



ANNOUNCEMENT

# CIL

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW  
National University of Singapore

## SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR NUS CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

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### ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW



The current Director of the NUS Centre for International Law (CIL), Professor Lucy Reed, will be stepping down at the end of her term in June 2019. Before joining CIL and the Faculty of Law, Prof Reed led the international arbitration group of the international law firm Freshfields, practised in the Legal Adviser's Office of the US Department of State, and served as the President of the American Society of International Law.

### BACKGROUND

The Centre for International Law was established in 2009 at the National University of Singapore in response to the growing need for international law expertise and capacity building in the Asia-Pacific region and as a key element of the Singapore Government's strategy to develop Singapore into a regional hub for expertise and thought leadership in international law.



CIL is a university-wide research centre that focusses on multidisciplinary research and works with other NUS and external centres of research and academic excellence. CIL collaborates very closely with the NUS Faculty of Law, which is ranked 15th in the world and 1st in Asia according to the QS World University Rankings 2018.

The Centre is located with the Faculty of Law on the historic NUS Bukit Timah Campus in the Singapore Botanic Gardens. Its 40-plus person team consists of the Director, the Heads of Programmes, seven academic faculty who hold joint positions in the NUS Faculty of Law, Research and Post-Doctoral Fellows, Research Associates and Research Assistants, as well as administrative and professional support staff.

Further information about the Centre may be seen online at <https://cil.nus.edu.sg/>.

# ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

## MISSION, VISION AND OBJECTIVES

The mission of CIL is to enable Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region to play a more significant role in the promotion and development of international law. CIL's vision is to become a regional intellectual hub and thought leader for research on and teaching of international law.

CIL's specific objectives in support of this strategy are

- to increase international law expertise in Singapore and the region;
- to promote the use of international law as a means of managing and governing relations amongst states in Asia and the rest of the world;
- to contribute Singaporean and Asian perspectives on international law and international dispute settlement and make a contribution to the development of these fields; and
- to become, in its focus areas, a centre that policymakers in Singapore and the region can turn to for thought leadership and solutions for regional and global issues.

## PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

The Centre engages in research and training on international law and policy.

CIL organises conferences and workshops to encourage dialogue on significant international law and policy issues affecting South East Asia and the Asia-Pacific region. CIL also collaborates with a network of partner organisations in Singapore and overseas to further the development of international law through leadership in the region.



Further information about the Centre's training programmes and events may be seen online at: <https://cil.nus.edu.sg/events/>.

## FOCUS AREAS

The main Programme Areas are

- ASEAN Law and Policy;
- International Law and Practice, including Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia;
- Investment Law and Policy; and
- Ocean Law and Policy.

The Centre has also pursued research projects on trade law and nuclear safety and security.

# ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

## GOVERNANCE

### International Advisory Panel (IAP)

An International Advisory Panel was appointed in 2012 by the NUS President to provide strategic guidance to the Governing Board and the Director in the development and operation of CIL's research and programmes. The members of the IAP are seven eminent persons in the field of international law.

**Professor José Alvarez**

Herbert and Rose Rubin Professor of International Law,  
New York University School of Law

**Judge Abdul G. Koroma**

Judge (retired), International Court of Justice

**H.E. Arif Havas Oegroseno**

Indonesia's Ambassador to Germany, and former Deputy Coordinating Minister for Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Resources, Indonesia

**Judge Hisashi Owada**

Judge (retired), International Court of Justice

**Judge Jin-Hyun Paik**

President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

**Judge Rüdiger Wolfrum**

Judge (retired) and former President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and Director Emeritus, Heidelberg Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law

**Judge Xue Hanqin**

Vice-President, International Court of Justice

The IAP is chaired by **Professor S Jayakumar**, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Law, and former Dean of the NUS Faculty of Law.

### Governing Board

The Governing Board of CIL is appointed by the NUS Deputy President for Research and Technology and chaired by **Professor Tommy Koh**, Ambassador-at-Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former Dean of the NUS Faculty of Law. Present Board Members include the following.

**Mr Lionel Yee, SC**

Deputy Attorney-General  
Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore

**Professor Simon Chesterman**

Dean, Faculty of Law  
National University of Singapore

**Mr Ng How Yue**

Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Law, Singapore

**Ambassador Ong Keng Yong**

Non-resident High Commissioner to Pakistan and non-resident Ambassador to Iran, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

**Ms Loretta Malintoppi**

Counsel and Arbitrator  
39 Essex Chambers, Singapore

**Mr Alvin Yeo, SC**

Senior Counsel, WongPartnership LLP

## ROLE SPECIFICATION

Reporting to the NUS Deputy President for Research and Technology, the Director of the Centre for International Law will provide intellectual leadership and serve as the Centre's Chief Executive Officer. He or she will receive strategic guidance from CIL's International Advisory Panel and Board of Governors, and will consult regularly with the Dean of the NUS Faculty of Law. In addition to running CIL, it is expected that the Director will take a position as a full professor within the NUS Faculty of Law and will have the opportunity to teach advanced courses in international law.

