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The National University of Singapore (NUS) was formally established in 1980 with the merger of the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University. Its history can, however, be traced back to 1905, when Singapore’s first centre of higher education, the King Edward VII College of Medicine, was established. The NUS is today a comprehensive university offering a wide range of undergraduate and graduate studies, and has more than 30,000 students.

The NUS Faculty of Law is widely regarded as Asia’s leading law school. In 2007, the Faculty celebrated 50 Years of Legal Education in Singapore, having started off modestly in 1957 as a Department of Law within the then-University of Malaya in Singapore. After moving to Kent Ridge together with the rest of the university in the early 1980s, the Faculty has now moved back to the historic Bukit Timah campus, where it occupies the Eu Tong Sen, Federal and Block B buildings.

Staffed by an outstanding permanent faculty with law degrees from more than a dozen jurisdictions, the law school is an institution dedicated to building a community and an environment in which faculty and students can discuss and reflect on the fundamental legal issues that affect societies in today’s globalised world. The Faculty is also responsible for producing the majority of entrants to the legal profession. The LLB law degree is a four-year one, where students study a mixture of core and optional law subjects as well as some non-law options. Double-degree programmes with other NUS departments are available, including Law & Business, Law & Economics, Law & Public Policy and Law & Life Sciences. A large number of students also opt to pursue their third year of study on overseas exchange to one of 50 partner law schools worldwide. In addition, the Faculty has entered into agreements with the New York University (NYU) School of Law to admit students into NYU’s LLM and JD programmes, such that students can complete the dual-degree LLB-LLM or LLB-JD in four and five years respectively. At the same time, a limited number of students who already have a first degree in another discipline are also admitted to the Faculty each year, and these complete their LLB degree in three years. Law graduates who wish to practice law have to go on to do a practical Bar course and serve a period of pupillage.

The Faculty has attained an impressive reputation in mooting and debating, and it is the only law school in the world to have won the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition four times. Our students also participate in a variety of other mooting competitions, including the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, the Oxford International Intellectual Property Mooting Competition, the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Competition and the Jean-Pictet International Humanitarian Law Moot Competition.

The Faculty counts among its illustrious alumni prominent judges, lawyers and legal academics. Our graduates have also become successful in diverse fields outside the law, ranging from the civil service, diplomacy and politics, to drama, dance and publishing.
In addition to the LLB programme, a range of postgraduate qualifications by coursework and research are also available. Apart from the general LLM coursework programme, there are also specialist LLM coursework programmes in the areas of Corporate & Financial Services Law; Intellectual Property & Technology Law; International & Comparative Law; Asian Legal Studies, Maritime Law and International Business Law. The LLM in International Business Law is the first overseas degree programme offered by the Faculty of Law - students spend the first nine weeks at NUS and the rest of their time in Shanghai, China at our partner institution, the East China University of Political Science and Law. In February 2006, the NUS Faculty of Law and New York University School of Law signed a Memorandum of Understanding to offer a dual LLM degree programme at NUS. The programme - known as NYU@NUS - enrolled its inaugural intake in May 2007. Students wishing to pursue advanced research in law may also be admitted into the PhD programme. The postgraduate population is highly diverse and cosmopolitan, with nearly 150 students representing 50 countries from all the continents.

As for law journals, the Faculty produces its flagship Singapore Journal of Legal Studies (SJLS) and Singapore Year Book of International Law (SYBIL) [the latter formerly known as the Singapore Journal of International and Comparative Law (SJICL)]. A third journal - the Asian Journal of Comparative Law - was inaugurated in 2006 in collaboration with the Asian Law Institute (ASLI). The Faculty has two centres, the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) and the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS), and also hosts the Asian Law Institute (ASLI) which was established in March 2003 by a group of leading law schools in Asia.

The Faculty has an active research culture. Faculty members continue to comment and publish on important legal developments both within and outside Singapore primarily through books and monographs and legal journals. This research profile records works published, accepted or submitted for publication from 1 January to 31 December 2008.
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ASIA-PACIFIC CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (APCEL)

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APCEL was established in February 1996 by the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, at the initiative of the Faculty and the World Conservation Union - Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN - CEL), and in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It was launched on 1 July of the same year. The initiative was in response to the call in Agenda 21 to build capacity in environmental law and to promote awareness of environmental issues.

APCEL has established its reputation as a centre of excellence in the region for capacity-building in environmental law, and is highly regarded worldwide. Each member of APCEL specialises in particular areas of environmental law and together they cover a range of environmental subjects.

The objectives of APCEL are:

- To serve as a regional training centre for the teaching of environmental law
- To organise conferences, seminars and other programmes on environmental issues
- To serve as a regional centre for research, including multi-disciplinary research on international, regional and national environmental law and policy
- To establish and develop a collection of materials on environmental law and policy, and maintain an electronic database
- To promote the exchange of information on international, regional and national environmental law and policy
- To publish studies, reports and course materials on international, regional and national environmental law and policy
- To cooperate and collaborate with law schools, institutes, centres and such other organisations to further its objectives and
- To undertake such other programmes and activities as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time

APCEL has had an eventful year as it continued its work in capacity building and research in accordance with its objectives in its Constitution, abovementioned.

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS OF 2008 (for further details, see http://law.nus.edu.sg/apcel/)

1. SEMINAR “WARMING UP TO CLIMATE CHANGE - OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEGAL PRACTICE”

APCEL and the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL) jointly organised a Seminar on “Warming Up to Climate Change - Opportunities for Legal Practice” on Tuesday, 1 July 2008, Mediation Chamber 1, Level 2, Supreme Court Building. The speaker was Ms Susan de Silva, founding member of Messrs Alban Tay, Mahtani and de Silva. The seminar was chaired by Assoc Prof Lye Lin Heng, who gave an overview of Singapore’s environmental laws and challenges. See http://law.nus.edu.sg/apcel/activities/Registrationform20080701.pdf

2. REPORT ON VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM VIETNAM, 2 - 4 JULY 2008

APCEL facilitated a visit of government officials from Vietnam, who were in Singapore to study Singapore’s environmental taxation. Organised by Assoc Prof Lye Lin Heng, the delegation of 10 officials, mostly from the Ministry of Finance, Vietnam, were led by Dr Vu Van Truong, Director-General, Tax Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Vietnam. They were accompanied by Mr Michael A. Mehling, President, Ecologic Institute, Washington, D.C. The delegation visited the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, where they
were briefed on the work of the Ministries, with particular emphasis on the current laws and policies in regard to environmental taxation. The delegation also visited the Housing and Development Board in the afternoon, at HDB hub, where they were briefed on Singapore’s public housing, and viewed the HDB Corporate show “The World of HDB”, as well as the HDB Gallery and the show flats.

