

## EDUCATION

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**University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC)** **Aug 2021 – Present**

- Doctoral student, department of Sociology.

**National University of Singapore (NUS)** **Aug 2019 – February 2022**

- Masters by Research, Sociology. Thesis Title: “**Women’s Issues and What It Means to be a Muslimah: The Religious Orientations of Female Muslim Activists in Malaysia.**” Supervisor: A/P Eric Thompson.

**National University of Singapore (NUS)** **Aug 2013 - June 2017**

- Bachelors of Social Sciences (with Honours) in Sociology. Thesis title: “**Documenting Lived Masculinities of Male Adolescents in an All-Boys Secondary School.**” Supervisor: Dr Adelyn Lim.

**Student Exchange Programme - The Netherlands** **Jan 2016 - July 2016**

- Studied for a semester at Maastricht University, where I enrolled in history and Science and Technology Studies (STS) courses.

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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- Religion, Gender

## ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

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- Alatas, Syed Imad. (Forthcoming). Compatibility despite Controversy: Sunni-Shia Marriages within the Singapore Muslim Community. Special Issue on Asian Families: Networks, Practices, and Inequalities *Asian Studies: Journal of Critical Perspectives on Asia*
- Alatas, Syed Imad. (Early View). [Malaysian Muslimah Activists’ Modes of Thought: Rereading Islamic and Alternative Sources of Knowledge](#). *Kajian Malaysia* (Journal of Malaysian Studies).
- Alatas, Syed Imad. (2020). [Islamic Attitudes towards Israel and Jews: A Comparison of Malaysia and Indonesia](#). *Asia Pacific Social Science Review* 20(3): 153-162.
- Alatas, Syed Imad. (2018). [Institutional Setting and Lived Masculinities among Male Adolescents: A Case Study of a Government-aided All-Boys Secondary School in Singapore](#). *Southeast Asian Social Science Review* 3(2): 57-82.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN SUBMISSION

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- Alatas, Syed Imad. Developing a School of Autonomous Knowledge: Thoughts of the Late Syed Hussein Alatas. In Byrd, Dustin & Seyed Javad Miri (Eds.), *Syed Hussein Alatas and Critical Social Theory. Under Review*.

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### BOOK CHAPTERS

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- Alatas, Syed Imad. (2021). Women and Islamisation in Malaysia: Contestations on the Practice of Islam. In Lumina, I (Ed.), *The Politics of Muslim Identities: South and Southeast Asia* (pp. 33-47). Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- Alatas, Syed Imad. (2019). Interfaith Efforts Can Stem Prejudices and Stereotypes. In Mohamed Imran Mohamed Taib & Nurul Fadiah Johari (Eds.), *Budi Kritik* (pp. 157-162). Singapore: Math Paper Press.

### BOOK REVIEW

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- Alatas, Syed Imad. (2022). Review of Miriam Koktvedgaard Zeitzen's "[Elite Malay Polygamy: Wives, Wealth and Woes in Malaysia](#)." *Journal of International Women's Studies* 23(1): Article 27.

### SELECTED ARTICLES IN MEDIA

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- Raise the standard of religious discourse (2020): <https://www.thestar.com.my/opinion/letters/2020/01/01/raise-the-standard-of-religious-discourse>
- A brighter religious landscape under Mahathir (2018): <https://www.malaymail.com/news/what-you-think/2018/05/21/a-brighter-religious-landscape-under-mahathir-imad-alatas/1633271>
- On Ashura, sectarianism bares its ugly head in Malaysia (2019): <https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/opinion/2019/09/10/on-ashura-sectarianism-bares-its-ugly-head-in-malaysia/>
- Insufficient reasons for cold-turkey approach to Middle East (2018): <https://www.malaysiakini.com/news/449509>

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- "Gender Justice in Islam: How Muslimah Activists in Malaysia discuss Marital Issues and Women's Roles." American Sociological Association 117th Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, USA, August 5-9, 2022.
- "Women's Issues and What It Means to be a Muslimah: The Religious Orientations of Female Muslim Activists in Malaysia." 16<sup>th</sup> Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies, ARI, Singapore, July 12-14, 2021.
- "Malaysia-Israel Relations: How Long will the Ambivalence Last?" 11<sup>th</sup> International Malaysian Studies Conference, Kedah, Malaysia, August 13-14, 2018.

### INVITED TALK(S)

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- "Sunni-Shia Marriages in Singapore: Challenges and Commonalities." Centre for Research on Islamic and Malay Affairs (RIMA), Singapore, January 25, 2022.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS**

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**Graduate Teaching Fellowship, NUS** **Aug 2019 – Aug 2021**

- Awarded a monthly stipend for the duration of my Master's degree, where I tutored for assigned courses. The fellowship was awarded in addition to a full tuition fee waiver.

## **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

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- U.S. Poverty and Public Policy, UNC Department of Sociology **Fall 2022**
- Race and Ethnicity, UNC Department of Sociology **Spring 2022**
- Family & Society, UNC Department of Sociology **Fall 2021**
- Religion in Society and Culture, NUS Department of Sociology **Spring 2021**
- Sociology of Popular Culture, NUS Department of Sociology **Fall 2020**
- Sociology of Religion, NUS Department of Sociology **Spring 2020**
- Introduction to Sociology, NUS Department of Sociology **Fall 2019**

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**Middle East Institute, Executive (Publications)** **Sept 2017 - July 2019**

- Oversaw the institute's publications for each quarter of the financial year. Spearheaded the institute's annual report for 2017 and 2018.
- Co-managed the institute's social media pages (FB & Twitter)
- Supervised interns and delegated work and ad-hoc duties to them, including research and editorial work.

**Middle East Institute, Intern** **May 2017 - July 2017**

- Reported on current affairs in the Middle East through secondary research.
- Published lecture briefs on MEI's website that summarized important MEI talks.

## **VOLUNTEER WORK**

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**Graduate Representative to the Sexual Harassment Committee** **Mar 2021 – July 2021**

- Served as the graduate representative to the Sociology department's Sexual Harassment Committee at NUS. Short-term projects included creating a poster, a website page, and short pamphlets in order to raise visibility and kickstart discussions about the issue of sexual harassment. In this role, I was also a liaison between students and the department on matters pertaining to sexual harassment on and off campus.

**Darul Ihsan Orphanage** **Sep 2018 - Sep 2019**

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- Volunteered with a Muslim orphanage in Singapore on a weekly basis where I provided an orphan with one-to-one English tuition.

**The KRC, Contributing Editor (<http://kentridgecommon.com/>)**

**Oct 2015 - Sept 2017**

- Edited bi-weekly submissions from students to a university newspaper and published an article of my own every month on current affairs. Articles fostered discussions on the online community about what matters to Singaporeans.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION(S)**

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- American Sociological Association

**RELEVANT SKILLS**

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- **Languages:** English (fluent), Malay (proficient).