

CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Progress Report for Research Centres (2019 - 2020)

1. Name of the Research Centre

Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC)

2. Membership and Management Structure

2.1 Centre Director and Core-members (Name & Department)

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Centre Director:	
Prof THOMPSON Mark Richard	AIS
Core Members:	
Dr CARROLL Toby James	AIS
Dr EGRETEAU Renaud Charles Edouard	AIS
Dr FOSSATI Diego	AIS
Prof LYNCH Daniel Christopher	AIS
Dr WILLIAMS Bradley Rowland	AIS
Dr ZHANG Jun	AIS
Board Members:	
Dr CHAN Yuk Wah	AIS
Dr CHIA Stella	COM
Prof CUCKER Felipe	MA
Prof LIM C.W.	ACE
Dr MARKS Danny	AIS
Dr ONG Rebecca	SLW
Dr ORTMANN Stephan	AIS
Dr PASCOE Daniel	SLW
Dr PATTON Thomas	AIS
Dr ROBERTSON Justin	AIS
Dr STARRS Sean Kenji	AIS
Dr TAYLOR Bill	POL
Dr THOMAS Nicholas	AIS
Dr VAN DER KAMP Denise	AIS
Dr WISSINK Bart	POL
Dr YUE Wei Thoo	IS
Prof YIP Ngai Ming	POL

2.2 Advisors/Consultants

International Advisory Committee

SEARC's International Advisory Committee seeks to recruit outstanding scholars on Southeast Asia. The Committee provides SEARC with general advice about research developments in the region. Its current members include:

1. Prof Mark BEESON (Professor of International Politics, The University of Western Australia, Australia)
2. Prof Donald K EMMERSON (Director, Southeast Asia Program, Stanford University, USA)
3. Prof Hans-Dieter EVERS (Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research and International Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Emeritus Professor of Development Planning, ZEF University of Bonn and Professor emeritus of Development Planning, University of Bielefeld)
4. Prof Vedi HADIZ (Director and Professor of Asian Studies, The University of Melbourne)
5. Prof Kevin HEWISON (Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Asian Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
6. Prof Paul HUTCHCROFT (Professor, Department of Political & Social Change, Australian National University)
7. Prof Kanishka JAYASURIYA (Professor of Politics and International Studies and Head of Department, Murdoch University)
8. Prof Zhao LEI (Professor, International Strategy Research, Central Communist Party School, Beijing)
9. Prof Garry RODAN (Honorary Professor at the School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland, emeritus Professor at Murdoch University and also a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia).
10. Prof Robert H. TAYLOR (Formerly visiting senior fellow at ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute in Singapore; Visiting Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies, CityU, Lecturer in Government at the University of Sydney, Professor of Politics at the University of London, Pro-Director of the School of Oriental and African Studies, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham)

2.3 Steering/Management/Advisory Committee, if established

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee evaluates SEARC's longer-term aims, directions and planning, likely budgetary resources, and projected outcomes. Its current members are listed below.

Chair

Prof Richard Walker (Dean, CLASS; Chair Professor of Social Sciences, from August 2019)

Conveners

Prof Mark R. THOMPSON (Director, SEARC; Professor of Politics and Head, AIS)
Dr Diego FOSSATI (Associate Director, SEARC; Assistant Professor, AIS)

Management Committee

Selected from its core membership, SEARC's Management Committee is responsible for everyday operations, including the management and allocation of resources for Centre members and projects. Its current members are:

Chair

Prof Mark R. Thompson (Director, SEARC; Professor of Politics and Head, AIS)

Members

Dr Diego FOSSATI (Assistant Professor, AIS)

Dr Bill TAYLOR (Associate Professor, POL)

Dr Jun ZHANG (Assistant Professor, AIS)

With an aim to promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research, as well as knowledge transfer projects in the study of Southeast Asia, SEARC has been actively looking to invite research affiliates and associate members to join SEARC. Disruptions due to social unrest in Semester A and the coronavirus pandemic in Semester B have hindered our ability to invite guests for SEARC seminars, which in the past has been a useful opportunity to present the Centre's activities to potential new affiliates. However, we look forward to strengthening the center's profile and expanding our affiliate network during the coming year.