A seminar was held on 4th July, at the Faculty, National University of Singapore. Assoc Prof Lye gave an overview of Singapore’s environmental laws, with special emphasis on environmental taxation. They visited the Land Transport Authority, where they were briefed by officials from LTA on Singapore’s transport policies, and innovative approaches to resolving road congestion. Members also toured the Land Transport Gallery.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME FOR THE NATIONAL PARKS BOARD, 14 AUGUST 2008, SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS

The following APCEL members served as resource persons and spoke on the topics mentioned below:

- Prof KL Koh: “Environmental Law - Focus on the ASEAN Region”
- Assoc Prof LH Lye: “Introduction to Law”, “Introduction to Environmental Law” and “Singapore’s Law to Protect the Natural Environment” and
- Asst Prof Lim Lei Theng: “Conflict Management and Resolution”

4. 9TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL TAXATION 6 - 7 NOVEMBER 2008

The 9th Global Conference on Environmental Taxation, organised by the Faculty’s Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) was held from 6 - 7 November 2008, on the theme “Environmental Taxation and Challenges of the Urban Environment: Exchange of Experiences between Developed and Developing Countries.” It was co-hosted by the Singapore Academy of Law and supported by the Centre on Asia and Globalisation at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS; the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in Singapore (ACCA); the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS); the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law; the Environmental Tax Policy Institute, Vermont Law School, USA; the Department of Business Law, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia; the Department of Accounting at Cleveland State University, USA; and the International Tax and Investment Centre (ITIC), Washington, DC, USA. Some 142 delegates from 25 countries attended. They included lawyers, economists, accountants and government officials from the IRAS, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources. See http://law.nus.edu.sg/apcel/conference/gcet/index.html

The Guest of Honour was Mr Teo Ser Luck, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport, and Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, Singapore, who spoke on Singapore’s transport policies and recent changes to the ERP system (a good example of environmental taxation).

The conference themes included: Environmental Taxation and the Urban Environment; Environmental Taxation and the Construction Industry; Environmental Taxation and Water; Carbon Pricing and Emissions Trading; Environmental Taxation and Energy/Fuels; Water, Land and Pollution Management; Trade, Carbon Taxes and New Markets; The Use of Taxation in Transportation Management; and Transportation & Congestion Management. Various case studies were examined from developed as well as developing countries.

Keynote presentations were made by Prof Nicholas Robinson (Gilbert & Sarah Kerlin Professor of Environmental Law, Pace University School of Law, New York, USA; former Chair, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law and IUCN Commission on Environmental Law), who spoke on “Melting Down Financial ‘Investment’ Markets: Hedges Against Wider Market Collapse”; and Mr Chas Roy-Chowdhury, Head of Taxation, ACCA, UK, who gave a presentation entitled “European Perspectives on Environmental Taxation”. Two other keynote presentations came from our former colleague in the Law Faculty, Mr Liu Hern Kuan, now Chief Legal Officer, Inland Revenue Authority, Singapore, who, jointly with
Ms Sumathi Saad Janjud, Principal Tax Officer, IRAS) presented a paper entitled, “Environmental Taxes and its Role in Singapore’s Approach towards Environmental Sustainable Development”; and Prof Akio Morishima, Special Research Advisor and former Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), who spoke on “Japan’s Emission Trading System and Environmental Tax as a Policy Measure to Realize a Low Carbon Society”.

Assoc Prof Lye Lin Heng presented a paper entitled “Environmental Taxation in the Management of Transportation in Singapore” at Plenary Session II, on The Use of Taxation in Transportation Management. Prof Koh Kheng Lian, Assoc Prof Lye and Dr Asanga Gunawansa also served as resource persons and chaired various sessions. Colleagues from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy worked with us on the themes, and also presented papers - Assoc Prof Shreekant Gupta spoke on “Fiscal Implications of Environmental Taxes in India - An Exploratory Analysis” and Assoc Prof Jesuthesen ‘Dodo’ Thampapillai presented on “Environmental Taxes, Cumulative Pollution Loads and Fiscal Balance”. Both also chaired various sessions.

The next conference (the 10th in the series) will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 23 - 25 September, 2009, and will focus on Water Management and Climate Change. See http://www.worldcotax.org/

TEACHING OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN NUS

INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW - this is a compulsory course in the multi-disciplinary MSc (Environmental Management) Programme, hosted by the NUS School of Design and Environment. The programme’s Management Committee is chaired by APCEL’s Deputy Director, Assoc Prof L H Lye. See www.sde.nus.edu.sg/mem

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

APCEL members have also published articles in environmental law (see listings by individual APCEL members).

CENTRE FOR COMMERCIAL LAW STUDIES (CCLS)

Since its inauguration on 17 January 1998, the Centre for Commercial Law Studies continually builds on the Faculty’s extensive experience to offer practical and valuable comparative and regional commercial law research and dialogue to practitioners, legislators and businessmen. For example, CCLS members met with professors from Groningen University in July 2008 on research collaboration in various areas, including international commercial law.

LATEST SCIBL PUBLICATIONS

The Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) is proud to present the latest publication Volume X of the Singapore Conferences on International Business Law series. Titled “The Regulation of Wealth Management” (June 2008) (366pp), this book retails at S$90.00 and can be ordered from lawccls@nus.edu.sg

This Conference Series was organised biennially by the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. When CCLS was established in 1998, it took over this responsibility. Each conference focuses on a selected area of international business law such as international contracts, international loans, international trade, international banking and international economic regulation. The papers of each Conference were previously published jointly by the Faculty of Law and Butterworths Asia, as the International Business Law series, and now by CCLS. There are to date ten books in the SCIBL series of publications.
OTHER RECENT CCLS PUBLICATIONS

EXCISE TAXATION IN ASIA

Edited by: Stephen L H Phua

Chapters include:
- The Role and Rationale of Excise Duties in the ASEAN Countries
- The Affordability of Cigarettes in ASEAN Countries: Implications for Tax Policy
- Earmarking in Theory and Korean Practice
- Energy Products Taxation
- Alcohol Products Taxation: International Experiences and Selected Practices in Asia

2007 HARDCOVER: S$40.00 (excluding delivery charges)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

In May 2009, CCLS will host a Financial Centre Roundtable at the Faculty of Law, NUS, with University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign Professors Andrew Moriss and Larry Ribstein. The Roundtable will involve members of the legal profession, academia and Government, and will focus on developments in the financial centres of Singapore and Hong Kong in, amongst other things, alternative business vehicles.

