

Centre for Asian Legal Studies

03 October 2012, Wednesday ✦ 3.00pm – 4.30pm ✦ Lee Sheridan Room,
Eu Tong Seng Building, NUS (BTC)

Conducting Socio-legal Research at NUS Law: A sharing session

by Asst Prof Lynette Chua & Asst Prof Cheah Wui Ling
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ABSTRACT

Lynette and Wui Ling introduce to the faculty what socio-legal scholarship is about, and how they would like to see this developed in our own faculty. They will talk about the research projects in which they are involved, and the data collection methods and analyses they have used/are using, and discuss ideas and future directions they would like the faculty to consider growing together. This session is also a build-up to the 10-11 December workshop initiative on Socio-legal Research in Southeast Asia: Themes, Directions and Challenges, in which several prominent law and society scholars will be participating.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Lynette Chua is writing a book based on in-depth, qualitative fieldwork on the gay and lesbian movement in Singapore to analyze how activists adapt mobilization strategy and tactics to their socio-political and legal conditions.

She is also organizing a Workshop Initiative on Southeast Asian-based Socio-legal Research, with the long-term goal of developing NUS Law into the global center for socio-legal research on Southeast Asian societies. The first workshop, held on 10-12 December 2012, will bring together leading law and society scholars around the world to examine the intellectual possibilities and challenges, articulate potential research themes and directions, and define a research agenda that is bold yet feasible. Lynette was a Fulbright Scholar, and held grants from the Social Science Research Council and the U.S. National Science Foundation.



Wui Ling holds an LLM from Harvard Law School. For her Harvard studies, she was recipient of a National University of Singapore Scholarship and the Kathryn Aguirre Worth Memorial Scholarship. She also holds an LLB and an LLM (by research) from the National University of Singapore. She is currently on study leave, and is reading for a DPhil in Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford.

Her research interests lie in the areas of criminal justice, human rights law, and constitutional liberties, and she is particularly interested in transitional justice issues related to Southeast Asia. For her doctorate project, she is using a mix of historical and sociological methods to study post-WWII war crimes trials conducted by the British in Singapore.

Admission is free.

Please RSVP via email at cals@nus.edu.sg

Closing Date of registration : 2 October 2012, Tuesday, 5pm