3. Mission statement and objectives

(Please highlight changes, if any, since establishment of the Centre)

The Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) was inaugurated on 27 February 2001 as a faculty-based research centre, under the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, CLASS. SEARC is the *only* research Centre focused on Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and is a key area of excellence in the university which it distinguishes itself from all other Hong Kong universities and draws attention to CityU from around the region and globally as a world class setting for the study of Southeast Asia.

Mission

The mission of the Southeast Asia Research Centre is to sustain and strengthen its international reputation as one of the foremost research centers in the world for the production and dissemination of knowledge about contemporary Southeast Asia. The Centre seeks to generate high-caliber scholarship to advance academic and applied research on Southeast Asia, and it aims to promote understanding of Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and in the region by disseminating knowledge on social, cultural, political and economic issues pertaining to Southeast Asian countries and their international relations. As a meeting place for scholars and practitioners committed to increasing knowledge about and

improving social welfare in the region, SEARC aims to facilitate mutual tolerance and deeper insights into Southeast Asia.

To fulfil its mission, SEARC seeks to attract competitive external grant funding, to collaborate internationally with other institutions, to conduct disciplinary-based and interdisciplinary research in compelling academic debates in the social sciences, to generate high-quality research publications, and to reach the public through open events and media engagement. In keeping with new priorities set by City University, the Centre prioritizes theoretical and interdisciplinary analysis, through which the intention of addressing real-world challenges in national political systems, workplace inequalities, gender relations, and disaster management.

Objectives

The objectives of the Southeast Asia Research Centre are:

- to advance the Centre's international reputation and City University's standing by researching political, economic, and social developments in contemporary Southeast Asia;
- to obtain competitive external grant funding;
- to extend links to scholars and institutions researching other parts of the developing world, especially China and Northeast Asia, whose concerns resonate with those of the Centre;
- to conduct disciplinary-based and interdisciplinary research;
- to address major debates in comparative politics, political economy, and comparative sociology;
- to produce high quality research publications on contemporary Southeast Asia;
- to engage Hong Kong citizens, especially civil society organizations, through open forums and media engagement; and
- to enhance the study of Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and to increase understanding of the region within the CityU and Hong Kong communities.

International linkages

SEARC has successfully joined the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA) as the Hong Kong representative, together with members at leading universities in Southeast Asia, Australia, Britain, Canada, China, Germany, South Korea, the U.S. and elsewhere. SEASIA's other Asian member institutions include: National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute Singapore, National Chengchi University, Jinan University, Academia Sinica. National Chengchi University, Kyoto University, Chulalongkorn University, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, University of the Philippines Diliman, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), and the Taiwan Association of Southeast Asian Studies. Joining SEASIA is an important new initiative for SEARC, enabling for closer networking with other leading Southeast Asian Centres in Asia and helping encourage

greater research collaboration as well as strengthening the standing of Southeast Asian studies in the Asian region.

By joining SEASIA, SEARC collaborates with other Centres in the development of synergistic, inter- and multi-disciplinary research in regard to the goals and endeavors that are pursued by us all who are keen to promote Southeast Asia studies. SEARC aims to bring together scholars living and researching within or close to the region to join together for regular meetings. SEARC will foster both regional and global efforts to networking with Centres of similar missions, goals and objectives. SEARC has already long served as an excellent platform for academics in Hong Kong for the studies of Southeast Asia. SEARC can assist in developing inter-university linkages for promoting international and regional research cooperation, publication and knowledge transfer. In collaboration, SEARC and SEASIA will work together to act as a common platform for promising and established scholars to demonstrate their latest research on area studies.

With SEARC's extensive network and profound knowledge in the studies of Southeast Asia, we have proactively formed strategic partnership with a number of prestigious research institutions and universities overseas, notably the Southeast Asia Program at Cornell University (SEAP), the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, University of Sydney, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) at Northern Illinois University, and the Asia Research Centre (ARC) at Murdoch University. We already have MoUs with these leading centres for the study of this region. SEARC pursues research activities within the University and through external alliances that enhance high quality theoretical and applied research consistent with the mission and objectives of our Centre as well as of our University.

SEARC has established a strong international reputation as an important setting for the study of political, economic, and social issues in contemporary Southeast Asia. While receiving funding in most years from City University of Hong Kong (CityU), SEARC members have actively sought competitive external grant funding, as is further detailed above, helping to foster a steady output of high-quality publications and working papers. The Centre has also attracted many respected scholars as visitors who, in carrying out research projects and conducting seminars, have further energized the Centre. For the next year, we look forward to continuing our commitment to regularly sponsor international conferences, workshops, public addresses, and roundtables, which have been a key SEARC contribution to public debate and intellectual life at CityU.

