

# Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

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| University of Sydney | PhD, 2014<br>Unit for History and Philosophy of Science<br>Dissertation: <i>Health and Medicine in Soekarno Era Indonesia: Social Medicine, Public Health, and Medical Education, 1949-1967</i> |
| University of Iowa   | MA, 2008<br>Department of History<br>Thesis: <i>Eradicating Smallpox: The Archipelagic Challenge, Indonesia 1948-1974.</i>  |
| University of Madras | M.Phil., 2005<br>University of Madras<br>Centre for South and Southeast Asian Studies<br>Thesis: <i>Public Health Policy in Indonesia</i>   |
| University of Mumbai | MA, 2004<br>History   |
| University of Mumbai | BA, 2002<br>Department of History, Sathaye College  |

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Social History of Medicine in Colonial India  
IIT Madras  
April 2016

Humanities and Social Sciences Postdoctoral Fellow, IIT Madras  
August 2015-  
Lead Researcher for the Project entitled “Tuberculosis Control in Colonial and Postcolonial Southern India during the Long Twentieth Century and its Linkages with International and Global Public Health.”

Guest Lecturer, Department of Anthropology.  
Universitas Andalas, Padang, Indonesia.  
June 2015.

Research Consultant and Translator for the Australian Research Council Discovery Project “Reimagining Indonesian Psychiatry: Past, Present and Future.” University of Sydney. March 2015- July 2015.

Independent Consultant Historian for the tele series “Accession of Princely States to the Indian Union, 1947-48.” Rajya Sabha Television (Indian Parliamentary Channel). May 2015.

Grader, “Drugs across Cultures” (Anth 106), Dept. of Anthropology, Macquarie University. 2013.

Research Assistant, Australian Research Council Discovery Project “Health and Medicine in the Dutch East Indies: Medical Research, Health Programs, and Colonial Networks of Mediation.” University of Sydney. 2010-2012.

Part-time Lecturer, “History and Philosophy of Biomedical Sciences” (HPSC3002). University of Sydney. 2010.

Tutor, Unit for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Sydney. Accredited: 2010.

Research Officer, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. 2008-2009.

Teaching Assistant, “Western Civilization II and III.” University of Iowa. 2007-2008.

Research Assistant, “African American, Latin American History and History of Disability.” University of Iowa. 2006-2007.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

Visiting Scholar, Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University  
2016

The Rockefeller Archive Center Grant-In-Aid for the Project “The Medical Spur to Postcolonial Science in Southeast Asia during the Cold War, The Case of Indonesia and the Philippines.”  
2016

The Wellcome Trust Medical Humanities Small Grant for the Postdoctoral Research Project at IIT Madras entitled “Tuberculosis Control in South India and Beyond in the Long Twentieth Century and its Links with International and Global Health.”

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2016

HOMSEA [History of Medicine in Southeast Asia] Conference Grant for presenting a paper at the biennial conference at Siem Reap, Cambodia.

2016

IIT Madras Institutional Postdoctoral Fellowship, IIT Madras.

August 2015-

HOMSEA Conference Grant for presenting a paper at the biennial conference at Ateneo de Manila University.

2014

Visiting Fellow at the Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge.

June to July 2013

China Medical Board Travel Bursary for presenting a paper at *The Transnational History of Health in Southeast Asia, 1914-2014*, Summer School, University of Cambridge.

27 June to 14 July 2013

Empire and Global Governance: Public Health in Asia and Pacific Travel Bursary, Australian National University.

2013

University of Sydney International Scholarship

June 2009-January 2013

Grant of the Post Graduate Research Support Scheme, University of Sydney

2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Visiting Scholar, KITLV, October-November 2011.

Funded by an Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration PhD Overseas Travel Fellowship.

Australia Netherlands Research Collaboration PhD Overseas Travel Fellowship, 2011.

Funded by the Commonwealth of Australia, The Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Australian National University, and Leiden University.

Netherlands Organization of Scientific Research Travel Grant. 2011

HOMSEA Conference Grant, for presenting a paper at the biennial conference, National University of Singapore.

2010

ANZSHM [Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine] Conference  
Grant for presenting a paper at the biennial meeting.  
2009

Ian Langham Travel Bursary for presenting a paper at the Australasian Association of the  
History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science conference.  
2009

Crossing Borders Fellowship, University of Iowa  
2006-2007

Crossing Borders Travel Grant, University of Iowa.  
2007

Best Student of the Arts Division, Sathaye College, University of Mumbai,  
Awarded for excelling in curricular and extracurricular activities.  
2001-2002

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **MONOGRAPH**

Neelakantan, Vivek. *Science, Public Health and Nation-Building in Postcolonial Indonesia: International Influences, Local Transformations, 1945-1967*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing [Book Contract, Accepted for Publication].

