

<b>PERSONAL PARTICULARS</b>
Full Name : Dr Rita Padawangi
<b>EDUCATION</b>
Ph.D (Sociology) Loyola University Chicago
M.A. (Sociology) Loyola University Chicago
M.A. (Urban Design) National University of Singapore
B. Arch, Parahyangan Catholic University, Bandung, Indonesia
<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>
<p>2013 – Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore Asian Urbanisms Cluster</p> <p>2009 – 2012 Research Fellow, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore <i>Research:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Spatial Justice in Asian Cities</i></li> <li>• <i>Global Insurgencies – Remaking the Public City in Asia</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Activism in Waterfront Redevelopment</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Participation and Bottom-up Approaches to Upgrading (as part of Forging a Sustainable Future of Urban Regeneration in Asia)</i></li> <li>• <i>Participatory Approaches in Urban Water Management</i></li> <li>• <i>Singapore’s Active, Beautiful, and Clean (ABC) Waters Programme</i></li> </ul> <p>2009 –2010 Research Fellow, Global Asia Institute, National University of Singapore (Joint appointment as Research Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy)</p> <p>2008 Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National university of Singapore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Politics and Policy in Southeast Asia</i></li> <li>• <i>Housing for Aceh and Nias Tsunami Victims</i></li> </ul> <p>2005-2006 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago <i>Taught Classes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Urban Sociology</i></li> <li>• <i>Mass Media and Popular Culture</i></li> </ul>
<b>CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE OR SERVICES RENDERED</b>
<p>2009 Consultant Asian Development Bank Research on Water Management: Good Practices and Lessons Learned (10 years of ADB water projects)</p> <p>2007 Fellow, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta, Indonesia Research: The Making of Protest Spaces in Jakarta</p>

2007

Research Consultant

Kemitraan (Partnership), Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesian Provincial Government Evaluation Methodology

### **SHORT BIOGRAPHY**

Rita Padawangi is a Senior Research Fellow of the Asian Urbanisms Cluster at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. Previously, she was a researcher at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Loyola University Chicago where she was also a Fulbright Scholar for her M.A. studies. She has also been a Research Fellow at the Global Asia Institute, National University of Singapore; Center for Urban Research and Learning at Loyola University Chicago; Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta, Indonesia. She has taught at the School of Design and Environment at the National University of Singapore and at the Department of Sociology at Loyola University Chicago, with a special focus on urban sociology and the sociology of the built environment. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Parahyangan Catholic University and was a practicing architect in Bandung, Indonesia.

With research interests spanning over the sociology of architecture and participatory urban development, Rita has conducted various research projects in particularly Southeast Asian cities, including in Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, and Myanmar. She has been engaged as consultant for projects under major international development funding agencies. Her commitment to social activism in the built environment keeps her connected with community groups and practitioners in many cities in the region.

Rita's current research include: (1) public space, urban heritage, place-making and spaces of hope through community engagement in city-building; (2) sociology of architecture and the built environment; (3) social movements and politics of space; (4) environmental sociology in the city; (5) environmental resource governance with a focus on water. She is currently working on research grants from ministries and institutions in Singapore and has established research partnerships in working with local institutions in several cities in Southeast Asia. She has also won several awards and honors, including the International Forum on Urbanism Best Paper Award (2011), State of Illinois Youth Achievement Award, for outstanding dedication to the Indonesian community in the State of Illinois, USA (2005), Fulbright Scholar in Sociology at Loyola University Chicago (2003-2005), and the Albert Szymanski Paper Award, American Sociological Association (2004).

### **RESEARCH PROJECTS / PROGRAMMES / INITIATIVES & COLLABORATIONS**

January 2013 – Present

Aspirations, Urban Governance and the Remaking of Asian Cities

Principal Investigator: Tim Bunnell

Co-investigators: Daniel Goh, Eric Thompson, Elaine Ho Lynn-Ee, Kelvin E.Y. Low, Michael James Gillen, Michelle Ann Miller, Peter Marolt, Rita Padawangi, Vineeta Sinha

Grant: AcRF Tier 2

Amount: S\$ 509,997

April 2012 – Present

Spatial Justice in Asian Cities

Principal Investigator: Kenneth Paul Tan

Co-investigators: Rita Padawangi, Sharon Siddique

April 2009 – Present

Community Participation in Urban Water Management

Principal Investigator: Rita Padawangi

Co-investigator: Chong Su Li

Institute of Water Policy Research Grant, LKY School  
Amount: S\$ 140,000

April 2011 – Present

Evaluation of Singapore's Active, Beautiful, and Clean Waters Programme

Principal Investigator: Rita Padawangi

Co-investigators: Lim Weida, Joost Buurman

Institute of Water Policy Research Grant, LKY School

Amount: S\$ 40,000

Jan 2012 – Present

Forging a Sustainable Future of Urban Regeneration in Asia

Principal Investigator: Malone-Lee Lai Choo

Co-investigators: Heng Chye Kiang, Johannes Widodo, Chen Yu, Rita Padawangi

Vantone Research Fund

Amount: S\$ 250,000

May 2010 to March 2012

Community Activism in Urban Waterfront Redevelopment

Principal Investigator: Rita Padawangi

Staff Research Support (SRSS) Grant, LKY School

Amount: S\$ 30,000 (2 x 15,000)

