Debating Singapore's Elected Presidency

16 November 2016, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Block B Meeting Room (Next to CALS), Block B, Level 2, NUS (Bukit Timah Campus)

Synopsis

The workshop brings together constitutional law scholars from Singapore to examine how the unique office of the elected presidency has functioned in Singapore over the years, bearing in mind the many changes made to the institution. The workshop will also consider the important recent reform exercise, including the convening of a Constitutional Commission and the subsequent constitutional amendments made to the office of the elected presidency. On the latter theme it will consider the process of reform, the nature of the changes and the impact of those on the nature and function of the office of the elected Presidency and related bodies, such as the Council of Presidential Advisors.

Programme

9:30 am – 9:35 am **Introduction to the Project**
Assistant Professor Jaclyn NEO, Faculty of Law, NUS
Assistant Professor Swati JHAVERI, Faculty of Law, NUS

9:35 am – 11:00 am **Why Elections, and How? Mandate, Separation of Powers, and Campaigning**
Adjunct Professor Kevin TAN, Faculty of Law, NUS
Professor Li-ann THIO, Faculty of Law, NUS
Assistant Professor Jack LEE, School of Law, SMU

11:00 am – 11:45 am **The President as a Symbol of Multiracialism**
Assistant Professor Jaclyn NEO, Faculty of Law, NUS
Associate Professor Eugene TAN, School of Law, SMU

11:45 am – 12:15 pm **Reflections on the Constitutional Commission Process as a Mode of Constitutional Reform**
Assistant Professor Swati JHAVERI, Faculty of Law, NUS

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm **Show me the money! Guarding the Reserves**
Associate Professor Eugene TAN, School of Law, SMU
Associate Professor Michael DOWDLE, Faculty of Law, NUS
Assistant Professor Jaclyn NEO, Faculty of Law, NUS

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm **Closing**
Assistant Professor Jaclyn NEO, Faculty of Law, NUS
Assistant Professor Swati JHAVERI, Faculty of Law, NUS

1:15 pm **Lunch @ Tin Hill Social**

Participation in the workshop is by invitation only.