Centre Director Hans Tjio participated in the first Singapore Academy of Law summer school programme in July 2008 on financial regulation. He also presented a paper at the Singapore subordinate courts in January 2008 on the enforcement aspects of securities laws.

CCLS VISITORS

In February 2008, Paul Ali taught an intensive course on Commercial Finance at the Faculty of Law, NUS. Paul is an Associate Professor in Law School of University of Melbourne and a member of the Law School’s Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation. Professor Ali is an expert in international financial law and the law of securitization.

David Fox, who is a Lecturer in the Faculty of Law and a Fellow of St John’s College in the University of Cambridge, spent semester 1 of the 2008-9 term at the Faculty of Law, NUS teaching a new course on Advanced Personal Property. He lectures on the Equity, Personal Property, Restitution and Commercial Equity courses at Cambridge. His main interests lie in the operation of express trusts and in the legal nature of money, and delivered a number of staff seminars in those areas at NUS and SMU.

In August 2008, Richard Nolan visited the Faculty of Law and was Visiting Fellow at the Singapore Academy of Law, where he gave a series of lectures on fiduciary and directors’ duties, as well as equitable third party liability. Richard is a Reader in Corporate & Trust Law, University of Cambridge, and a Fellow & Director of Studies in Law, St John’s College, Cambridge.
JOURNALS

SINGAPORE JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES (SingJLS)

SINGAPORE YEAR BOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (SYBIL)
The Journal is the flagship law journal of the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore and one of the oldest law journals in the Commonwealth. As the first and leading legal journal in Singapore, it contains a rich store of legal literature analysing the legal, political and social development of Singapore in its progression from a developing to a First World nation. The Journal has advanced the boundaries of global and local developments in law, policy and legal practice by publishing cogent and timely articles, legislation comments and case notes on a biannual basis.

The Journal reached a significant milestone by celebrating its 50th year of publication since its inception as the Malaya Law Review in 1959. A special issue is being planned for next year to commemorate this achievement. The Journal continues to publish quality peer reviewed pieces discussing legal issues of particular relevance to Singapore law, as well as issues of general interest to Asia, the common law world, and comparative law scholars. In 2008, the Journal published a diverse range of papers on Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Corporate Law, Criminal Law and Procedure, Environmental Law, Equity, Family Law, Legal Education, Property Law and Tort Law. Additionally, there was commentary on recent important Singapore legislation and appellate decisions. Articles and notes on Australian, English and Malaysian law engaging the general interest were also included.


Apart from its paper circulation, the Journal is also available electronically through Lawnet, Westlaw, HeinOnline, Proquest and SSRN. The Wilson Index to Legal Periodicals and Scholar Google are linked to the SSRN database.
Volume XII (2008) of the *Singapore Year Book of International Law* (SYBIL) continues to reflect the wealth of emergent regional practice by publishing on all aspects of international law in Asia, such as human rights and development, international economic law, law of the sea, law of armed conflict and private international law.

With the growing importance of Asia in international relations and law, SYBIL is geared towards bringing together for discussion the diverse international law trends of the region which arise from the geographical sub-areas like the Indian sub-continent, Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia. In particular, SYBIL aspires to be the leading medium for the publication of scholarship on public and private international law in Asia by widening its analytical coverage of the Asian continent to posit Singapore as the primary centre to understanding the wider region.

Hence, the Chief Editors have lined up a “spotlight on ASEAN” special feature to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Southeast Asian organisation’s establishment and its historic move towards institutionalising the rule of law when the ASEAN Charter came into force on 15 December 2008. This “special feature” section will include pieces on ASEAN’s international legal personality by Simon Chesterman, the role of international law in ASEAN’s international economic relations by Paul Davidson, and Doug Arner’s piece on Asian financial integration. Additionally, Singapore’s Deputy Prime Minister S. Jayakumar has in principle agreed to write an article.

SYBIL will also feature three papers selected from the inaugural ASIANSIL Young Scholars Workshop: Colonies, Development, Conflict, Rights, Money (held in Singapore in September 2008) on the topics of colonies and self-determination, hybrid criminal tribunals, and international civil aviation and trade.

Apart from its hardcopy circulation, SYBIL is currently available through LAWNET, Westlaw and HeinOnline, and it is looking to be published more widely on electronic databases.
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

ACTIVITIES FOR 2008

STAFF SEMINAR SERIES

The following papers were delivered and discussed at faculty seminars held at the NUS Law Faculty, attracting speakers and participants from within and outside the NUS community:


13 February 2008: Mr Steven Liew, Director and Legal Counsel for Government Relations Asia Pacific Region eBay Inc, “Government Relations - is it all winning and dining?”

20 February 2008: Dr Seonuk Park, NUS Faculty of Law, “Most-Favored-Nation Clauses and Dispute Settlement Provisions in Bilateral Investment Treaties”

4 March 2008: Mr Brad Smith, General Counsel and Senior Vice President for Microsoft Corporation, “Globalization: The Changing Role of Lawyers In A Flat World”

26 March 2008: Assoc Prof Simon Chesterman, NUS Faculty of Law, “Does Asean Exist? The Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an International Legal Person”

2 April 2008: Assoc Prof Simon Tay, NUS Faculty of Law, “Norms and Institutions in the Asean Charter: A Constitutional Moment?”


16 April 2008: Assoc Prof Michael Ewing-Chow, NUS Faculty of Law, “Trading Bloc or Blocked? The Asean Economic Community after the Charter”

23 April 2008: Assoc Prof Ho Hock Lai, NUS Faculty of Law, “Law of Evidence and the Ethics of Belief”


21 July 2008: Dr Ratna Rueban Balasubramaniam, Carleton University, Canada, “Has Rule by Law Killed the Rule of Law in Malaysia?”

