

# SINGAPORE FIELDTRIP

GEG-20009



**Students' costs for travel to Singapore:** The subsidy will cover travel insurance, accommodation for 7 nights and 8 days (breakfast included), and local transport. **Students will need to pay for i) their own flights/travel to and from Singapore, and ii) meals/F&B apart from breakfast**, which typically cost £8 - £10 per day (at 2018 estimates, given a current exchange rate of £1 to S\$ 1.67).<sup>1</sup>

South East Asia is one of the most economically dynamic and socially diverse areas of the world today. Singapore began as a colonial trading entrepot and it has always been a multicultural city. This 8-day fieldtrip will be based in Singapore.

This fieldtrip offers students a unique chance to observe postcolonialism in action, to engage in thoroughly multi-racial, multi-cultural, and multi-lingual societies, to immerse themselves in an entirely new environment.

The fieldtrip's themes feed directly into the 2nd and 3rd year modules in Geography, and will combine talks by local academics and experts, required readings, and the chance for students to explore in small groups and carry out individually-tailored projects.

Tracing the dizzyingly swift urban developments of the last 3 decades, students will use a range of social and cultural geographical criteria. Research themes will include: cross-cultural interactions, social construction of identity, urban regeneration and the conservation of heritage districts, migration and the urban politics of ethnic enclaves; regional economic development; the provisioning and politics of urban water systems; greenspace and urban environmental conservation. In a nutshell, the academic coverage of the trip encompasses postcolonial ethnic politics.

This fieldtrip is designed to provide myriad new experiences and ideas to students, to facilitate them in designing their dissertation projects, and to provide them training in fieldwork methods.

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<sup>1</sup> Students are advised to budget for further expenses if they think they may incur such, (for e.g., entry fees to some of Singapore's museums, exhibitions, the zoo, the bird park etc.) at their discretion. (Some sites are free, certain museums, botanical gardens, etc, but some are not.) It is recommended that potential participants research these costs via the internet before signing up for the trip and before choosing their group project element.