



Curriculum Vitae



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BIOGRAPHY

Christina Ong Sook Beng is a senior lecturer at the School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia. Before joining USM, she spent ten years lecturing and tutoring classes of various sizes at two private universities. Her research interests include exploring varieties of English, particularly Malaysian English, and using the corpus-based approach to provide insights into how different industries and communities use language in the society.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- VARIETIES OF ENGLISH
- CORPUS LINGUISTICS
- APPLIED LINGUISTICS

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

- **PHD (USM) (2023), (Linguistics)**
Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)
- **MA (UKM) (2013), (English Language Studies)**
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
- **BA (HONS) (UKM) (2008), (English Language Studies)**
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

MEMBERSHIPS

- **COMMITTEE MEMBER, THE MALAYSIAN CORPUS RESEARCH NETWORK (MCRN)**
2021 to Present
- **LIFETIME MEMBER, MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS (MAAL)**

AWARDS AND STEWARDSHIP

- **TUN RAZAK AWARD 2008**

37th UKM Convocation, 2008 (University)

- **BOOK AWARD 2008**

37th UKM Convocation, 2008 (University)

PUBLICATIONS

Article in Journal

Scopus

1. Por, F.P., Ong, C.S.B., Ng, S.K. & Din Eak, A. (2024). A bibliometric analysis on gamifying adult learning: past, present and future trends of learner-centered pedagogies. *Interactive Technology and Smart Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1108/ITSE-11-2023-0226>
2. Ong, S. B. C. & Hajar Abdul Rahim. (2021). Analysis of light verb construction use in L1 and L2: Insights from British and Malaysian student writing. *Teaching English as a Second Language Electronic Journal (TESL-EJ)*, 25(2). <https://tesl-ej.org/pdf/ej98/a1.pdf>
3. Ong, S. B. C. & Hajar Abdul Rahim. (2021). Nativised structural patterns of make light verb construction in Malaysian English. *Concentric: Studies in Linguistics*, 47(1), 93-112. <https://doi.org/10.1075/consl.00024.rah>
4. Ong, S. B. C., Siah, P. C., Tan, S. M. (2020). Demographic factors and job satisfaction of Malaysian Chinese independent school teachers. *Asia Pacific Journal of Educators and Education*, 35(1), 137-156.
5. Chai, J. M. & Ong, S. B. C. (2019). Tracing nativised irregular verbs in Malaysian English. *Asian Journal of Applied Linguistics*, 6(2), 210-220.
6. Chai, J. M. & Ong, S. B. C. (2018). The choice of suffix variants for participial adjective in corpus of Malaysian e-newspapers. *Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities*, 26, 2333-2346.
7. Ong, S. B. C. & Yuen, C. K. (2017). Comparing structural and functional lexical bundles in MUET reading test. *Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities*, 25(1), 133-148.
8. Siah, P.C., Ong, S. B. C., Tan, S. M., Sim, C. P., & Thoo, Y. X. R. (2017). Factors affecting school choice: What do Malaysian Chinese parents want? *Journal of School Choice*, 1-18.
9. Ong, S. B. C. & Yuen, C. K. (2015). Functional types of lexical bundles in reading texts of Malaysia University English Test: A corpus study. *GEMA Online® Journal of Language Studies*, 15(1), 77-90.
10. Siah, P.C., Ong, S. B. C., Tan, S. M., & Sim, C. P. (2015). Perception on Chinese values: A comparison of Chinese secondary students studying at national secondary schools and Chinese independent schools in Malaysia. *The Social Science Journal*, 52, 62-68.
11. Ong, S. B. C. & Yuen, C. K. (2014). A corpus study of structural types of lexical bundles in MUET reading texts. *3L: The Southeast Asian Journal of English Language Studies*, 20(2), 127-140.
12. Gill, S.K., Yuen, C. K., Ong, S. B. C., & Hao, Y. (2013). Impact of Chinese vernacular medium of instruction on unity in multi-ethnic Malaysia. *Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities*, 21(3), 1039-1064.
13. Ong, S. B. C. & Yuen, C. K. (2012). Peminjaman leksikal dalam blog Bahasa Inggeris remaja Malaysia. *Jurnal Komunikasi: Malaysian Journal of Communication*, 28(1), 137-150.