17 September 2008: Dr David Fox, St John’s College of University of Cambridge, “The Irreducible Core and Public Policy Controls on Trusts”

24 September 2008: Mr Siddharth Dhar, Barrister of Middle Temple, “The Irreducible Core and Public Policy Controls on Trusts”

15 October 2008: Dr Chen Lei, NUS Faculty of Law, “Bolstering the Concept of Private Ownership in China: The New Chinese Property Code of 2007”
29 October 2008: Assoc Prof Simon Chesterman, NUS Faculty of Law, “‘We Can’t Spy... If We can’t Buy!’: The Privatization of Intelligence and the Limits of Outsourcing ‘Inherently Governmental Functions’”


PUBLIC SEMINARS, LECTURES AND COURSES

The following public seminars, lectures, and intensive-courses were organised:

18 January 2008: Mr Lee Eng Beng, Mr Andrew Chan, Dr Wee Meng Seng and Visiting Assoc Prof Tey Tsun Hang conducted a seminar on “Equity and Corporate Insolvency” (jointly organised by NUS Faculty of Law & Singapore Academy of Law)


11 April 2008: Prof Leong Wai Kum delivered the 5th Professorial Lecture on “Fifty Years and More of the Women’s Charter of Singapore”

24 June 2008: Assoc Prof Simon Chesterman conducted a seminar on “Is there An International Rule of Law” (jointly organised by NUS Faculty of Law & Singapore Academy of Law)

22 August 2008: Dr Tang Hang Wu conducted a CLE seminar on “Use of Electronic Databases for Legal Research”

12 September 2008: Prof Stanley Yeo delivered the 6th Professorial Lecture on “The Insanity Defence in the Criminal Laws of the Commonwealth of Nations”

17 October 2008: Mr Malik Imtiaz Sarwar, Ms Nurul Izzah Anwar, Mr Tony Pua, Ms Rita Sim and Ms Elizabeth Wong conducted a CLE seminar on “GE 2008 and the Future of Malaysia”

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE COURSES, AUDITING PROGRAMME AND BAR-BRI COURSE

As in previous years, two graduate certificate courses were run: the Graduate Certificate in Intellectual Property Law course (jointly conducted with the Intellectual Property Academy) and the Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration course. On 5 July 2008, a joint certificate-conferring ceremony was held for these two courses. 2008 also saw the continued administration of the auditing programme, which allows legal practitioners to participate as observers in some of the faculty’s elective subjects. The New York Bar Review course, jointly run with the leading American provider (BAR/BRI Bar Review), was offered again with a significant number of candidates.
THE ASIAN LAW INSTITUTE (ASLI)
The Asian Law Institute (ASLI) was established in March 2003 by a group of leading law schools in Asia. Its goal is to facilitate academic exchanges as well as research and teaching collaboration among colleagues from the thirteen founding institutions.

The establishment of ASLI stems from the recognition that the diversity of legal traditions in Asia creates an imperative for Asian legal scholars to foster greater engagement with each other through collaborative research and teaching.

The acronym “ASLI”, which means “indigenous” in the Malay and Indonesian languages, represents the commitment of the founding institutions to establish a truly home-grown law institute in Asia.

The founding institutions of ASLI are:
- Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok, Thailand)
- East China University of Political Science and Law (Shanghai, People’s Republic of China)
- Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong SAR, People’s Republic of China)
- Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia (Jakarta, Indonesia)
- Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- Faculty of Law, Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan)
- Faculty of Law, University of Malaya (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- National Law School of India University (Bangalore, India)
- Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (Singapore)
- College of Law, National Taiwan University (Taipei, Chinese Taipei)
- Peking University Law School, Peking University (Beijing, People’s Republic of China)
- College of Law, University of the Philippines (Manila, the Philippines)
- College of Law, Seoul National University (Seoul, Republic of Korea)

In addition to the Founding Institutions, ASLI has a growing list of Member Institutions, the number of which stood at 27 as of 31 December 2008. The Board of Governors, which maps out ASLI’s goals and activities, is currently chaired by Prof Shin-Ichi Ago of Kyushu University. The Deputy Chairperson is Prof Abu Bakar Munir of the University of Malaya. Prof Johannes Chan of the University of Hong Kong is the immediate past Chairperson of the Board of Governors. The Director of ASLI is Prof Kumaralingam Amirthalingam and the Deputy Director is Assoc Prof Margaret A. Fordham. Assoc Prof Gary Bell is the immediate past Director. The ASLI Secretariat is based at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore (NUS), which is physically located at the Bukit Timah Campus (BTC). NUS provides administrative and financial support for ASLI’s activities.

Over the past year, the ASLI Secretariat has continued to work on ASLI’s events and has paid particular attention to enhancing its research activities by supporting more scholarly conferences and encouraging greater research output. We are pleased to report on the activities of ASLI in its fifth year and draw particular attention to its research activities.

THE ASLI FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Every year, each Founding Institution is invited to send one faculty member to ASLI as a Visiting Fellow for one month. Member Institutions are also eligible for the programme and may nominate Fellows on a competitive basis. While at NUS, ASLI Fellows conduct research on legal issues of interest to their respective countries and to Asia in general. Each ASLI Fellow is expected to present a seminar to share the experiences of his or her respective country in dealing with particular legal issues and challenges. One of the objectives of this programme is to cultivate greater interest, collaboration and comparative scholarship on common legal issues in Asia.
In the academic year 2008-2009, nine scholars from the ASLI institutions will visit NUS as Visiting ASLI Fellows. They are:

**SEMESTER ONE**

- Gregor Urbas, Australian National University
- Solomon Fernando Lumba, University of the Philippines

**SEMESTER TWO**

- Jongbo Kim, Seoul National University, Korea
- Tetsuya Watanabe, Kyushu University, Japan
- Jiunn-Rong Yeh, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
- Chen Daisong, East China University of Political Science and Law, People’s Republic of China
- Wang Hui, Peking University, People’s Republic of China
- Wirote Watinpongpun, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

**ASLI WORKING PAPER SERIES**

As part of its research strategy, ASLI launched a Working Paper Series in December 2008. The Series is intended to provide an avenue for scholars to publish their working papers, generally as a prelude to formal publication in refereed journals. ASLI Fellows are expected to submit a working paper after their fellowship. The Working Paper Series also encourages all colleagues at ASLI institutions to consider submitting their work.