### **ARTICLES**

Neelakantan, Vivek. "Eradicating Smallpox, the Archipelagic Challenge: Indonesia." *Health and History* 12, no.1 (2010): 61-87

Neelakantan, Vivek. "The Indonesianization of Social Medicine." *Lembaran Sejarah* 10, no.1 (2013): 74-86.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Neelakantan, Vivek. "The Campaign against the Big Four Endemic Diseases and Indonesia's Engagement with the WHO during the Cold War, 1949-1967." In: *Public Health and National Reconstruction in Post-War Asia: International Influences, Global Transformations*, eds. Liping Bu and Ka-Che Yip. Abingdon: Routledge, August 2014, 154-74.

Neelakantan, Vivek. "Expansion and Transformation of Medical Education in Indonesia: The Case of Jakarta and Surabaya, the 1950s." In: *Translating the Body: Medical Education in Southeast Asia*, eds John Harley Warner, Hans Pols, and C. Michele Thompson. Singapore: NUS Press, accepted.

Neelakantan, Vivek. "The Eradication of Smallpox in Indonesia." In: *Histories of Health in Southeast Asia: Perspectives on the Long Twentieth Century*, eds. Tim Harper and Sunil Amrith. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2014, 149-53.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Neelakantan, Vivek. *Tracing Human Rights in Health: Health as a Human Right Background Paper Series 4*. Mumbai: Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes, October 2006. Cited by the World Health Organization Manual, *Making a Difference: 30 Years of Research and Capacity Building in Tropical Diseases*, 2007.

### **REVIEW ESSAY**

Neelakantan, Vivek. "Recollecting Jakarta's Social and Medical History." *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land-en Volkenkunde* [BKI] 169, nos. 2 and 3 (2013): 363-73.

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Neelakantan, Vivek. "Disease Eradication and National Reconstruction during the Early Decades of the Cold War: Indonesia and the Philippines," *IAS Newsletter* 71 (2015): 4-5.

Neelakantan, Vivek. "The Medical Spur to Postcolonial Indonesian Science: The Soekarno Era." *IAS Newsletter* 70 (2015): 14-15.

Neelakantan, Vivek. "The Campaign against Yaws in Postcolonial Indonesia: Forgotten Disease, Incomplete Victories." *IAS Newsletter* 69 (2014): 10-11.

Neelakantan, Vivek. "Smallpox Eradication: Lessons from the Indonesian Archipelago, 1947-74," *Wellcome History* 45(2010): 2-4.

Neelakantan, Vivek. "Development of Indonesia's Political Culture of Health: The Soekarno Era, 1949-1966," *Wellcome History* 43(2010): 12 (Work in Progress).

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of "The End of Personal Rule in Indonesia: Golkar and the Transformation of the Suharto Regime," by Masuhara Ayako. *Southeast Asian Studies Journal* 5, no. 1(2016): 166-67.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of "Medicine at the Border: Disease, Globalization and Security, 1850 to the Present," ed., Alison Bashford. *História, Ciências, Saúde – Manguinhos* 23, no. 2 (2016): 570-72.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of "Global Health in Africa: Historical Perspectives on Disease Control," eds. Tamara Giles Vernick and James Webb. *Social History of Medicine* 28, no.1 (2015): 220-21.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of “Public Health in Asia and Pacific: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,” eds. Milton Lewis and Kerrie Macpherson. *Newbooks.Asia*, <http://www.newasiabooks.org/review/public-health-asia-and-pacific>. Accessed 2 July 2014.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of “Barefoot Doctors and Western Medicine in China,” by Xiaoping Fang. *Medical History* 57, no. 4(2013): 598-99.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of “Mixed Medicines: Health and Culture in French Colonial Cambodia,” by Sokhieng Au. *Global Public Health: An International Journal of Research, Policy and Practice* 8, no. 5 (2013): 636-637.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of “Global Movements, Local Concerns: Medicine and Health in Southeast Asia,” by Laurence Monnais and Harold Cook, eds. *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History* 30, no. 2 (2013): 231-33.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of “Memoirs of Indonesian Doctors and Professionals, vol. 2,” by Tjien Oei ed. *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde [BKI]* 168, no. 4 (2012): 564-566.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of “Health and Hygiene in Chinese East Asia: Policies and Publics in the Long Twentieth Century,” by Angela Leung and Charlotte Furth, eds. *IIAS Newsletter* 62 (2012): 38.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of “Cambodians and their Doctors: A Medical Anthropology of Colonial and Post-Colonial Cambodia,” by Jan Ovesen and Ing-Britt Trankell. *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde [BKI]* 168, no. 1 (2012): 43-45.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of “Modern Medicine and International Aid: Khunde Hospital, Nepal, 1966-98,” by Susan Heydon. *Wellcome History* 48 (2011): 15.

Neelakantan, Vivek. Review of “The Smallpox Eradication Saga: An Insider’s View,” by Isao Arita. *Wellcome History* 46 (2011): 22.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Tuberculosis Control in Colonial and Postcolonial South India and Beyond: Fractured Sovereignties in International Health, 1948-1960,” *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Wednesday Seminar Series*, London, 24 February 2016.