Others

1. Ong, S. B. C. (2023). A comparison of the constructions make / take a decision in Malaysian English with the supervarieties. *Asia Pacific Journal of Corpus Research*, 4(1), 43-59. <https://doi.org/10.22925/apjcr.2023.4.1.43>
2. Ong, S. B. C., Chai, J. M., Tan, C. S., & Tan, S. M. (2018). Communicative readiness and motivation among UNHCR refugee teachers of English in Malaysia. *Educatum-Journal of Social Science*, 4, 1-9.

Chapter in Books

1. Ong, S. B. C. & Cheah, T. H. (2019). Popiah or spring rolls: Identity construction by young Malaysian bloggers. In Saidatulakmal Mohd, Nor Asmat Ismail, Khoo, S.L., & Shariffah Suraya Syed Jamaludin (Eds.), *Malaysian youth: Challenges, opportunities and aspirations for the future* (pp. 117-140). Perak, Malaysia: Penerbit Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris.
2. Ong, S. B. C. (2019). Ergative verbs in cooking among English native speakers: Corpus investigation. In Salasiah Che Lah & Rita Abdul Rahman Ramakrishna (Eds.), *Research mosaics of language studies in Asia: Differences and diversity*. (pp. 332-354). Pulau Pinang, Malaysia: Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia.
3. Ong, S. B. C. & Lee, L. K. (2019). The causes and effects of Internet memes on adolescents' language proficiency. In P. G. Pakirathan (Ed.), *Reflections on social issues & Malaysian adolescents* (pp. 103-118). Perak, Malaysia: Centre for Applied Psychology.
4. Yuen, C. K. & Ong, S. B. C. (2011). Lexical analysis of blogs by Chinese youth. In Hazita Azman, Bahiyah Abdul Hamid & Zarina Othman (Eds.), *Malaysian youth in the global world: Issues and challenges* (pp. 119-131). Selangor, Malaysia: Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

Article in Proceeding

1. Christina Ong Sook Beng, A Corpus-Based Analysis of 'Distance Learning' in a Malaysian Internet Forum. *Proceedings of the Asian Association of Open Universities 36th Annual Conference*, Anadolu University, Istanbul, Turkey, 28 – 30 September 2023.
2. Christina Ong Sook Beng, Development of a Mesolectal Malaysian English Corpus. *e-Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Linguistics, Literature and Culture (ICLLIC 2019)*, Universiti Sains Malaysia, 29 – 30 July 2019.
3. Christina Ong Sook Beng, Readability of MUET Reading Comprehension Passages. *SOLLS INTEC 2015 Proceedings*, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 29 – 30 September 2015.

RESEARCH PROJECT

University

1. Gamifying adult learning: Impact on learners' engagement and learning achievement, funded by Centre for Research and Innovation (CeRI), WOU, April 2023 - March 2025. (PI – handed over)
2. A corpus-based analysis of 'distance learning' in a Malaysian Internet forum, funded by CeRI Incentive grant, WOU, February 2023 - January 2024. (PI – completed)
3. A qualitative analysis of Malaysian English language teachers' perspective of socio-emotional learning, funded by UTARRF, December 2021 - December 2022. (Co-researcher – completed)
4. Readability and academic word list analyses of MUET reading texts, funded by UTARRF, February 2015 - January 2016. (PI – completed)

5. Willingness to communicate in English and motivation level among refugee teachers in Malaysia, funded by FREDERICK FUND, July 2014 - December 2015. (PI – completed)
6. Linguistic sexism In Malaysian folktales: A corpus-based approach, funded by UTARRF, July 2014 - June 2015. (Co-researcher – completed)
7. Willingness to communicate in English and motivation level among Chinese secondary students in Malaysia, funded by UTARRF, February 2014 - January 2015. (Co-researcher – completed)
8. Job satisfaction: A study of Chinese Independent school teachers in Perak, Malaysia, funded by UTARRF, July 2012 - June 2013. (Co-researcher – completed)
9. A survey on educational preference among Malaysian Chinese parents, funded by UTAR Research Fund (UTARRF), February 2012 - January 2013. (Co-researcher – completed)

CONSULTANCY PROJECT

- **Grand Stem Inter-School Challenge (English Section) 2020, 2021, 2022**

Penang STEM 4.0 (Penang State)