**ASLI MEMBERSHIP**

ASLI has an additional category for non-founding members. This category of membership is open to any law teaching university or research institute, which offers at least two courses on Asian law or conducts research on Asian law, on a regular basis. Privileges for each year of membership in this category include the admission of two colleagues to the annual ASLI conference without payment of the applicable registration fee, receipt of one copy of the Asian Journal of Comparative Law (AsJCL) at a subsidised rate, participation in the open forum of members during the annual ASLI conference, and the right to apply, on a competitive basis, for an ASLI fellowship at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore.

**ASIAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW**

The Asian Journal of Comparative Law (AsJCL) is an initiative of ASLI. The aim of the Journal is to provide a forum for discussion of the law and legal systems of Asia. The Journal is peer reviewed. The e-version of an accepted article is published after final editing; the print version is published once a year.

The Berkeley Electronic Press (Bepress), makes the AsJCL freely available to researchers in the developing world. This is an online publisher set up by academics from the law and business schools and the department of economics of the University of California, Berkeley. Interested parties from developing countries who lodge their requests on institutional letterhead are given unrestricted access to the full text of Bepress’s published articles.
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ANNUAL ASLI CONFERENCE

ASLI organises annual academic conferences hosted by its founding member institutions on a rotating basis. These conferences examine contemporary legal issues of interest to Asian countries and gather scholars and experts from the member institutions as well as from Asia and beyond. The inaugural annual conference was held at the National University of Singapore in 2004; the second at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok; the third at East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai; the fourth at the University of Indonesia, Jakarta and the fifth returned to the National University of Singapore in 2008. Each year the conferences have attracted over 200 delegates with over 150 papers presented.

At the ASLI Board of Governors’ meeting in 2008, it was agreed that the 2009 conference would be held in Hong Kong, hosted by the University of Hong Kong (HKU). The conference is scheduled for 29th and 30th May 2009 and has as its theme, “Dynamics of Change in Asia”. For this year’s conference, papers will be selected on merit and will be limited to the best 120 submissions. At the close of the Call for Papers, there were 220 submissions.

ASLI welcomes legal scholars to attend and present papers at the annual conference. The conference is open to all, whether or not they present a paper, and provides excellent opportunities for scholars in Asian law to meet and exchange ideas and to form closer working and personal relationships.

RESEARCH-DRIVEN CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

In addition to the annual conferences, ASLI is also keen to support smaller conferences/workshops which are designed to produce scholarly output by way of, inter alia, a monograph, an edited volume or collection of papers published as a special issue of a journal. In 2008, ASLI supported two such conferences: Constitutionalism in Southeast Asia on 27 - 28 March 2008 and Emergency Powers in Asia on 2 - 3 May 2008. The first conference has resulted in a published volume entitled C Hill & J Menzel (eds) Constitutionalism in Southeast Asia: Volume 3 (Singapore: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, 2008) and a volume of essays from the second conference edited by Victor V. Ramraj and Arun Thiruvengadam is in press. ASLI is currently working with Arun Thiruvengadam on a conference to be held in June 2009, which will address constitutional law issues in South Asia and it will also result in a book. Colleagues at NUS and ASLI institutions are invited to consider organising similar events.
THE ASIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (ASIANSIL)
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Officially launched on 7 April 2007, the Asian Society of International Law (ASIANSIL) is an international non-partisan, non-profit and non-governmental organisation that aims to foster and encourage Asian perspectives of international law as well as to heighten awareness of and respect for international law in Asia. Actively promoting research, education and practice of international law, the ASIANSIL serves as a centre of activity among international law scholars and practitioners in Asia and elsewhere.

MEMBERSHIP

Less than two years after its establishment, membership of the ASIANSIL continues to grow steadily with current numbers hovering about two hundred. Our members have been particularly enthusiastic and supportive of the Society’s initiatives, subscribing themselves to the Directory of members’ international law interests and suggesting activities in which the ASIANSIL can be involved in, including closer cooperation with other bodies of international law in Asia.

In December 2008, the Research and Planning Committee (RPC) of the ASIANSIL approved of Mr Alejandro Carballo’s proposal to initiate a Private International Law Interest Group as the first step in fostering and strengthening legal and judicial cooperation in this area of law within the Asian countries.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ASIANSIL CHAPTERS IN MALAYSIA AND JAPAN

In 2008, the ASIANSIL initiatives were further strengthened by the establishment of regional chapters in Malaysia and Japan. Convened by Assoc Prof Mary George of the Law Faculty of the University of Malaya, the Inaugural Malaysian International Law Symposium: A Symposium for Building an Asian Synergy in International Law held in August 2008 brought together scholars and state counsels from the United States, Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam to discuss national practices on the implementation of treaties, Security Council resolutions and international judgments, as well as trade law, environmental law, human rights and humanitarian law.

The Japan Chapter of the ASIANSIL, under the leadership of Judge Hisashi Owada of the International Court of Justice, is currently organising the Second Biennial General Conference of the ASIANSIL: International Law in a Multi-polar and Multi-civilizational World: Asian Perspectives, Challenges and Contributions to be held in August 2009. With the attendance of speakers including incumbent ASEAN Secretary General, Surin Pitsuwan, former UN High Commissioner for Refugees and President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Ogata Sadako, and Prof Martti Koskenniemi of Helsinki University, the Tokyo Conference promises to debate vigorously Asia’s relationship with the international legal order.

THE LAUNCH OF ASIANSIL E-NEWSLETTER AND SECOND LAUNCH OF THE ASIANSIL WEBSITE

Launched in August 2008, the ASIANSIL e-Newsletter is disseminated at the end of every month and is into its fifth issue. It informs members on the development of international law in Asia as well as the events of the ASIANSIL and those of other international institutions. Recent developments of early 2009 include territorial disputes in the sea off the coast of East China, Kashmir’s self-determination, and the possibility of having ASEAN’s peace-keeping forces being trained by the United Nations.
Realising that international law resources may not be available to all, the second launch of the ASIANSIL website in August 2008 sought to put together a set of electronic research tools providing convenient links to various organisations, research centres, journals and external databases to aid ASIANSIL members and the public in conducting their electronic research. The Useful Links webpage offers a range of resource databases on international law societies and journals, international courts and regional organisations, global research bodies as well as subject-specific databases on public international law, the environment and climate change, human rights and development, peace and security, law of the sea and international economic law. Additionally, a Working Paper series has been added to ensure easy access to ASIANSIL conference papers.