As CIL enters its next phase of development and strives to become a regional and global thought leader in its main focus areas, the Director, as the Chief Executive Officer, will be expected to carry out the following responsibilities:

- provide a vision for and leadership of the Centre for advancement in scholarship;
- work in conjunction with the Programme Heads to plan and execute research projects and training programmes;
- provide leadership on fiscal management, faculty development and administration of the Centre;
- act as a major liaison between the Centre and the external community to further strengthen the Centre's external relationships;
- recruit other top academics to CIL and the NUS Faculty of Law;
- build and establish links with other leading international law centres in Asia and other parts of the world;
- promote visitor programmes and lecture series and establish a wider programme of public engagement;
- promote and encourage multidisciplinary, collaborative research across the Centre, the Faculty of Law, the University and broader international networks; and
- lead the development of training and capacity-building programmes to enhance the expertise of government lawyers from the ASEAN community in the rule of international law.

# DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate appropriate levels of experience and skill to enable them to achieve the requirements of the job description. Desirable qualities would include the following:

### **Qualifications and experience**

- a higher, preferably doctorate, degree and strong academic and professional qualifications, a distinguished record of research and scholarship and substantial relevant experience in academic leadership roles;
- a recognised international reputation in one or more of the areas of focus represented within the Centre and a broad knowledge of public international law;
- experience of running a research centre or comparable organisation;
- experience of representing a university body effectively, with attention to legislative and other external bodies and the public;
- experience in building and sustaining strong ties to a broad corporate and/or governmental network for programme development;

### **Competencies and personal characteristics**

- strategic thinking and planning skills coupled with a strong commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration and teamwork;
- capability to provide a vision for the Centre, and to build on and expand the Centre's strengths;
- an ability to attract, motivate and retain distinguished faculty members;
- outstanding management skills appropriate to working in an international environment along with an ability to create a shared sense of ownership, collegiality and enthusiasm among faculty and staff members;
- strong communication skills and networks to build and nurture internal and external contact to the benefit of the Centre and NUS Law Faculty; and
- interest in how international law relates to the ASEAN community, and to Singapore in particular.



## FACULTY OF LAW



The Centre for International Law is located in, supported by, and closely affiliated to the NUS Faculty of Law (<https://law.nus.edu.sg/>), which in turn is widely regarded as Asia's leading law school. Staffed by an outstanding permanent faculty diverse in origin and qualifications, NUS Law is dedicated to building a vibrant community and creating an environment that facilitates critical thinking and reflection on the fundamental legal issues confronting our interconnected world. Located in Singapore, which for more than a century has been a commercial hub at the crossroads of Asia, NUS Law is very much Asia's Global Law School.

Since 1957 the School's curriculum has been infused with perspectives from other jurisdictions and disciplines. This tradition has accelerated in recent years, providing a legal education that is comparative, international and multidisciplinary. NUS Law hosts many visiting faculty and students from every continent, offering a lively, cosmopolitan atmosphere both inside and outside the classroom. The strength of the NUS Law curriculum lies in the broad and diverse range of subjects it offers. In addition to a rigorous core curriculum, students can choose from more than a hundred electives in areas such as Asian legal studies and comparative law, commercial law, IP and technology law, law and society, legal theory, maritime law, and public and private international law.



## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

The National University of Singapore (<http://www.nus.edu.sg/>) is a world-leading, research intensive, truly international University, which is ranked 11th in the world and 1st in Asia, according to the QS World University Rankings 2019.

The University began over a century ago as a modest medical school with 23 students, to serve a very powerful purpose: to be the place of higher learning for talented men and women in Singapore who would serve community, nation and society. From a fledgling college, NUS has developed into an institution considered by many to be among the best in the world. The University's transformative education and high-impact research are aimed at making a distinctive and positive impact on society.



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Search Committee for the next Director comprises Singapore Deputy Attorney-General Lionel Yee SC (Chairman), NUS Faculty of Law Dean Simon Chesterman, and Rodman Bundy (Partner, Eversheds Harry Elias).

The Search Committee invites Expressions of Interest by **15 September 2018**, to be addressed to the Search Committee at [lawfsc@nus.edu.sg](mailto:lawfsc@nus.edu.sg). Potential candidates should submit a letter summarising the reasons for interest in and suitability for the Director position and a CV detailing academic and professional history.

The University hopes to have the new Director take up his or her appointment at the beginning of the 2019/20 Academic Year in July 2019.