4. Research activities and achievements

4.1 Research Grants (*To be extracted from ERIC by RO, referred to Appendix II*)

4.2 Research Outputs (*To be extracted from SciVal by RO, referred to Appendix III*)

4.3 Research Impact (See Appendix I)

4.4 Conferences/ seminars organized during the period from July 2019 to June 2020

The center was active in organizing research seminars for the first part of Semester A, after which the increasing concerns due to social unrest, and later the COVID-19 outbreak, have led to the cancellation of all seminars for the safety of staff, invited guests and attendees.

We were therefore able to organize only two research seminars during the reporting period. They were both very well attended by our members at City as well as external guests from other tertiary institutions and the broader community. Recordings were uploaded on YouTube to make them available online to those who couldn't attend (see below).

Research seminars

Date:	23 September 2019
Title:	Are Singapore's Finest Years Coming To An End? The Prospects and Limits of Authoritarian Pragmatism
Speaker:	Prof Kenneth Paul Tan

Date:	21 October 2019
Title:	Malaysia's New Political Economy? Politics, Business and Power Consolidation
Speaker:	Prof Edmund Terence Gomez

We have already started to arrange for the rescheduling of the cancelled seminars. Given the current volatility due to the global pandemic, next year seminars will probably be organized as online webinars.

4.5 Publicity (e.g. Centre prospectus, newsletter and updated web page)

As one of the research unit in CityU, SEARC has followed the University "GO GREEN" policy, which is promoting paperless office best practices at the enterprise level to achieve to the green campus, sustainability, social responsibility, and environmental friendliness. In this spirit, SEARC has made full use of web-based platforms such as our website and mailing list to regularly promote the centre's activities. In addition to our own online channels, updated information on events and news was circulated through Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Plentiful information related to SEARC can be viewed on the SEARC web page, including the forthcoming event calendar, research seminar series with video, event archive, and latest news of the SEARC's members and working paper with the updated research findings from our Centre Fellows, Visiting Scholars and Guest Speakers. Thus far, we have published 197 working papers. The latest working paper (no. 197) with the title "[Colonial Burma and Popular](#)

[Western Culture: An Exploratory Survey](#)” is by Dr Andrew Selth (Adjunct Professor, Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University). The “Event Archive” on the web page aims to share information and data about our research. This section, available [here](#), contains the materials for seminars, workshops and conferences that we compiled over the past few years. With these resources made available for free access, we demonstrate our strong commitment and potential contributions to those who are interested in knowing more Southeast Asia. The other feature worth mentioning is the “Event Calendar at a Glance”. This section contains a brief description of SEARC events and easy reference regarding our upcoming events.

As a member of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA), SEARC’s information and news are also share on the [SEASIA’s web page](#). As mentioned above, SEASIA is instrumental in our strategy to expand our networks with peer institutions, encourage greater research collaboration as well as to strengthen the standing of Southeast Asian studies in the Asian region.

Apart from this, social media become an important platform to SEARC, for enhancing the communication among Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. SEARC releases the event information and news related to SEARC on Facebook, where it has reached a total of almost 3,000 followers. All videos of our research seminar series were uploaded on YouTube and Facebook. The seminar “[Are Singapore’s finest days coming to an end?](#)” by Dr. Kenneth Paul Tan has reached more than 270 views, a record for content produced by our centre.

With the SEARC Facebook page and our comprehensive website, we are building on a foundation of knowledge that we are leveraging to reduce costs and connect with a community who are interested in Southeast Asia. With SEARC portal, we share all our resources for free with the public and provide a range of news (Call for Proposals, details of upcoming conferences and job openings) about Southeast Asia and updates of the development of the region.

5. Future plans and long-term strategic development strategy

(Please include plans to generate income for sustaining Centre activities and plans to become financially independent for Centres which are more than three years of their establishment; bringing in new members; and where appropriate succession strategies with impending retirement/departure of the Director or its member)

Plans to generate income for sustaining Centre activities and plans to become financially independent for Centres

Despite budgetary constraints, SEARC reaffirmed both our ability and our commitment in promoting the studies of Southeast Asia. We will do our best to navigate the uncertain funding waters ahead. SEARC actively assists its members through seminars, workshops, and small grants to boost their research output (particularly in terms of SSCI/SCI ranked publications) and

seek external grant acquisitions. SEARC benchmarks its research output and international competitiveness with leading Southeast Asia Centres such as those at the Australian National University and the National University of Singapore as well as Cornell University, Kyoto University, SOAS, and University of Sydney as mentioned above.

