

TEACHING AND RESEARCHING LAW IN BHUTAN: A NEW FRONTIER

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3.00PM TO 4.00PM (SGT)
VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

SPEAKER:



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ABOUT THE EVENT

Stanley Yeo will share his insights on teaching and researching the law of Bhutan, a young nation which became a democratic constitutional monarchy in 2008. Teaching wise, he has taught at JSW Law, the only national school in Bhutan, which has a novel curriculum comprising a mix of courses on law, religion, nation building and legal clinics. The small and highly selective student intake also offers interesting lessons. Research wise, the opportunities to engage with the Bhutanese law and its rapid development has been both plentiful and highly rewarding. In particular, Stanley has found the comparative legal method to be a convenient and effective way to immerse oneself in the exercise.

For this event, he is joined by NUS colleagues Helena Whalen-Bridge and Umakanth Varottil, who have both taught at the JSW Law Summer School.

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Registration deadline: 5 Feb 2025

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Speaker's and Contributors' Bios



PROFESSOR STANLEY YEO
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Stanley Yeo is a visiting scholar at CALS, NUS. He has been affiliated with the JSW Law School for the last five years. He has taught their compulsory LLB course on Penal law and Restorative Justice, and a course on Comparative Criminal Law at their inaugural Summer School. On the research front, Stanley led a team of criminal law experts which recently produced a 500 page text, Principles of Criminal Law: A Treatise on the Penal Code of Bhutan (JSW Law Series, November 2024).



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR HELENA WHALEN-BRIDGE
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Helena Whalen-Bridge teaches Access to Justice, Legal Ethics, and advanced skills courses such as Singapore Common Law of Contract and Legal Argument and Narrative. Her research is primarily on legal ethics and access to justice, legal narrative and legal education. Publications include Human-Robot Interaction in Law and Its Narratives (CUP 2024) and The Lawyer's Role in Access to Justice (CUP 2022). She is a founding member of the Law Society of Singapore's Project Law Help, and has been Faculty Advisor to the NUS Law student pro bono group since its inception in 2005.



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Umakanth Varottil is Vice Dean (Graduate Studies) and Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. He specializes in corporate law and governance, mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance. While his work is generally comparative in nature, his specific focus is on India and Singapore. He has co-authored or co-edited several books and published articles in international journals. He has also taught on a visiting basis at law schools in Australia, Bhutan, India, Italy, New Zealand, and the United States.