



Wui Ling at Harvard Yard

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— Cheah Wui Ling, alumnus and assistant professor of Law at NUS Faculty of Law



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Zhuo Wenzhao and Choo Zheng Xi (first and second from right) with fellow NUS-NYU undergraduates



full circle

She may only be 28, but Cheah Wui Ling has already established a most impressive professional record.

Besides serving as a legal trainee at the Timor Leste Serious Crimes Unit, Wui Ling has worked as a legal officer at the Interpol General Secretariat and taught at the University of Lyon III.

Her resume clearly reflects her interest in social justice — an interest that was developed during her undergraduate years at the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Faculty of Law.

Wui Ling, who has a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and a Master of Laws (LLM) from NUS, remembers the many meaningful experiences which strengthened her commitment to social justice.

One such experience, she recounted, was her visit to a landmine victims' centre in Cambodia as part of a study tour, which left her feeling "a sense of discomfort and injustice".

She added that the university's Student Exchange Programme (SEP) also gave her the opportunity

to gain practical experience as well as exposure to a foreign legal system.

Under the programme, Wui Ling spent a year at the Washington University of St Louis and enriched her student exchange experience by volunteering as an instructor on international humanitarian law with the American Red Cross.

Last year, she returned to NUS to serve as an assistant professor of law, although she recently went on hiatus to pursue an LLM at Harvard Law School.

Explaining why she chose to teach at her *alma mater*, Wui Ling said: "Education has the potential to empower and inspire young people regardless of their background or personal circumstances.

"NUS stands out because of its many international and comparative courses, which are offered with a unique Asian perspective. And curriculum-wise, it holds its own against — if not surpasses — the overseas law institutions that I have studied or worked at."

Faculty of Law

The NUS Faculty of Law is one of the top law schools in the world, and is widely regarded as the leading law school in Asia.

Students from more than 40 countries come to the NUS Law School — Asia's global law school — to gain a holistic, in-depth understanding of fundamental legal issues.

Taught by a permanent faculty with law degrees from more than a dozen jurisdictions, the school offers a broad range of subjects. These include:

- Asian legal studies
- Banking and finance
- Biomedical law
- Commercial law
- Comparative law
- Corporate law
- Criminal law
- Intellectual property
- International law
- Law and social justice
- Legal jurisprudence
- Legal process and skills
- Public law

With a rich menu of subjects ranging from the theoretical to the practical, the school's main objective is to provide students with a broad-based liberal education that will enable them to maximise their potential to the fullest degree.

>> All 2007 law graduates secured their pupillage before graduation.

fast track to an LLM

Zhuo Wenzhao is one step closer to achieving his dream of practising cross-border commercial arbitration overseas — as one of the seven third-year students enrolled in the inaugural batch of the NYU-NUS LLB/LLM Dual Degree Programme.

Through this tie-up between New York University (NYU) and NUS, students can obtain an LLB from NUS and an LLM from NYU in just four years. This is the time it would ordinarily take law undergraduates to obtain an LLB from NUS.

Wenzhao, who rejected a scholarship to study at the London School of Economics to pursue his interest in Law at NUS, is glad for the opportunity.

He said: "This is a great way to learn about international law, which is not a common field of study. NYU frequently invites guest speakers from organisations such as the United Nations, who can provide practical perspectives on the subject."

Come August, Wenzhao — together with six fellow undergraduates — will head for the Big Apple, where they will complete an NYU Master of Laws course over the next academic year.

Four second-year students have already secured their places in the programme. One of them, 22-year-old Choo Zheng Xi, said: "Two of the great paradigms in law are the British system and the American system — and now I'll get to sample both." — LYNETTE KOH

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