SEARC has maintained a strong research focus, in accordance to its commitment to serve as a centre of excellence for the production on theoretical and applied research on Southeast Asia. This is reflected in the SEARC members *exceptional record* in attracting research funding from competitive external research grant schemes. Every SEARC core member has received one or more major grants from Hong Kong's University Grant Council within the past three years, as follows:

- Dr CARROLL Toby James has an ongoing GRF grant (2019-2022) of \$486,680 for a project titled "Privatising Development? The International Finance Corporation's impact upon development in Asia"
- Dr EGRETEAU Renaud Charles Edouard has an ongoing GRF grant (2019-2022) of \$870,344 for a project titled "Negotiating Parliamentary Control of the Armed Forces in Praetorian Regimes. Evidence from Myanmar"
- Dr FOSSATI Diego has received an ECS grant of \$913,599 for a project titled "The Meaning of Democracy and Democratic Consolidation in Indonesia", starting in 2021
- Prof LYNCH Daniel Christopher has an ongoing grant (2018-2021) of \$751,000 for a project titled "Changing Patterns of Threat Securitization in Democratic Taiwan"
- Prof THOMPSON Mark Richard has an ongoing GRF grant (2017-2020) of \$610,680 for a project titled "The Rise of Illiberal Populist Rule in the Philippines"
- Dr WILLIAMS Bradley Rowland has an ongoing GRF grant (2019-2022) of \$206,568 for a project titled "Cultivating Conservatives, Clandestinely: The Role of US Covert Action in Building Friendly Regimes in Japan and South Korea"
- Dr ZHANG Jun has an ongoing ECS grant (2019-2022) of \$907,369 for a project titled "Demolish the walls, Rebuild the city: Infrastructural Transformation and the Emergence of Urban Governance in Republican Canton, China" and a GRF grant (2019-2022) of \$935,279 for a project titled "Women and Birth in Transition: The Politics of Childbirth Medicalization in Reform era China"

In addition, other SEARC members have also received or recently completed major external grants:

- Prof. CHAN Johnny C.L. (with M. Yamaguchi) has an ongoing GRF grant (2017-2020) of \$540,824 for a project titled "Large Errors in Tropical Cyclone Track Forecasts: Causes and Possible Reduction" and has received a GRF grant (2019-2022) of \$502,444 for a project titled "Tropical Cyclone Genesis in Global Numerical Models"
- Prof. CHAN Johnny C.L. (with W.K Wong and K. Zhao) has an ongoing GRF grant (2017-2020) of \$472,351 for a project titled "Understanding the Physical Processes

Responsible for Different Rainfall Distributions Associated with Tropical Cyclone Landfall”

- Dr. ROBERTSON Justin has received a GRF grant of \$687,540 for a project titled “Combining Citizenships: How Asia and Europe Intersect to Drive Global Investment Migration”
- Dr THOMAS Nicholas received a GRF grant of 948,230 for a project entitled “The Role of Cities and Provinces in China’s Regional Relations” starting in 2020-21
- Dr. VAN DER KAMP Denise has received an ECS grant (2019-2022) of \$817,112 for a project titled “Governance by uncertainty: Assessing the impact of ad hoc enforcement in China”
- Dr WISSINK Bart (with M.A Martinez Lopez) has completed a GRF grant (2016-2019) of \$386,298 for a project titled “Outcomes of Urban Movements and Local Governance”

In total, these grants have generated \$10,036,318 in revenue

Despite this outstanding record, however, it needs to be emphasized that *none* of the leading Southeast Asia research Centres in the world - in the US (e.g. Cornell, Berkeley, Michigan, NIU), in Japan (Kyoto), in the UK (the LSE and Leeds), in Australia (the ANU, Sydney, and Murdoch), and in Singapore (ISEAS) are self-financing. All receive significant financial contributions from their respective universities. If CityU - long recognized as a major Centre for Southeast Asian studies in Asia and more recently around the world - is to remain internationally competitive, alongside seeking external funding, regular university funding is required.

