizenship Spaces of Myanmar: Spatial Strategies and the Political Subjectivity of the Burmese-Chinese” (with Elaine L.E. Ho) (2016) *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 39(5): 896-916
- “State Violence, Human Rights Violations, and the Case of *Apwint* in Myanmar” (with David Gilbert) in *Gender, Violence, and the State in Asia* edited by Amy Barrow and Joy L. Chia (Routledge, 2016)
- “The Vernacular Mobilization of Human Rights in Myanmar’s Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Movement” (2015) *Law & Society Review* 49(2): 299-332
- “Sexual Orientation and Gender Minorities in Transition: LGBT Rights and Activism in Myanmar” (with David Gilbert) (2015) *Human Rights Quarterly* 37(1): 1-28
- “State and Personhood in Southeast Asia: The Promise and Potential for Law and Society Research” (with David M. Engel) (2015) *Asian Journal of Law & Society* (2)(2): 211-228
- “Charting Socio-legal Scholarship on Southeast Asia: Key Themes and Future Directions” (2014) *Asian Journal of Comparative Law* 9(1): 5-27
- “From Health Crisis to Gay Advocacy? HIV-AIDS and Gay Rights Activism in China and Singapore” (with Timothy Hildebrandt) (2014) *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* 25(6): 1583-1605
- “Rights Mobilization and the Campaign to Decriminalize Homosexuality in Singapore” (2014) *Asian Journal of Law and Society* 1(1): 205-28
- “Pragmatic Resistance, Law, and Social Movements in Authoritarian States: The Case of Gay Collective Action in Singapore” (2012) *Law and Society Review* 46(4): 713-748

- “Saying No: Sections 377 and 377A of the Penal Code” (2003) *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*: 209-61

SHORT ARTICLES AND COMMENTARIES

- “Response to Commentaries” (“Book Discussion on *The Politics of Love in Myanmar*”) (2020) *Asian Journal of Law & Society* 6(3): 607-12
- “Legal Consciousness” (with David M. Engel) in *Routledge Handbook of Law & Society* edited by Mariana Valverde, Eve Darian-Smith, Kamari Clarke and Prabha Kotiswaran, pp. 187-191 (Routledge, 2021)
- “Book Discussion on *Embedded Courts: Judicial Decision-making in China* by Kwai Hang Ng and Xin He” (2019) *Asian Journal of Law & Society* 6(2): 441-59
- “Book Discussion on *Opposing the Rule of Law: How Myanmar’s Courts Make Law and Order* by Nick Cheesman” (2018) *Asian Journal of Law & Society* 5(2): 488-90
- “The Power of Legal Processes and Section 377A of the Penal Code” (2012) *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*: 456-66

EDITED VOLUMES AND SYMPOSIA

- *Out of Place: Power, Person and Difference in Socio-legal Research* (with Mark F. Massoud) (in progress)
- “Stigmatization, Identities and the Law: Asian and Comparative Perspectives” (2021), *International Journal of Law in Context* 17(3): 281-389 (joint guest editor with George B. Radics)
- “Law, Social Movements, and Mobilization across Contexts” (2018), *Law & Policy* 40(1) (joint guest editor with Steven Boutcher)
- “Legal Consciousness, Culture, and Conflict in Asia” (2018), *Asian Journal of Law & Society* 5(1): 1-133 (joint guest editor with David M. Engel)
- “The Life and Future of British Colonial Sexual Regulation in Asia” (2016), *Hong Kong Law Journal* 46(1): 1-173 (joint guest editor with Michael Hor)
- “Researching State and Personhood: Law and Society in Southeast Asia” (2015), *Asian Journal of Law & Society* 2(2): 207-338 (guest editor)
- “Socio-legal Scholarship on Southeast Asia: Themes and Directions” (2014), *Asian Journal of Comparative Law* 9(1): 1-196 (joint guest editor with Melissa Crouch)

AWARDS AND HONOURS (SELECT LIST)

- ❑ American Sociological Association, 2019 Sociology of Human Rights Gordon Hirabayashi Book Award Honorable Mention for *The Politics of Love in Myanmar: LGBT Mobilization and Human Rights as a Way of Life*
- ❑ Asian Law & Society Association, 2019 Distinguished Book Award for *The Politics of Love in Myanmar*
- ❑ Socio-legal Studies Association (U.K.), 2016 Socio-legal Article Prize for “The Vernacular Mobilization of Human Rights in Myanmar’s Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Movement”
- ❑ American Sociological Association, 2015 Sociology of Law Distinguished Book Award for *Mobilizing Gay Singapore: Rights and Resistance in an Authoritarian State*
- ❑ International Convention of Asian Scholars, 2015 Book Accolade for Ground-breaking Matter for *Mobilizing Gay Singapore*
- ❑ Socio-legal Studies Association, 2015 Hart Socio-legal Prize for Early Career Academics Finalist for *Mobilizing Gay Singapore*
- ❑ European Southeast Asian Studies Association, 2015 Book Prize Finalist for *Mobilizing Gay Singapore*
- ❑ Law & Society Association, 50th Anniversary 2014 Junior Scholars’ Essay Competition Honorable Mention
- ❑ Law & Society Association, 2013 Article Prize Honorable Mention for “Pragmatic Resistance, Law, and Social Movements in Authoritarian States: The Case of Gay Collective Action in Singapore”
- ❑ Fulbright Scholar, Malaysia (2005 & 2006)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (SELECT LIST)