An initiative that has proved particularly popular with ASIANSIL members has been the Directory of members’ international law interests. This has enabled members to forge networking ties and foster opportunities for project collaboration.

EVENTS: THE YOUNG SCHOLARS WORKSHOP ET AL

From 10 to 12 September 2008, the National University of Singapore and the ASIANSIL hosted the ASIANSIL Inaugural Young Scholars Workshop: Colonies, Development, Conflict, Rights, Money at the Bukit Timah Campus. Assoc Prof Simon Chesterman convened the Workshop as part of ASIANSIL’s mandate to promote international law in general and to foster young scholars in particular.

Participants enthusiastically engaged in all the five panel discussions chaired by Prof Chesterman, Prof Jack Donnelly of the University of Denver, Assoc Prof Michael Ewing-Chow and Assoc Prof Simon Tay of the NUS Law School. In particular, topics on the evolution of human rights and development in East and South Asia, international criminal trials, and the relationship between China and international law garnered the most robust responses, with the chairs encouraging cross-disciplinary debate and thinking of international law in more abstract terms of processes and crystallising norms rather than a system with fixed rules.

The Workshop not only provided a platform for younger academics from the region to discuss ongoing research in international law, but it also enhanced the interaction among the scholars for the topics presented, as well as to enable the scholars to sharpen their presentation skills and get suggestions from fellow participants and more senior commentators on how to improve their papers.

In August 2008, the ASIANSIL had also assisted in the Inaugural Malaysian International Law Symposium and in January 2009, listed the 2nd annual conference organised by the National Institute of Development Administration (Bangkok), the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) and the World Trade Institute (Switzerland) – Competitiveness of ASEAN Countries: Trade and Investment Issues – as one of the Society’s regional meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Second Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law - International Law in a Multi-polar and Multi-civilizational World - Asian Perspectives, Challenges and Contributions - will be held at the University of Tokyo, Japan from 1 to 2 August 2009.

The NUS Law School and the ASIANSIL are currently planning to host a symposium - Sovereign Wealth Funds: Governance and Regulation - in September 2009.
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APPROVED IN
THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008
THE ASIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (ASIANSIL) INAUGURAL YOUNG SCHOLARS WORKSHOP: COLONIES, DEVELOPMENT, CONFLICT, RIGHTS, MONEY
Principal Investigator: Assoc Prof Simon Chesterman

From 10 to 12 September 2008, the National University of Singapore and the ASIANSIL hosted the ASIANSIL Inaugural Young Scholars Workshop: Colonies, Development, Conflict, Rights, Money at the Bukit Timah Campus. Assoc Prof Simon Chesterman convened the Workshop as part of the ASIANSIL’s mandate to promote international law in general and to foster young scholars in particular.

The Workshop eschewed the traditional format in which each author presented his or her paper and also discouraged the use of PowerPoint presentations. Hence, all fifteen papers were distributed prior to the conference for the scholars to read in order for them to orally present a paper written by another scholar in a research area different from his or her own during the Workshop. After the author of the paper had a chance to respond to the presentation, a round-table discussion followed.

Participants took easily to this novel mode of presentation and enthusiastically engaged in all the five panel discussions chaired by Prof Chesterman, Prof Jack Donnelly of the University of Denver, Assoc Prof Michael Ewing-Chow and Assoc Prof Simon Tay of the NUS Law School. In particular, topics on the evolution of human rights and development in East and South Asia, international criminal trials, and the relationship between China and international law garnered the most robust responses, with the chairs encouraging cross-disciplinary debate and thinking of international law in more abstract terms of processes and crystallising norms rather than a system with fixed rules.

The Workshop not only provided a platform for younger academics from the region to discuss ongoing research in international law, but it also enhanced the interaction among the scholars for the topics presented, as well as to enable the scholars to sharpen their presentation skills and get suggestions from fellow participants and more senior commentators on how to improve their papers.

All the proceedings of the Workshop will be uploaded as a Working Paper series on the ASIANSIL website while three papers from the Workshop on colonies and self-determination, hybrid criminal tribunals, and international civil aviation and trade have been selected for publication in Volume XII (2008) of the Singapore Year Book of International Law.

EVALUATING THE POTENTIAL FOR FORMULATIONS OF SELECTED DEFENCES UNDER THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT TO INFLUENCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE DEFENCES IN CANADIAN CRIMINAL LAW, AND VICE VERSA
Principal Investigator: Prof Stanley Yeo

This project examines the formulations of self-defence, compulsion, insanity and intoxication contained in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Understanding of these defences will be greatly enhanced by comparing them with those found in the Canadian Criminal Code which is one of the most respected codes among common law jurisdictions. In line with the gradual globalisation of laws, it is anticipated that the defences under the Rome Statute will become a primary reference point on which to base a nation’s domestic criminal laws on. In turn, it is envisaged that the International Criminal Court will look to established domestic criminal law such as that of Canada for guidance when interpreting the defence provisions of the Rome Statute. This two way process will inform and improve both the international and domestic criminal laws, and increase their symmetry.
Although Singapore is not a signatory to the Rome Statute, it is likely to be a matter of time before it becomes one. Also, as part of the global community of nations, the defence formulations under international criminal law could impact on the development of the defence provisions contained in Singapore’s Penal Code. Additionally, the recommendations of this project will be directly relevant to members of Singapore’s peace-keeping defence forces stationed in war torn countries.

**THE 9TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL TAXATION**  
Principal Investigator: Assoc Prof Lye Lin Heng

This conference (to be held from 6 - 7 November 2008) focuses on the special problems of the urban environment and the challenges which confront cities and megacities. Issues to be examined include energy generation and consumption, transportation, pollution, population growth, housing, urban development and public health. The role and efficacy of fiscal policies and market-based instruments will be evaluated, particularly from the perspectives of developed and developing countries. The conference aims to create a venue for discussions and the sharing of experiences on the use of fiscal instruments to guide policy makers toward ensuring the sustainability of urban environments in the wake of rapid industrialisation, depleting natural resources, continued population growth, and climate change. As Singapore aims to be a sustainable city, this conference is very timely. Indeed, it is the first time this series of conferences is held in Asia. It is also an opportunity to showcase what Singapore has done, as our COE and ERP are prime examples of environmental taxation that others wish to emulate. Singapore can also learn from the experiences of other countries, particularly the developed economies.