PAPER PRESENTED

Conference

1. A corpus-based analysis of 'distance learning' in a Malaysian Internet forum. The 36th Asian Association of Open Universities Annual Conference (AAOU). Organised by Anadolu University at Istanbul, Turkey from September 28 to September 30, 2023.
2. Analysis of MAKE light verb constructions in Malaysian English. Lancaster Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics and Language Teaching (LAELPG). Organised by Lancaster University at Zoom from July 23 to July 24, 2021.
3. Nativised light verb constructions in Malaysian English. Corpus Approaches to Lexicogrammar (LxGr) 2021. Organised by Department of English, History & Creative Writing Edge Hill University, United Kingdom at Microsoft Teams from July 02 to July 03, 2021.
4. Development of Mesolectal Malaysian English Corpus. The 5th International Conference on Linguistics, Literature & Culture (ICLLIC 2019). Organised by English Language Studies, School of Humanities, USM at The Wembley Hotel, Penang from July 29 to July 30, 2019
5. Communicative readiness and motivation among UNHCR refugee teachers of English in Malaysia. 5th International Search Conference 2017. Organised by School of Communication, Taylor's University at Taylor's University Lakeside Campus, Malaysia from May 18 to May 19, 2017.
6. Give Hints or To Hint: Investigating the use of GIVE and TAKE in Malaysian learner corpus. LSP-GABC 2018 International Conference (Symposium on Corpus Research in Malaysia- MCRS). Organised by School of Professional and Continuing Education, UTM at Le Grandeur Palm Resort, Johor from June 25 to June 27, 2018.
7. Tracing grammatical nativisation: Irregular verbs in e-MEN. 10th Annual International Free Linguistics Conference. Organised by FLC Group at Bung Hatta University, Padang, Indonesia from September 29 to October 01, 2016.
8. Choices of suffixes for adjectives in Malaysian online English newspaper. 9th Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (MICOLLAC 2016). Organised by Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, UPM at Rainbow Paradise Beach Resort, Tanjung Bungah, Penang from August 16 to August 18, 2016.

9. A comparative corpus-based analysis of ergative verbs from AWL. Solls.Intec15 International Conference. Organised by School of Languages and Linguistics, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, UKM at UKM, Bangi, Selangor from September 29 to September 30, 2015.
10. Structural lexical bundles in reading passages of the Malaysian University English Test. 8th Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MICOLLAC 2014). Organised by Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, UPM at Rainbow Paradise Beach Resort, Tanjung Bungah, Penang from August 12 to August 14, 2014.
11. Revisiting the media discourse: Can coherence exist without cohesion in Malaysian radio public service advertisements. 2nd International Conference on Behavioural and Social Science Research (ICBSSR 2014). Organised by Faculty of Arts and Social Science, UTAR and Western Social Science Association at Kinta Riverfront Hotel, Ipoh from August 05 to August 08, 2014.
12. Perception on Chinese values: A comparison of Chinese students in national secondary schools and Chinese Independent schools in Malaysia. The Second Biennial International Conference on Malaysian Chinese Studies, 2014. Organised by Centre For Malaysian Chinese Studies at HELP College of Arts and Technology from June 20 to June 21, 2014.
13. Ergative verbs in cooking among English native speakers: A corpus investigation. 2nd International Conference on Linguistics, Literature and Culture (ICLLIC 2012). Organised by English Language Studies, School of Humanities, USM at Parkroyal Penang Resort from November 07 to November 09, 2012.
14. Chinese Independent or national secondary school? A preliminary finding on educational preference among Malaysian Chinese parents. 1st International Conference on Behavioral & Social Science Research. Organised by Faculty of Arts & Social Science, UTAR at Heritage Hall, UTAR Kampar Campus on November 02, 2012.
15. Creating language opportunities to teach report writing through role play. International Conference on English Language Teaching (ICELT 2011). Organised by UPM at Damai Laut, Swiss-Garden Golf Resort and Spa, Perak from September 18 to September 20, 2011.
16. Identity construction in Malaysian food blogs in English. International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities (ICOSH 2009). Organised by UKM at Fakulti Sains Sosial dan Kemanusiaan, UKM from December 02 to December 03, 2009.

ACADEMIC/PROF. SERVICES

Contribution to external organisation

1. Peer reviewer of articles for the journal Asian Englishes
2. Peer reviewer of articles for the journal Gema Online Journal of Language Studies
3. Peer reviewer of articles for the journal 3L: Language, Linguistics, Literature® The Southeast Asian Journal of English Language Studies

TEACHING

Bachelor

1. HXE 117 – History of English
2. HEA 101 – Introduction to English Language Studies
3. HXE 111 – Communication and Presentation Skills

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACTIVITIES

- Trainer for Local Virtual Volunteer “Speak Up 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0” organised by AIESEC in UTAR