“Expansion and Transformation of Medical Education in Soekarno Era Indonesia: Java and the Outer Islands,” *Universitas Andalas Department of Anthropology Public Lecture*, Padang, West Sumatra, 16 June 2015.

“Smallpox Eradication in the Dutch East Indies and Indonesia and its Links with the Bombay Presidency and India, 1804-1974,” *K.R. Cama Oriental Institute Public Lecture*, Mumbai, 15 May 2014.

“Health and Medicine in Soekarno Era Indonesia: Social Medicine, Public Health, and Medical Education, 1949-1967,” *Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Public Lecture Series*, New Delhi, 3 August 2013.

“The Campaign against the Big Four Endemic Diseases and Indonesia’s Relations with the WHO during the Cold War, 1950-1965,” *Workshop on Empire and Global Governance: Public Health in Asia and Pacific*, Australian National University, 27-28 February 2013.

“Indonesianising Social Medicine, 1918-67,” *State and Economy in Indonesia’s Transition to Sovereignty: a Comparative Perspective Workshop*. Leiden University, 13-14 October 2011.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“No Nation Can Go Forward if Crippled by Disease: Indonesia, Philippines and International Health During the Early Decades of the Cold War, 1946-1965.” *HOMSEA Conference*. Siem Reap, Cambodia, January 2016.

“Eradicating Yaws in Southeast Asia.” *Eighth Dr Mani Kamberkar Memorial State Level Seminar on History of Science, Technology, Medicine and Environment*. Thane, India, September 2014.

“Indonesia’s Engagement with the WHO during the Cold War and the Bandung Approach to Health, 1949-1967.” *HOMSEA Conference*. Manila, Philippines, January 2014.

“Indonesian Medical Education: The Role of the SEARO (WHO Regional Office for Southeast Asia), International Aid and Implementation of Public Health in the 1950s,” *HOMSEA Conference*. Solo, Indonesia, July 2012.

“Disease Eradication and Nation Building in Indonesia, 1949-1967,” *Second International Graduate Students Conference on Indonesia*. Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, November 2010.

“Developing Indonesia’s Political Culture of Health: The Soekarno Years, 1949-67,” *History of Medicine in Southeast Asia (HOMSEA Conference)*. National University of Singapore, June 2010.

“The Idea of Health in Twentieth Century Indonesia: The Sukarno Years.” *21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA)*. National University of Singapore, June 2010.

“Designing Indonesia’s Health Policy: The Sukarno Years, 1949-1966.” *Indonesian Studies Summer Graduate School at the Asia Pacific Week 2010*. Australian National University, Canberra.

“Engaging with Public Health in the Dutch East Indies: Public Policy, Private Philanthropy, 1918-1942.” *Asia Pacific Science, Technology, Society Network Conference*. Griffith University, Brisbane, 2009.

“India as a Medical Tourist Destination: Marketing Potential, Ground Realities.” *Health and Borders in China, India and Indian Ocean Region Workshop*. Indian Ocean and South Asian Research Network and China Research Centre at University of Technology, Sydney, 2009.

“Visions of Health in Twentieth Century Indonesia.” *Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine (ANZSHM) Biennial Conference, 2009*. Perth, University of Western Australia.

“Leprosy in Colonial Bombay, 1865-1890: Western Perception, Indigenous Response,” *Australasian Association for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies in Science (AAHPSSS) Conference*, University of Queensland, Brisbane, 2009.

“Public Health Issues in Indonesia.” *Ninth Annual Crossing Borders Convocation on the Transitions in Modern Muslim Societies*. University of Iowa, 2008.

“Historical Perspective on US Immigration Policy towards the Disabled Immigrants (1880-1920).” *Eighth Annual Crossing Borders Convocation on the Vulnerability of Labor Migrants*. University of Iowa, 2007.

## **LANGUAGES**

English, Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Marathi and Tamil

## **PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

External Reviewer for nominating the WHO (World Health Organisation) Archives of the Smallpox Eradication Programme for inclusion in UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation) Memory of the World (2016).

Organising Committee, International Indonesian Forum for Asian Studies and Universitas Andalas for the International Conference *Creating ASEAN Futures 2015: Towards Connected Cross-Border Communities*. Padang, Sumatera Barat, Indonesia (September 2015).

Peer Reviewer for *Social History of Medicine* [ISSN 1477-4666].

Peer Reviewer for *Women’s History Review* [ISSN 1747-583X].

Peer Reviewer for *Medical History* [ISSN 0225-7273].

Peer Reviewer for *Development and Change* [ISSN 1467-7660].

Editorial Board, *Paramita: Historical Studies Journal* [ISSN 0854-0039].

## **REFERENCES**

Excellent references available upon request.