This annual series of conferences provides a global forum for the exchange of ideas, information and research findings on environmental taxation and economic instruments across international boundaries and professional disciplines. It has become one of the largest annual international gatherings of academic scholars, government officials, practitioners, NGOs and others from many disciplines, to discuss how fiscal and other economic instruments can help create a sustainable economy.

Papers presented at this conference will be selected and edited by an international team of experts, for publication by Oxford University Press in the series *Critical Issues in Environmental Taxation*.

**A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF CRIMINAL EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE**  
Principal Investigator: Assoc Prof Ho Hock Lai

This research project undertakes a comparative study of the law of criminal evidence and procedure. It focuses on central topics within this important field. Amongst the related topics that will be covered is the problem of illegally obtained evidence. Entrapment is one instance of this problem. Judicial response to entrapment varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. The various approaches will be identified and evaluated. Other problems of illegally obtained evidence include coerced confessions, and evidence obtained unlawfully by state agents (such as through the employment of unauthorised covert listening devices). The normative foundation for the law in these areas will be explored. It is also proposed to look into other central aspects of the law of criminal evidence and procedure, including the right of silence and the privilege against self-incrimination. All of these topics are connected. For example, the basis for excluding a forced confession is arguably the principle of *nemo debet prodere se ipsum* (no one shall be forced to be his own betrayal: see eg, *R v Sang* [1980] AC 402 at 436). Emphasis will be paid to the constitutional and human rights aspects that permeate these areas of law, and lessons may be drawn from the emerging field of international criminal evidence. An attempt will be made to ground these topics in a theory of the criminal trial, centering on the idea that its constitutive function is to hold the executive to account in the particular enforcement of the criminal law.
LIBERALISATION OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY AMONG ASIAN COUNTRIES
Principal Investigator: Assoc Prof Alan Tan

In recent years, the Asia-Pacific region has witnessed several new initiatives aimed at liberalising the air transport industry. In line with global trends, the objectives of such initiatives are to reduce government intervention and regulation in the aviation markets, to stimulate trade and economic growth, to foster competition among airlines and to afford greater choice and competitive prices for consumers. Liberalisation efforts have taken the forms of multilateral agreements signed among like-minded countries, and more commonly, progressively liberal “open skies” bilateral agreements among pairs of countries. The multilateral agreements have unfortunately received lukewarm response from the vast majority of states, despite their progressive intent and scope. Thus, their impact on the landscape of aviation liberalisation remains limited.

Of greater significance is the preference of states to embark on bilateral negotiations to free up governmental rules over matters such as route access and frequency, airline designation and ownership and control. The preference for bilateralism, however, has its costs for the Asia-Pacific nations. With other markets like the European Union and the United States liberalising at a faster pace and coming ever closer to a deal for an Open Aviation Area, the Asia-Pacific region risks being left behind in a web of restrictive and fragmented bilateral agreements amongst its member states, no matter how liberal or open such individual agreements profess to be.

This project seeks to assess the key legal and political factors impeding the liberalisation of the aviation industry within selected Asia-Pacific states. The positions of various governments in the region will be studied, particularly those with significant or emerging aviation industries such as China, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Thailand. In the process, the project will analyse the disadvantages posed by regional states negotiating more open bilateral deals with the United States (and now the European Union) without significantly freeing up aviation markets among themselves first.

As a solution to the identified problem, the project will propose and/or evaluate Single Aviation Market (SAM) arrangements for the Asia-Pacific region, including the ASEAN SAM scheduled to be in place by 2015, and the Northeast Asian SAM proposed among China, Japan and Korea. The possibility of various sub-regional SAMs being eventually “merged” into a greater ambitious arrangement for the entire Asia-Pacific region will also be investigated, similar to the European Union’s common market mechanism. The project will thus propose far-reaching measures that Asia-Pacific states should undertake in order to maintain and further enhance their airlines’ competitive advantages over those in the E.U. and the U.S.

WRITING A NEW EDITION OF AUSTRALIAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Principal Investigator: Prof Stanley Yeo

This project will produce a new edition of the highly successful text Australian Criminal Justice (OUP, Melbourne, co-authored by Professor Mark Findlay of Sydney University and Stephen Odgers SC) which is the leading prescribed textbook for criminology, administration of criminal justice and police studies courses in Australia. Since the current third edition was published in early 2005, there have been significant developments in the law and thinking in many areas which the book covers.

Since the approach taken by the book has been successfully tried and tested, it will be maintained for the new edition. Basically, the reader is introduced step-by-step to the processes of Australian criminal justice, beginning with a chapter on concepts of criminal responsibility, followed by chapters on investigation, pre-trial, trial, evidence, penalty and punishment, sentencing and appeals. There is also a concluding chapter entitled “And Justice for All?” which brings a number of themes in the book together in a critical fashion. This last chapter (which I have primary carriage of) discusses criminal justice affecting juveniles, Aboriginal people, intellectually disabled people, corporations, crime victims, and also includes a section on combating terrorism.
The project will involve a culling process of old materials to be replaced by new developments and views. There have been several important pieces of legislation, judicial pronouncements and law reform proposals which the book needs to incorporate.

The publisher (OUP) has commissioned the new edition with a view to its being ready for the 2009 Australian academic year.

A REVERSAL OF NEO-COLONIALISM: THE PITFALLS & PROSPECTS OF SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS
Principal Investigator: Asst Prof Yvonne Lee

The U.S. subprime financial crisis has triggered unprecedented foreign sovereign wealth investments in Western countries. Investments made by Eastern sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) include assets such as The Chrysler Building, and portfolio stake-holdings in Barclays PLC, Credit Suisse, Citigroup, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and UBS AG, all acquired at distressed prices. Although many of these investments were actively solicited by the management of cash strapped corporations, they have precipitated calls for heightened scrutiny to guard against economic exploitation and protect national security in recipient countries. In the past, the West used international law to advance their elite interests. A reversal of fortunes arising out of the financial crisis has occurred. The increasing stakes of Asian governments in Western financial institutions have resulted in a new “Eastern neo-colonialism” which reverses “Western neo-colonialism” in two ways: a change in the direction of capital inflows and outflows, and a switch between state actors supporting liberalisation in respect of foreign investments.