Plans to bring in new members

Dr FOSSATI Diego (Assistant Professor, AIS) has joined SEARC and, effective from May 29, 2020, he has been appointed Associate Director of SEARC. He replaces previous Associate Director Dr PATTON Thomas, who has served in this role for the last 6 years. Dr PATTON, whom SEARC would like to thank for the outstanding service and leadership throughout these years, will remain a member of the SEARC Board and Management Committee.

Dr FOSSATI is a scholar of political behaviour, accountability and representation, especially in the context of East and Southeast Asia. His work, which has focused primarily on Indonesia, has been published in leading international peer-reviewed journals such as World Development, European Journal of Political Research and Review of International Political Economy. He has been awarded research grants by Hong Kong's University Grants Committee (Early Career Scheme) and Singapore's Ministry of Education (Tier-II Research Grant). He holds a Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University.

Dr VAN DER KAMP Denise (Assistant Professor, AIS) has recently joined SEARC as a Board Member. Her research explores issues in developmental politics and environmental governance,

with a focus on China. In particular, she examines government strategies for implementing environmental policies in contexts where both rule of law and civil society are weak. Dr VAN DER KAMP received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 2017, and was previously a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for the Study of Contemporary China. She is the recipient of an ongoing Early Career Scheme research grant.

Dr WISSINK Bart (Associate Professor, POL) has also joined SEARC as a Board Member. He received master degrees in urban planning (cum laude) and public administration (cum laude) and a PhD in social and behavioural sciences, all from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. His research explores urban development in East and Southeast Asia. Current projects focus on the consequences of entrepreneurial urban governance for the social role of art, with special attention for the politics of biennials, art and real estate development, and independent art initiatives. Other long-term research interests include enclave urbanism, urban controversies, social networks and the neighbourhood, and cities and the super-rich. Bart has held visiting appointments in Bangkok, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Tokyo and Paris.

In the next year, SEARC will continue its outreach activities to colleagues at CityU to realize its full potential as a platform for networking, intellectual exchange and knowledge production for scholars whose research interests focus on Southeast Asia.

Other future plans:

1. To contribute to an intellectual climate in the Centre that encourages SEARC core members to apply for competitive external grants and to present their research at conferences, workshops, and seminars.
2. To increase collaboration between core members of SEARC and between them and scholars in other CLASS-based research Centres and overseas institutions in the modes of faculty exchange, joint research funding applications, and organizing conferences together.
3. To continue to invite eminent researchers and professionals to deliver seminars and talks that enhance the interdisciplinary study of Southeast Asia and that strengthen ties to the Hong Kong community.
4. To continue to organize conferences and workshops that attract top local and international scholars and that lead to high-quality publications.
5. To maintain SEARC's working paper series as an outlet for established, especially new researchers to enter their findings quickly into the public domain.
6. To continue engaging CityU students in seminars, thereby strengthening linkages between scholarly research and classroom teaching.

7. To work effectively with both local and regional institutions and organisations, where such partnerships can lead to outstanding research, internationalization, cultural exchanges, academic exchanges and cross-institutional collaboration.
8. To develop our capacity to generate and share knowledge about Southeast Asia, ensuring significant contributions to the understanding of the region.
9. To enhance structures for collaboration across departments, colleges, and the University.
10. The annual planning and budgeting process will provide the framework for making our future plans to operation practically.

Appendix I - Research Impact (from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2020)

Area of Impact	Indicator of Impact	If yes, please tick (✓)	Summary of Impact
General	- Prestigious research awards and prizes	✓	<p><u>Research grant from July 2019 to June 2020</u></p> <p>Dr Bradley Williams, SEARC Board Member has received RGC General Research Fund (GRF) on “Cultivating Conservatives, Clandestinely: The Role of US Covert Action in Building Friendly Regimes in Japan and South Korea”, 1 July 2019.</p> <p>Dr Jun Zhang, SEARC Board Member has received Early Career Scheme (ECS) on “Demolish the Walls, Rebuild the City: Infrastructural Transformation and the Emergence of Urban Governance in Republican Canton, China” and RGC General Research Fund (GRF) on “Women and Birth in Transition: The Politics of Childbirth Medicalization in Reform era China”, 1 July 2019.</p> <p>Dr Renaud Egreteau, SEARC Board Member has received RGC General Research Fund (GRF) on “Negotiating Parliamentary Control of the Armed Forces in Praetorian Regimes. Evidence from Myanmar”, 1 July 2019.</p> <p>Dr Toby Carroll, SEARC Board Member has received RGC General Research Fund (GRF) on “Privatising Development? The International Finance Corporation's Impact Upon Development in Asia”, 1 July 2019.</p>
Economic and commerce	- Spin-out or funding (e.g. venture capital/Business Angel) for start-up businesses.		
	- Licences awarded and brought to market.		