- ❑ Henry Luce Foundation in the sum of U\$238,000 for *Training Initiative for Asian Law & Society Scholars* (co-director) (2019-2021)
- ❑ Ministry of Education (Singapore) Academic Research Fund Tier II in the sum of S\$119,386 (U\$87,000) for *Grievances, Conflicts, and Dispute resolution in Southeast Asia: A Socio-legal Study* (2018-2021)

- Humanities & Social Science Research Fellowship, National University of Singapore, awarded writing semester (2016-2017; 2019-2020)
- Humanities & Social Science Seed Fund (S\$20,000), National University of Singapore for *Grievances, Conflicts, and Dispute resolution in Southeast Asia: A Socio-legal Study* (2016-2017)
- Humanities & Social Science Research Grant (S\$155,000), National University of Singapore, for *Law and Society Perspectives on Sexual and Gender Minorities in Asia* (2013-2016)
- National Science Foundation (United States) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (2010)
- Social Science Research Council (United States) International Dissertation Research Fellowship (2008)

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCES (ORGANIZED/CO-ORGANIZED)

- *Stigmatization, Identities and the Law: Asian and Comparative Perspectives*, 22-24 June 2020, National University of Singapore (converted to virtual format due to the Covid-19 pandemic)
- *Out of Place: Power, Person, and Difference in Socio-legal Research*, 17-18 December 2019, National University of Singapore
- *Asian Law & Society Association's Young Scholars' Workshop*, 21 September 2016, National University of Singapore
- *The Life and Future of British Colonial Sexual Regulation in Asia*, 8-9 October 2015, National University of Singapore
- *Researching State and Personhood: Law & Society in Southeast Asia*, 15-16 December 2014, National University of Singapore
- *Socio-legal Research on Southeast Asia: Themes, Directions, and Challenges*, 10-11 December 2012, National University of Singapore

ACADEMIC VISITOR POSITIONS

- Lecturer, "LGBT Rights Mobilization and Authoritarianism," 24-26 June 2019, Academy of European Law, Florence, Italy
- Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Oxford University, 21 October-2 November 2018
- Asian Law Centre, Melbourne Law School, 22-29 September 2018

- Lecturer, “Law and Society Perspectives on LGBT Activism in Asia,” 21-25 April 2014, Akita International University, Japan

INVITED KEYNOTES AND OTHER SPEAKING EVENTS

- Speaker, “Making A New Politics of Rights: People, Power, and Southeast Asia,” 28 April 2021, Anthropology & Development Studies, School of Social and Political Sciences, The University of Melbourne, Australia (virtual format)
- Expert commentator, “Queer Currents in Transnational Law,” 16-18 October 2020, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor (cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- Speaker, “Interregna: Time and Legal Mobilization,” 11 March 2020, University of Victoria (postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- Commentator, “The Politics of Love in Southeast Asia: Queer/LGBT+ Social Movements and Legal Responses,” 10 March 2020, University of Victoria, Canada (organized in celebration of *The Politics of Love in Myanmar*; postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- Keynote speaker, 14-15 November 2019, “Modes of Activism under Authoritarian Governance Regimes in the Asia-Pacific” conference, Macquarie University, Sydney
- Keynote speaker, “Love, Agency, and the Ethnographic Study of Human Rights,” 19-20 July 2019, “Sexing South Asia – Law, Activism, and Sexual Justice” conference, Jindal Global Law School, India
- Keynote speaker, “Legal Mobilization and Authoritarianism,” 30 November-1 December 2018, Asian Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Gold Coast, Australia
- Featured speaker, “Queer Myanmar: Examining LGBT Claims to Human Rights,” 27-28 June 2018, Queer Asia Conference, SOAS, University of London

OTHER INVITED EVENTS

- Panelist, Early Career Workshop, 29 December 2018, Asian Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Gold Coast, Australia
- Panelist, Junior Scholars’ Workshop, 14 December 2017, Asian Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Hsinchu, Taiwan