To demonstrate the reversal of neo-colonialism and resurgence of national interests, the proposal examines recent SWF investments, particularly those of non-Western countries such as China, India, Singapore and UAE. It outlines the pitfalls and prospects of SWFs by evaluating the legitimacy of claims based on economic and national security as leveled against the SWFs, and considering the implications of politicised SWF investments. It proposes a regime of international governance for SWFs that differs from dominant approaches at international law. The project broadly surveys the wide range of interests such as popular or democratic will of the people in recipient and home countries, the international economic norms of laissez faire - free market and trade, the protective and welfare functions of governments, sovereignty of recipient countries and right of development of home countries. Although the Sovereign Wealth Funds Generally Accepted Principles and Practices and OECD Declaration on Sovereign Wealth Funds and Recipient Country Policies suffer from vague concepts, carve-outs in favor of national laws and the absence of a central regulator and enforcer, they provide a broad framework based on a ‘thin’ financial rule of law for recipient and home countries to reach a common understanding and practice. These countries can then ‘harden’ specific aspects of ‘good practices’ under their respective national laws.

The project has produced a conference paper, “A Reversal of Neo-Colonialism: The pitfalls and Prospects of Sovereign Wealth funds”, which was presented at the 2008 Biennial Interest Group Conference, “The Politics of International Economic Law: The Next Four Years”, American Society of International Law, International Economic Law Interest Group (George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C, Nov 13 - 15, 2008). This paper has been accepted for publication by Georgetown Journal of International Law. The principal investigator has also been invited to be a panelist for Georgetown Journal of International Law’s symposium on sovereign wealth funds in March 2009.
HEALTH CARE CHALLENGES FOR AN AGEING POPULATION: MANAGING HEALTH CARE AND END OF LIFE DECISIONS IN SINGAPORE
Principal Investigator: Assoc Prof Chan Wing Cheong

An ageing population is the most significant demographic trend facing Singapore this century. By 2030, 20% of the population will be aged 65 and above and this will put significant pressure on existing health care resources, both institutional and familial. Existing information on the prevalence of chronic illness, disability, mental health issues, health care utilisation, and health care expectations among the older population (60 and above) is fragmented and under-analysed. A symposium will be held to bring together researchers with specific knowledge on aspects of health of older Singaporeans to provide a more comprehensive picture of the Singapore context.

The one-day symposium will be held on 29 May 2009 which will provide evidence-based policy recommendations to policy makers, NGOs and the public sector interested in promoting the well-being of older adults. One important focus in the symposium will be the role that older persons expect themselves to take in their end of life care. Here, we will draw on researchers who have worked with older adults on health expectations during old age.

The approach in this symposium will be multidisciplinary; there will be presentations from colleagues in the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Law, and Medicine. In addition, we will work with colleagues from Singhealth or the National Healthcare Group to encourage collaboration between the academic and service sectors in Singapore. We plan to compile the papers presented into an edited volume on health and ageing in Singapore and will be sending a proposal out to publishers in due course.

STUDY ON THE PREVALENCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN SINGAPORE
Principal Investigator: Assoc Prof Chan Wing Cheong

This project involves undertaking an empirical approach to analysing and assessing the effectiveness of the laws and programmes relating to prevention of violence against women in Singapore.

The need for taking an empirical approach in the area of violence against women is that it is well known that the extent of violence experienced by women is grossly underestimated in official statistics owing to a reluctance on the part of the victims to come forward. Unless we know the true extent of violence and how well the laws and programmes work, we are unable to evaluate the State’s response or to propose alternative legal and non-legal ways of State intervention. The only sources of data available in Singapore (all of them sporadic and not reported regularly) are from the number of protection orders issued by the Family Court, cases identified in our public hospitals, reports lodged with the police, and limited information from MCYS.

The empirical work involves carrying out an internationally verified instrument, the International Violence Against Women Survey (IVAWS), developed by the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI), United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) and Statistics Canada. This survey has been carried out in 11 countries to date. A total of 2,000 female respondents will be surveyed in Singapore, aged between 18 and 69 years.

The information obtained from the empirical work will be used to assess the present state of violence against women in Singapore in terms of its prevalence and severity, the risk factors, physical and psychological consequences, victims’ willingness to report to the police and other agencies, and to assess the adequacy of Singapore’s response. This information will also be used to provide a basis for comparisons with the data from other countries which have implemented the IVAWS.
COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM IN SOUTH ASIA
Principal Investigator: Asst Prof Arun K Thiruvengadam

This proposal seeks funding to hold a symposium that will be jointly organised by the South Asia Studies Department of Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and the Faculty of Law at NUS in Singapore in June 2009.

The field of comparative constitutional law has witnessed a remarkable resurgence in recent years. Some measure of this resurgence can be had by taking note of the new literature in this area, with two casebooks having been published within the last five years, and a specialised journal having been recently established. Although these new initiatives have sought to move the discipline beyond the traditional focus of comparative constitutional law studies on countries within Europe and North America, the fact remains that academic literature about the constitutional experiences of countries outside of these areas (including those located in Asia) is relatively scarce. This is especially so for literature that is genuinely comparative as opposed to being focused on single jurisdictions. The legal systems of countries located within South Asia in particular have many historical, socio-political and structural features in common which make the possibility of comparisons between them potentially very fruitful.

This planned symposium is a continuation of a project launched in November 2006, when SAIS in collaboration with the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, brought together a group of leading scholars of South Asian law to explore how constitutional and legal traditions across the region converge, converse with and diverge from one another. The conference discussions were organised around various constitutional-law themes: design, federalism, free speech and equality issues, and emergency regulation. The proceedings of the conference will be published as an edited volume by Oxford University Press India in 2009.

Given the promising outcomes of that first meeting, a second symposium is now being planned to deepen and expand the dialogue on South Asian law and constitutionalism. We hope at the June 2009 meeting both to consolidate our understanding of emerging patterns in South Asian constitutionalism, and to explore aspects of potential and emerging legal and regulatory integration within South Asia. The results of such a project would be of significance for policy-makers, judges, lawyers, legal academics, and law enforcement officials.

The following are some of the themes we hope to explore at the symposium: the extent and scope of borrowing of legal ideas between legislators, regulators, judges and lawyers; issues of constitutional design; collaboration among NGOs and civil society groups; and debates about the utility and purpose of South Asian legal and constitutional unity, and the methodological issues raised specifically by South Asian comparative investigations.
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