Area of Impact	Indicator of Impact	If yes, please tick (✓)	Summary of Impact
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business performance measures (e.g. sales, turnover, profits, cost-effectiveness or employment) associated with new or improved products, processes and services. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrable collaborations with industry (e.g. partnership agreements, research contracts, or consultancies) 		
Public policy and professional services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documented evidence of policy debate (e.g. media, materials produced by NGOs). 	✓	All SEARC news including the book published, article in Newspaper, interview with newspaper/radio are listed on SEARC web page.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documented evidence of changes to public policy, legislation, regulations or guidelines. 		<p>The Director of SEARC, Prof Mark R THOMPSON is well-known for his expertise on Southeast Asian politics, with particular interest in the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia. He has regularly appeared in the international media, like the Time Magazine, The Diplomat, Vox, Southeast Asia Globe, South China Morning Post, The Huffington Post, East Asia Forum, Voice of America. He has also been interviewed by the major radio station, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Radio) about US President Donald Trump inviting Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte to the White House. Recently, he wrote an opinion piece on Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Philippines in the South China Morning Post 6 May 2020.</p> <p>Prof Daniel LYNCH, SEARC board member was frequently interviewed by International media such as US News & World Report, CNN TV,</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New or modified professional standards and codes of practice. 		

Area of Impact	Indicator of Impact	If yes, please tick (✓)	Summary of Impact
			<p>BCC, The New York Times and Foreign Affairs on US government and policy issue. He recently was quoted in The New York Times about the Hong Kong protests.</p> <p>Dr Sean STARRS, SEARC board member was frequently interviewed by International and local media, such as The Real News, RTHK Radio, O Estado de Sao Paulo (Brazil), Weekendavisen and South China Morning Post.</p> <p>Dr Danny MARKS, SEARC board member wrote an an op-ed in the Bangkok Post comparing the Thai government’s response to the 2011 floods and to the coronavirus, 25 March 2020.</p> <p>Dr Toby CARROLL, SEARC board member was featured in Hong Kong Free Press “Hong Kong is one of the most unequal cities in the world. So why aren’t the protesters angry at the rich and powerful?”, 2 October 2019. He also wrote an article entitled ““Commentary: Reverence for the rich and powerful hold Hong Kong back from badly needed reforms" in Channel News Asia (CNA). 30 September 2019.</p> <p>Dr Renaud EGRETEAU, SEARC board member was quoted i was quoted by South China Morning Post on Xi Jinping’s visit to mark 70th anniversary of China-Myanmar relations, 13 January 2020.</p>
Health and welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documented changes to guidelines. - Evidence of take-up and use of new or improved products and processes that improve quality of life. - life. 	✓	<p>Dr Danny MARKS, SEARC board member, was quoted in a China Daily article on waste from COVID-19 in Southeast Asia, 16 March 2020. He also wrote an op-ed on Bangkok’s wastewater problem in Bangkok Post, 14 January 2020</p>

Area of Impact	Indicator of Impact	If yes, please tick (✓)	Summary of Impact
	Measures of improved well-being, patient outcomes, public health or health services.		
	- Evidence of enhanced awareness of health risks and benefits by consumers.		
Society, culture and creativity	- Critical reviews in media, and/or other professional publications.	✓	<p>The members in Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) have been continuing participate in a range of academic conferences and appear in local and international major printed, online media and radio such as Ming Pao, Time Magazine, The Diplomat, Vox, Southeast Asia Globe, South China Morning Post, The Huffington Post, Asia Times, O Estado de Sao Paulo (Brazil), World Politics Review ,US News & World Report, East Asia Forum, The Real News, ABC Radio, BBC Radio and RTHK Radio, about the issues related to the democracy, gender, religions, etc. This enable broadening, expanding and deepening the knowledge staff, students and the community have of the region and its current and historical developments.</p> <p>SEARC members' publications are in high ranking journals according to SSCI/SCImago, top ranked university and major commercial presses.</p>
	- Increased public uptake of scientific training, through public engagement.		
Other	- Please specify		