

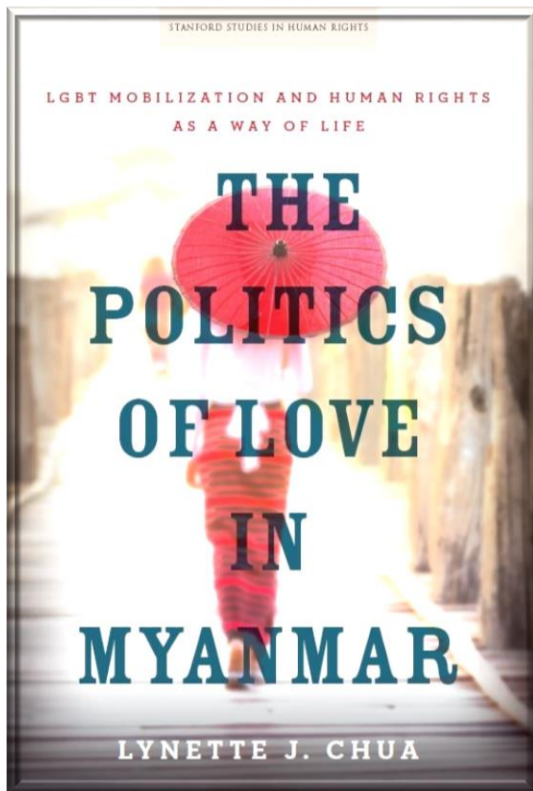
## Book Panel

### THE POLITICS OF LOVE IN MYANMAR LGBT MOBILIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS AS A WAY OF LIFE

by Lynette J. Chua

Friday, 18 January 2019, 6.00pm to 8.30pm  
(Registration starts at 5.45pm)

NUS Law (Bukit Timah Campus), Block B Level 2, Staff Lounge



*The Politics of Love in Myanmar* (Stanford University Press) offers an intimate ethnographic account of a group of LGBT activists before, during, and after Myanmar's post-2011 political transition. Lynette J. Chua explores how these activists devoted themselves to, and fell in love with, the practice of human rights and how they were able to empower queer Burmese to accept themselves, gain social belonging, and reform discriminatory legislation and law enforcement. Informed by interviews with activists from all walks of life—city dwellers, villagers, political dissidents, children of military

families, wage laborers, shopkeepers, beauticians, spirit mediums, lawyers, students—Chua details the vivid particulars of the LGBT activist experience founding a movement first among exiles and migrants and then in Myanmar's cities, towns, and countryside. A distinct political and emotional culture of activism took shape, fusing shared emotions and cultural bearings with legal and political ideas about human rights. For this network of activists, human rights moved hearts and minds and crafted a transformative web of friendship, fellowship, and affection among queer Burmese. Chua's investigation provides crucial insights into the intersection of emotions and interpersonal relationships with law, rights, and social movements.

**Lynette J. Chua** is Associate Professor of Law, National University of Singapore. She is also the author of *Mobilizing Gay Singapore: Rights & Resistance in an Authoritarian State* (Temple University Press, 2014).

### Book Sale

*The Politics of Love in Myanmar* and *Mobilizing Gay Singapore* will be on sale at the event (cash only).

You may also order *The Politics of Love in Myanmar* at Stanford University Press online at <https://goo.gl/yGJp76>

### Programme Schedule

- 5.45pm Registration**
- 6.00pm Welcome and Introduction**  
by Associate Professor Lynette Chua
- 6.05pm Panel Discussion**
- *Author:* Assoc Prof Lynette Chua, NUS Law
  - *Chairperson:* Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw, Visiting Fellow, ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute
  - Prof David Engel, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, State University of New York, Buffalo
  - Prof Audrey Yue, Professor, NUS Department of Communications and New Media
  - Prof Antony Terence Anghie, Professor, NUS Law
- 7.05pm Question & Answer Session**  
With Assoc Prof Chua, panelists, and Mr Hla Myat, Deputy Director, Colours Rainbow
- 7.35pm Book Presentation**
- 7.40pm Book Signing & Reception**
- 8.30pm End of Event**

### RSVP

Register at <https://goo.gl/qXeqh6>

Or scan the QR code  
by 11 Jan 2019 (Fri)



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