**PUBLICATIONS** for the last 5 years including forthcoming publications

**Book Chapter**

Published

Padawangi, Rita. "Climate Change and the North Coast of Jakarta: Environmental Justice and the Social Construction of Space in Urban Poor Communities." In *Research in Urban Sociology vol. 12 (Urban Areas and Climate Change)*, ed. William G. Holt III. Bingley, UK: Emerald, 2012.

Padawangi, Rita. "The Right to Flood-Free Homes: Urban Floods, Spatial Justice and Social Movements in Jakarta, Indonesia." In *Global Visions: Risks and Opportunities for the Urban Planet*, eds. Johannes Widodo; Jürgen Rosemann; Low Boon Liang; and Adriana Gonzalez-Brun. Singapore: National University of Singapore, 2012.

Padawangi, Rita. "Partisipasi Masyarakat dalam Keprihatinan Global: Warga Miskin Jakarta dan Pencapaian MDGs." In *Si Miskin (tidak lagi) Dilarang Sakit*, ed. Nainggolan, Azas Tigor. Jakarta: Forum Warga Kota Jakarta, 2011. (In Indonesian).

Padawangi, Rita. "The Planned Suburbanization of a City-State: Singapore's New Towns." In *Research in Urban Sociology vol. 10 (Suburbanization in Global Society)*, eds. Mark Clapson and Ray Hutchison. Bingley, UK: Emerald, 2010.

Harris, Jeremy and Rita Padawangi. "Sustainable Environment Cities." In *Developing Living Cities: From Analysis to Action*, eds. K.E. Seetharam and Belinda Yuen. Singapore: World Scientific, 2010.

Accepted for Publication

Padawangi, Rita. "Energy Infrastructure Security in Asia: Learning from Hydropower's Challenges." In *Energy Infrastructure Security in Asia*, ed. Hooman Peimani. Singapore: NUS Press (forthcoming).

Padawangi, Rita. "Market Expansion and Water for the Poor: A Look at the GPOBA Water Supply Programme in Jakarta." In *Public Organisations and New Approaches to Building Markets in Asia*, eds. Toby Carroll; Darryl Jarvis; and M. Ramesh. Hampshire, UK: Palgrave,

2012.

### **Refereed Article**

Accepted for publication

Padawangi, Rita. "The Cosmopolitan Grassroots City as Megaphone: Reconstructing Public Spaces through Urban Activism in Jakarta." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (accepted for publication in 2011).

Under review

International Development Planning Review (Special Issue): *Insurgencies, Social Media and the Public City in Asia*

Padawangi, Rita, Peter Marolt, and Mike Douglass. "Insurgencies, Social Media, and the Public City in Asia" (Overview Paper).

Padawangi, Rita. "Reform, Resistance and Empowerment: Urban Landscapes and the Transformation of Activist Groups in Jakarta, Indonesia."

Published

Padawangi, Rita. "Community-Driven Development as Drivers of Change: Water Supply and Sanitation Projects in Rural Punjab, Pakistan." *Water Policy*, S1 (2010): 104-120.

Lim, Merlyna and Rita Padawangi. "Contesting Alun-alun: Power Relations, Identities, and the Production of Urban Space in Bandung, Indonesia." *International Development Planning Review* 30, no. 3 (2008): 307-326.

Padawangi, Rita. "From Colonial Past to Commercial Present and Spectacular Future: The Impact of Urban Growth in the Transformation of Alun-alun Bandung." *Journal of Southeast Asian Architecture* 9 (2006): 29-41.

### **ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

Awards and honors:

International Forum on Urbanism Best Paper Award (2011)

State of Illinois Youth Achievement Award, for outstanding dedication to the Indonesian community in the State of Illinois, USA (2005)

Fulbright Scholar in Sociology at Loyola University Chicago (2003-2005)

Albert Szymanski Paper Award, American Sociological Association (2004)

Singapore Institute of Architects Book Prize (2003)

Best Graduate, Master of Arts (Urban Design), National University of Singapore (Class of 2003)

Best Graduate, Bachelor of Architecture, Parahyangan Catholic University, Bandung, Indonesia (2000)