- Panelist, “Insights from Recently Published Work in *Law & Society Review*” service panel, 28-31 May 2015, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle
- Panelist, “Undergraduate Law & Society/legal Studies: Defining the Field, the Questions, the Outcomes, and the Methods” service panel, 28-31 May 2015, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle
- Panelist, Asia LGBT Leadership Summit by Out Leadership, 9 December 2014, Hong Kong
- Panelist, Discussion on *Mobilizing Gay Singapore: Rights and Resistance in an Authoritarian State*, 20 November 2014, Faculty of Law, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Speaker, “Researching and Writing about Singapore’s Gay and Lesbian Movement,” 18 November 2014, Transnational Law Institute, King’s College London
- Panelist, “Colonial Sexual Regulation,” 12-13 June 2014, Yale Law School
- Panelist, “The Cause Lawyering Project: Honoring Austin Sarat and Stuart Scheingold for Nurturing Careers, Critical Scholarship, and Collegiality,” 50th anniversary roundtable session, 29 May-1 June 2014, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis
- Panelist, “Envisioning a Global Socio-Legal Field: Networks, Institutions, Initiatives, Prospects,” special 50th anniversary roundtable session, 29 May-1 June 2014, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis
- Speaker, “Gay Activism and Legal Mobilization: A Comparison of Singapore and Hong Kong,” 13 May 2014, Centre for Rights and Justice and Gender Research Centre, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Speaker, “Singapore's Gay Rights Movement: Past, Present, and Future,” 12 May 2014, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Faculty of Law, Hong Kong University
- Panelist, “State Violence, Human Rights Violations, and the Case of Apwint in Myanmar,” 8-10 May 2014, Centre for Rights and Justice, Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong (paper co-authored with David Gilbert)
- Speaker for closing ceremony, 22-23 March 2013, East Asian Law & Society Conference, Shanghai Jiaotong University
- Speaker, “Singapore’s Gay Rights Movement: Past, Present and Future,” 29 October 2012, Yale University

- Speaker, “Pragmatic Resistance, Law, and Social Movements: The Case of Gay Collective Action in Singapore,” 8 March 2012, Regulatory Network, Australian National University
- Speaker, “Pragmatic Resistance, Law, and Social Movements: The Case of Gay Collective Action in Singapore,” 7 March 2012, Asian Law Centre, University of Melbourne
- Speaker, “Movements in Authoritarian States: The Case of Gay Collective Action in Singapore,” 22 February 2012, Centre for Civil Society Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Making A New Politics of Rights: People, Power, and Southeast Asia,” 27-30 May 2021, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (virtual format)
- “Governing through Contagion,” 21-26 March 2021, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference (virtual format)
- “Interregna: Time and Legal Resistance,” 27-31 May 2020, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (virtual format)
- “Legal Mobilization and Filial Piety Laws: Vulnerability, Time, and Emotions,” 30 May-2 June 2019, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- “Legal Mobilization under Authoritarianism,” 7-10 June 2018, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto
- “Legal Consciousness Reconsidered: Emotions, Cognition, and the Relational Self,” 15-16 December 2017, Asian Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Hsinchu, Taiwan
- “Legal Consciousness Reconsidered: Emotions, Cognition, and the Relational Self,” 20-23 June 2017, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City
- “Collective Litigation and Constitutional Challenges to Decriminalize Homosexuality in Singapore,” 2-5 June 2016, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- “Lesbian Activism and the Quagmire of Law and Collective Resistance in Myanmar,” 28-31 May 2015, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle
- “Myanmar’s Sexual Minority Rights Movement and the Cultural Processes of Diffusion, Network, and Vernacularization of Human Rights,” 29 May-1 June 2014, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis

- “The Socio-spatial Constitution of Law and Legal Resistance among Burmese-Chinese and Sexual Minorities in Myanmar: Inroads to Citizenship Spaces?”, 30 May-2 June 2013, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston (paper co-authored with Elaine L.E. Ho)
- “Law & Society Research on Southeast Asia: A Preliminary Survey of Themes and Proposed Directions, 22-23 March 2013, East Asian Law & Society Conference, Shanghai Jiaotong University (co-presented with David Engel)
- “Pragmatic Resistance as Collective Action: An Alternative Paradigm for Understanding the Relationship between Law and Everyday Resistance, and Collective Action,” 6-8 June 2012, Inter-Asian Connections III, Hong Kong University
- “Can There Be Social Movements Without Rights? Gay Activists in Singapore,” 22-24 March 2012, Western Political Science Association Meeting, Portland, Oregon
- “How Does Law Matter to Social Movements? A Case of Resisting Law by ‘Dancing,’ ‘Pushing Boundaries,’ and ‘Toeing the Line,’” 2-5 June 2011, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco

