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Education

2017 - 2023	PhD (Anthropology), Australian National University, Australia
2015 - 2016	MPhil (Social Anthropology), University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
2012 - 2014	MA (Anthropology), University of Hyderabad, India
1999 - 2012	MA (Pastoral Studies) Asian Pastoral Institute, Singapore
2002 - 2005	Bachelor of Arts, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Awards

2017	ANU PhD Scholarship
2014	Alumni Medal, University of Hyderabad
2014	University Medal, University of Hyderabad

Professional Appointments

Dec 2025 — present	Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Dec 2023 – Nov 2025	Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Dec 2021 – Nov 2023	Research Associate, Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Oct 2016 — Dec 2016	Researcher, OnePeople.SG, Singapore
Jun 2015 — Aug 2015	Research Assistant, Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Jun 2015 — Aug 2015	Center for Strategic Futures Fellow, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore
2008 — 2012	Crime Analyst, Singapore Police Force, Singapore
Aug 2007 — Dec 2008	Research Assistant (Religion Cluster), Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, Singapore
2005 — 2007	Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Teaching Appointments

Jan 2022 – May 2022	Part time Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Aug 2021 — Nov 2021	Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Jan 2017 — May 2017	Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Aug 2014 — Dec 2015	Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Teaching Interests

My teaching portfolios span anthropology, social sciences and cross-cultural studies.

Modules taught in anthropology and social sciences include:

- Singapore Society
- Social Research Methods
- Social Science Theories
- Identity Politics

Modules taught in cross-cultural and pastoral studies include:

- Southeast Asian Studies

Research Interests

- Identity politics
- Ethnography
- Qualitative methodology
- Urban anthropology
- South Asian anthropology
- Hindu Nationalism

Publications

Thesis

Xing, Elvin Yifu. "Narratives of Identity Among the Koyas of Telangana, India." PhD thesis, Australian National University, 2023.

Refereed Articles

Xing, Elvin Yifu and Arun Mypathi Kumar. 2022. "Reciprocity in field work: collaborating with the Adivasi Koya of Kamaram, Telangana, India." *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples* 18(2):290-298. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/11771801221100959>.

Chapters in Books

Xing, Elvin Yifu. 2023. "Tribal Aspirations and the City." In *Claims on the City: Situated Narratives of the Urban*, edited by C. Yamini Krishna, Amy Phua Mei Yen, and Nisha Mathew, 245-260. London: Lexington Books.

Xing, Elvin Yifu. 2018. "Chinese Community and Culture in Singapore." Co-authored with Soon Su-Chuin and Tong Chee Kiong. In *The Singapore Ethnic Mosaic: Many Cultures, One People*, edited by Mathew Mathews, 1-80. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing.

Conference Presentations

Xing, Elvin Yifu. "Soft Hindutva and the VKA: Exploiting Vulnerabilities of Adivasis in India." Presented at "Vulnerabilities." Organized by Australian Anthropological Society. Macquarie University, Australia. 28 November-December 1, 2023.

Xing, Elvin Yifu. "Reciprocity in Fieldwork: Collaborating with the Koyas of Kamaram." Presented at "Values in Anthropology, Values of Anthropology." Organized by Australian Anthropological Society. Australian National University, Australia. December 2-5, 2022.

Xing, Elvin Yifu. "Articulations of Koya Religious Identity." Presented at "Conversations: Searching for the Sacred in South Asia Symposium." Jointly organized by University of Cambridge's Faculty of Divinity, University of Oxford's Faculty of Theology & Religion, Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme, BASR and the Woolf Institute. Online Symposium. September 30 – October 1, 2022.

Xing, Elvin Yifu. "We are Koyas: Activism as Epistemic Decolonization." Presented at "Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future." Organized by Royal Anthropological Institute. Online Conference. September 14-18, 2022.

Xing, Elvin Yifu. "Activism as Ethical Space." Presented at "Values in Anthropology." Presented at Royal Anthropological Institute Student Conference. Organized by Royal Anthropological Institute. Durham University, United Kingdom. April 20-22, 2017.

Language Competency

English: advanced (oral, reading, writing)

Chinese: advanced (oral, reading, writing)

Hindi: basic (oral); intermediate (reading, writing)

Telugu: basic (oral); intermediate (reading, writing)