AMALADASS PROFESSORSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE LAUNCH LECTURE

“Recent (Non-)Developments in the Right to Counsel”

By

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Chairperson: Mr Subhas Anandan

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VENUE: MOOT COURT, NUS FACULTY OF LAW (NEXT TO THE CAFETERIA)

ABOUT THE AMALADASS PROFESSORSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Professorship builds on the Amaladass Fellowship first established in 2009 in memory of the late legal practitioner Mr M. Amaladass by a friend. Criminal law was one of Mr Amaladass’ main areas of practice during his almost 30 years in the profession. Professor Ho Hock Lai is appointed the inaugural Amaladass Professor of Criminal Justice.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Professor Ho Hock Lai obtained his first law degree from the National University of Singapore (LLB) in 1989, his postgraduate degree, the BCL, from Oxford University in 1993, and his doctorate from Cambridge University in 2003. He was called to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1990. His research interests lie mainly in the law and theory of evidence and proof, and the administration of criminal justice.

ABSTRACT OF THE LECTURE

The right of an arrested person to have access to a lawyer has been in contention in recent cases. An especially contested issue is the point of time from which such access is constitutionally mandated. In James Raj s/o Arokiasamy v PP, the Court of Appeal decided, in effect, to preserve the status quo. This talk offers an analysis of and reflections on the state of the law. Comparisons will be made with the positions taken in other jurisdictions. The broader context presents larger questions that merit consideration. Why have there been calls for a re-examination of this right? What might account for the resistance to change? Can any inference be drawn about the underlying philosophy of criminal justice?

PROGRAMME

Registration
Dean’s welcome
A Tribute to the late Mr M. Amaladass by Mr Chelva Retnam Rajah, S.C.
Introduction by Mr Subhas Anandan
Lecture by Professor Ho Hock Lai
Reception

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited.

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