SUPERVISION & ADVISING

- Training Initiative for Asian Law & Society Scholars (co-director)
 - Supported by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, the initiative features six four-day workshops each with 10-12 participants over a three-year period (2019-2021)
 - The workshops are aimed at training the next generation of scholars who conduct law and society research in Asian societies
- NUS Law Ph.D. supervision (2 candidates)
- Yale-NUS College capstone thesis advising and supervision
 - Advise Law-Liberal Arts Double-degree Programme students on choice of research topics and supervisors (12-15 students/academic year)
 - Supervise research and writing of capstone thesis (8 students)
- University of California, Berkeley, Legal Studies thesis supervision, 2019/2020

TEACHING

- National University of Singapore/Yale-NUS College
 - *Law & Resistance*
 - *Conducting Qualitative Socio-legal Research*
 - *Sociology of Law*
 - *Law & Social Movements*
 - *Understanding Law & Social Change*

- *Constitutional & Administrative Law*
 - *Singapore Legal System*
- Teaching Incentive Fund Award, National University of Singapore, University Scholars Program, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/15

SERVICE (INTERNATIONAL)

- Asian Law and Society Association, President, 2022-23
- Association for Asian Studies, Southeast Asian Council, Councillor, 2022-2024
- American Sociological Association, Chair of 2021 Gordon Hirabayashi Book Prize Committee, Human Rights Section
- Asian Law and Society Association, Website Committee Chair, 2019-present
- Asian Law and Society Association, Board of Trustees, Member, 2017-2021
- Law and Society Association, Trustee and Trustee Class Representative, 2017-2019
- Law and Society Association, Audit Committee, Chair (2019); Member (2017-2018)
- Law and Society Association, Law & Emotions Collaborative Research Network, Co-chair, 2019-present
- American Anthropological Association, Working Group, Statement on Human Rights, 2019
- Law and Society Association, Law & Social Movements Collaborative Research Network, Co-chair, 2015-2017
- Law and Society Association, Professional Development Committee, Member, 2015-2016
- Law and Society Association, 2015 Annual Meeting Program Committee, Member
- Law and Society Association, International Activities Committee, Member, 2013-2014
- Law and Society Association, International Scholarship Award Committee, Member, 2013
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law, Council Member, 2016-2018
- American Sociological Association, 2016 Sociology of Law Graduate Paper Prize Committee, Member

SERVICE (UNIVERSITY)

- Review Committee on tFreedom and its Wings in Tembusu College, Member, Sept-Dec 2020
- Association for Asian Studies in Asia Conference, *Asia in Motion: Heritage and Transformation*, 17-19 July 2014, Host Committee Member, 2012-2014

SERVICE (YALE-NUS COLLEGE)

- Moderator, Full Faculty Meeting, July 2021-December 2022
- Rector, Elm College, July 2020-present

- Head of Studies, Law-Liberal Arts Double Degree Program, Yale-NUS College, Jan 2019-present
- Chair, Advisory Committee on Expression in the College, May 2020-present
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee for Law-Liberal Arts Double-degree Programme, August 2020-June 2021

SERVICE (FACULTY OF LAW)

- Faculty Search Committee Member, 2021-present and 2015-2016
- Faculty Research Committee Member, 2017-present
- *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*, Editorial Committee Member, 2021-present
- Faculty Teaching Excellence Committee Member, 2019-2020
- Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Executive Committee Member, 2012-2016
- Faculty Social Committee Member, 2011-2016

SERVICE (JOURNALS / PRESSES / GRANTS)

- Editorial/ Advisory Board
 - *Law & Society Review*, January 2020-present
 - *Journal of Legal Philosophy* (Australia), 2020-present
 - *American Political Science Review*, September 2016-May 2020
 - Bristol University Press, *Law, Society, Policy* series, November 2019-present
 - *Law & Policy*, June 2018-present
 - *Asian Journal of Law & Society*, October 2016-present
 - *Law & Social Inquiry*, January 2015-December 2017
- Reviewer
 - American Council of Learned Societies, ACLS Fellowship
 - National Science Foundation (USA), Law and Social Sciences Program Grants
 - Stanford University Press
 - Cambridge University Press
 - University of California Press
 - *American Journal of Sociology*
 - *American Sociological Review*
 - *Law & Society Review*
 - *Law & Social Inquiry*
 - *Social Problems*
 - *International Journal of Law in Context*
 - *Law & History Review*
 - *Political & Legal Anthropology Review*
 - *The Sociological Review*
 - *Asian Journal of Law & Society*
 - *Asian Journal of Comparative Law*
 - *Asian Journal of International Law*
 - *Asian Law Journal* (Australia)

EXPERT OPINION

- Provided expert opinion on asylum application cases:
 - United Kingdom (for applicant)
 - Australia (for the Refugee Review Tribunal)

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- BBC (television, radio, and online), Bloomberg, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (radio), Agence France-press, Reuters, *The Diplomat*, *The Democratic Voice of Burma* and *The Irrawaddy*.

LANGUAGES

- English and Mandarin Chinese: native fluency
- Malay: basic competence
- Hokkien Chinese dialect: conversational