

1. Personal Information

Full Name: Magdalena Jeziorna Surkha
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2. Current Appointment

Academic Title: Lecturer
Department/Faculty: RVRC

3. Education

PhD in Comparative Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, 2022

4. Teaching Experience at RVRC/NUS

RVC1000: How in the world do we get along
RVC1001: The Rocky Road to SDGs
RVC2000: Culture and Sustainability in Southeast Asia
RVSS1000: Exploring Sense of Place

5. Research Interests (60-75 words)

Magdalena's research broadly examines how culture and wider social contexts shape understandings and experiences of health and illness. Her work engages particularly with the anthropology of mental health, Asian medical traditions, the political economy of health and illness, the dynamics of knowledge and power, the sociology of everyday life, visual anthropology, the sociology of Islam, and psychological anthropology, with a sustained regional focus on Asia.

6. Selected Awards/Publications (Max 3)

5th Year Research Scholarship (NUS), 2020-2021
NUS Graduate Students Teaching Award (Honour Roll), 2018
NUS Graduate Research Scholarship, (2016-2020)

7. Residential College Contributions RVRC/NUS

- Open House'26 Staff Advisor
- RV CIP Staff Advisor (2025-present)