Programme

**Monday, 15 December 2014 (Day 1)**

9.00am  Transport pick-up from Amoy Hotel

9.30am – 10.00am  Registration  
*Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Eu Tong Sen Building*

10.00am – 10.20am  Welcome and Introduction  
Andrew Harding, **Centre for Asian Legal Studies and Asian Law Institute, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore**  
Lynette J. Chua, **Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore**

10.20am – 11.15am  Keynote Address  
Keebet von Benda-Beckmann, **Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology**  

11.15am – 11.30am  Morning Tea Break  
*Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room*

11.30am – 1.00pm  Opening Plenary Session  
**Agenda:**  
Lynette J. Chua, **National University of Singapore**  
1.  *Southeast Asia and Research on State and Personhood: A Preliminary Analysis of Law and Society Literature*  
2.  *Sharing Session on Conducting Law & Society Research in Southeast Asia*

1.00pm – 2.30pm  Lunch  
*Staff Lounge, Block B*
Panel 1
Citizenship and the Legacies of Colonial Laws and Policies
Chairperson: George Radics, National University of Singapore

Speakers:
Jack Jin, Gary Lee, University of California, San Diego
Fashioning Leviathan in Babel: Plural Society and the Bureaucratization of Colonial Government in the British Empire

Chiara Formichi, Cornell University
Between Colonial Legacies and National Policies: The Racialization of Religious Groups and Its Impact on Social (Dis)unity in Malaysia and Singapore (1910s-2010s)

Fernando Dias Simões, University of Macau
Law and Language in Timor-Leste: Bridging the Divide

4.15pm – 4.30pm
Afternoon Tea Break
Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room

Panel 2
Identities and Inheritance at the Intersection of Community and State Legal Norms
Chairperson: David Engel, State University of New York, Buffalo

Speakers:
Bui Thi Bich Lien, Monash University
The Vietnamese Women’s Inheritance of Land: Law, Reason and Sentiment

Nuthamon Kongchareon, Chiangmai University
Guardian Spirits and Their Function in Northern Thai Society

Damorn Kumtrai, Mae Fah Luang University
Legal Consciousness of the Ethnic Community Living in Forest

6.10pm
Group Photo (Day 1)

6.15pm
Bus to Welcome Dinner (For invited guests only)
Prego Restaurant, Fairmont Singapore

9.30pm
Bus to Amoy Hotel
Researching State and Personhood: Law and Society in Southeast Asia Conference

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Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Bukit Timah Campus, National University of Singapore

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Tuesday, 16 December 2014 (Day 2)

10.00am
Transport pick-up from Amoy Hotel

10.30am – 12.00pm
Panel 3

Migrants and the Negotiations with (Il) Legality
Chairperson: Daniel Goh, National University of Singapore

Speakers:
Lilis Mulyani, Indonesian Institute of Sciences
Gambling with the State: The Urban Poor Coping Mechanisms to Illegality of Settlements and Informal Work

Charanpal S. Bal, Parahyangan Catholic University
Contesting Deportability: Labour Laws and Migrant Worker Unrest in Singapore

Kirsten McConnachie, University of Oxford
Segregating Security: Refugees from Myanmar in Southeast Asia

12.00pm – 1.30pm
Lunch
Staff Lounge, Block B

1.30pm – 3.00pm
Panel 4

Migration and Legal Identities
Chairperson: Andrew Harding, National University of Singapore

Speakers:
Sopit Cheevapanich
Legal Consciousness on the Legal Status of Migrant Children in Thailand

Ayako Hatano, University of Tokyo
Protecting the Best Interest of the Child in the Context of the International Adoption Arrangements

Malavika Reddy, University of Chicago
Identity 2.0: Proof of Status and Status of Proof (Burmese ID – Thai-Myanmar – Migration)

3.00pm – 3.15pm
Afternoon Tea Break 1
Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room
3.15pm – 4.45pm Panel 5
State, Organizations, and Agents of Social Change
Chairperson: Ooi Kee Beng, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Speakers:
Frank W. Munger, New York Law School
Justice Imagined: State, Law, and Identity Among Entrepreneurs for Legal Change in Thailand

Sumi Dhanarajan, National University of Singapore
Transnational Business Human Rights Regulatory Regimes and Their Effects on Rights Constitutionalism and the State-citizen Relationship

Mark Sidel, University of Wisconsin-Madison and International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL)
Regulatory Waves and Civil Society Identity: State Regulation of Civil Society, Self-Regulation, and their Interactions in Vietnam and China

4.45pm – 5.00pm Afternoon Tea Break 2
Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room

5.00pm – 6.15pm Closing Plenary Session

Agenda:
David Engel, State University of New York, Buffalo
Closing Address

Lynette J. Chua, National University of Singapore
Discussion on Publication and Future Plans

6.25pm Group Photo (Day 2)

6.30pm Bus to Closing Dinner (For invited guests only)
Shoebox Canteen, 36 North Canal Road Singapore 059292

9.30pm Bus to Amoy Hotel