

**Ng Wi En (she/her)**

Master of Arts

Communication Studies, Critical Technology Studies, and Gender Studies

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**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

**National University of Singapore**

Master of Arts

2022 - 2025

Communications and New Media

GPA 5/5

Thesis Topic: "Virtual worlds are a safe space for people to explore their gender identities as well": Exploring how virtual fashion shapes gender in Decentraland.

*Advisors:*

Asst. Prof. Michelle H. S. Ho

Dr Rimi Khan

**National University of Singapore**

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons), Highest Distinction

2018 - 2022

Major: Communications and New Media

GPA 4.57/5

Minor: Psychology

Thesis Topic: "No such thing as fake news back then": Understanding how the elderly in Singapore navigate the digital information landscape.

*Advisor:*

Dr Shobha Avadhani

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Forthcoming**

Ng, W. E., & Ho, M. H. S. (Book Chapter Invited). Has women's equality gone too far?: Theorizing gender-based violence in Singapore. In *Routledge companion to gender, violence and popular culture*. Routledge.

Self, P. R., Ho, M. H. S., & Ng, W. E. (Book Chapter Invited). Methodologies in digital intimacies: Sensing LGBTQ+ dating app desires in Singapore. In *Routledge companion to LGBTQ+ media*. Routledge.

**Under Review**

Ho, M. H. S., Ng, W. E., Rosario, A. L. C., Lee, J., Wadhwa, B., Choy, O., & Tandoc, E. C. Jr. (Special Issue Invited). When everything goes online, it's never really gone: Understanding technology-facilitated sexual violence (TFSV) in Singapore. *Journal of Gender Studies*.

**In Preparation**

Ng, W. E., & Avadhani, S. "No such thing as fake news back then": Understanding how older adults in Singapore navigate the digital information landscape.

Ng, W. E. Flushed margins: Decoding toilet cultures and social disparities in Singapore.

Ng, W. E. Here, there, nowhere, and everywhere: Understanding presence through embodied disembodiment in virtual worlds.

Ng, W. E. Pixelated Pride: Performative engagement and the neoliberal commodification of queerness in the Metaverse.

Ng, W. E. The missing link: Gender and political agency in the quest for inclusive digital futures in the Metaverse.

Ng, W. E. When Decentralization fails: Addressing virtual rape in the Metaverse and building accountability frameworks.

Ng, W. E. & Rosario, A. L. C. Cultural Reflections and Gendered Inflections: The Southeast Asian Heroes of Mobile Legends Bang Bang.

### Non-referred

Ng, W. E., & Yeong, E. (2023). "Identity crisis is our identity": Cultural cringe and the search for a Singaporean identity through nationalism. *Advance*.  
<https://doi.org/10.31124/advance.24144369.v>

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

<b>Research Assistant: Queer Men in Singapore</b>	October 2024
<b>A Research Study on Digital Intimacies, Sexual Behaviors &amp; Mpox Perceptions</b>	– Present
<u>National University of Singapore, Department of Communications and New Media</u>	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Asst. Prof. Michelle Ho	
Part of an interdisciplinary team conducting research on the perceptions, understandings, and lived experience of gay, bisexual, or queer men in Singapore. Conducted and transcribed interviews, as well as handled administrative work related to the study.	
Study Website: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/queermeninsg">tinyurl.com/queermeninsg</a>	
<b>Research Assistant: Interventions in Young Singaporeans' Experiences and Understandings of Sexual Violence</b>	October 2023
	– Present
<u>National University of Singapore, Department of Communications and New Media</u>	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Dr Shobha Avadhani	
Explored young Singaporeans' experiences and understandings of gender and sexual violence through a case study of NUS students. Conducted literature review and did data analysis on over 500 student papers.	
<b>Research Assistant: Campus Sexual Misconduct in a Digital Age (CASMIDA)</b>	May 2023
	– Present
<u>National University of Singapore, Department of Communications and New Media</u>	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Asst. Prof. Michelle Ho	
Investigated technology-facilitated sexual violence in campus settings. Conducted and transcribed interviews; managed six quantitative surveys; and handled qualitative and quantitative data cleaning, preparation and analysis. Assisted with updating of IRB forms and all other administrative duties related to the study.	
Study website: <a href="https://casmida.com">casmida.com</a>	
<b>Student Researcher: Work and Savings Behaviours of Lower-Income Families in Singapore</b>	Apr 2022
	– June 2022
<u>Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy</u>	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Dr Mathew Mathews	
Studied the work and savings behaviours of families living in three to four-room housing flats, aiming to propose policies to enhance long-term financial stability. Conducted door-to-door participant recruitment for the study.	
<b>Student Researcher: Politics of Fatness in Media Cultures</b>	Jan 2021
	– May 2021
<u>National University of Singapore, Department of Communications and New Media</u>	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Dr Shobha Avadhani	
Examined how fatness is constructed as a discourse across multiple media artefacts and platforms, from government health campaigns to social media	

activism. Conducted systematic literature review and assisted the Principal Investigator in developing the research framework.

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Social Justice Fellowship, University of Manchester and Access Academia	2024
Department Conference Travel Grant	2024
NUS Research Scholarship	2022 – 2024
Annie Tan (Mrs Wan Boo Sow) Medal and Prize	2022

## CONFERENCES

### Presentations

<u>ICA</u>	2025
Pixelated Pride: Performative engagement and the neoliberal commodification of queerness in the Metaverse.	First Author
Dating App Desires: How Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Men in Singapore Navigate Intimacy in a Digital Age.	Co-Author
<u>IAMCR</u>	2025
Male Grievances on Reddit: Theorizing Gender-Based Violence in Singapore	First Author
Queer Side of Things: Digital Intimacies and Dating App Desires Among Men in Singapore	Co-Author
<u>Men &amp; Masculinities Conference</u>	2025
Side of the Times: How New Dating App Categories Influence Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Men's Identities in Singapore	Co-Author
<u>NUS FASS Brown Bag Seminar Series</u>	2025
Digital Intimacies of Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Men (GBQ) in Singapore	Co-Author
<u>IAMCR</u>	2024
"It's freeing, guys have a lot of expectations on their shoulders": Creating feminist realities through the wearing of virtual fashion in Decentraland.	Solo Author
"When everything goes online, it's never really gone": Understanding Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence (TFSV) in Singapore.	Co-Author
"No such thing as fake news back then": Understanding how older adults in Singapore navigate the digital information landscape.	First Author
<u>Research Workshop on Gender, Youth and Media in Asia;</u>	2024
<u>National University of Singapore, FASS Gender and Sexuality Research Cluster</u>	
Cultural reflections and gendered inflections: The Southeast Asian heroes of Mobile Legends Bang Bang.	First Author
"When everything goes online, it's never really gone": Understanding Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence (TFSV) in Singapore.	Co-Author
<u>Graduate Research Conference;</u>	2023
<u>National University of Singapore, Department of Communications and New Media</u>	
Virtual Threads, Real Expressions: Exploring Gender Identity through Fashion in Decentraland.	Solo Author
<u>Graduate Research Symposium on Gender and Sexuality;</u>	
<u>National University of Singapore, FASS Gender and Sexuality Research Cluster</u>	
Flushed Margins: Decoding Toilet Cultures and Social Disparities in Singapore	2023, Solo Author
Fashioning an identity: Wearing Virtual Fashion in Decentraland.	2022, Solo Author

### Conferences Organised

gCON2023

Media, Borders, and Transformations: Rethinking the Role of Media in Shaping Societies and Cultures.

**Panels Moderated**

gCON2023

Panel Topic: The Role of Smart Technologies in Our Everyday Lives

2023,  
Publicity  
Director

## RESEARCH SKILLS

Qualitative Research (Proficient), Quantitative Research (Intermediate)  
Data analysis using research Software: MAXQDA, SPSS, R

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Communication and Media studies, Critical Technology studies, Gender studies, Cultural studies, Qualitative Research Methods, Feminist Methodologies

## TEACHING

**Teaching Assistant**

National University of Singapore, Department of Communications and New Media

NM2207 Computational Media Literacy

Student feedback: 4.3/5

NM1101E Communications, New Media and Society

Student feedback: 4.1/5

Jan 2023 –

May 2023

Aug 2022 –

Nov 2022

## WORKSHOPS AND MASTERCLASSES

17th Annual Feminist Theory Workshop. Hosted by the department of Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies, Duke University.

2024

Digital Authorship in the Age of Misinformation. Masterclass with A/P Nishant Shah of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Hosted by the Department of Communications and New Media, National University of Singapore.

2023

## CERTIFICATES AND ELIGIBILITIES

AWARE Singapore: Sexual Assault First Responder Training

2023

CITI Program: Social & Behavioural Research (Basic) Certificate

2023

The Open University: Humanities Research in the Digital Age

2023

United Nations: Gender Equality and Human Rights in Climate Action and Renewable Energy, Pathways 1 and 2

2023

United Nations: Specialised Module on Children and Climate Change

2023

CITI Program: Responsible Conduct of Research (Basic) Certificate

2022

The Safe Zone Project (SZP): Self-Guided Foundational Safe Zone Training

2022

## SERVICE

**Co-organisier, Gender Studies Reading Group**

2023 - 2024

Co-organised and managed a gender studies reading group for 7 graduate students from the Department of Communications and New Media.

**Editor, Post Script Issue 01**

2020 - 2021

National University of Singapore, Political Science Society

## REFERENCES

Asst. Prof. Michelle H. S. Ho, National University of Singapore (MA thesis advisor)  
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Asst. Prof. Renyi Hong, National University of Singapore

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