

Speakers' Profiles

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Professor Tan Cheng Han is Chairman, Centre for Law & Business at the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore (NUS). His current appointments include being Chairman of the Singapore Media Literacy Council, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Move-On and Filming Orders; Advisor to the Singapore Tae Kwon-do Federation, a Commissioner of the Competition Commission of Singapore, a member of the Appeal Advisory Panel to the Singapore Minister for Finance, a member of the Military Court of Appeal in Singapore and a member of the Governing Board of the International Association of Law Schools in the US. Prof Tan has also been a Visiting Professor at the East China University of Political Science and Law, National Taiwan University and Peking University.

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Ms. Rena M. Rico-Pamfilo is admitted to the Philippine Bar (2001) and the New York Bar (2009). She graduated with honors from the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law (Philippines) in 2000 and went on to complete her Master of Laws degree at the National University of Singapore in 2004. She was a Sheridan Fellow at NUS and was awarded the ASEAN Scholarship.

After graduating from the NUS in 2004, she stayed in Singapore and started her career in international arbitration at the Singapore International Arbitration Center as Assistant Counsel and Assistant Registrar under the leadership of then Deputy Chairman Prof. Lawrence Boo. She was also an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the NUS for International Commercial Arbitration. While at SIAC she had conducted various workshops and seminars on international commercial arbitration, specifically in the Singapore context.

She moved back to the Philippines in 2007 and worked for an international law firm, focusing on domestic and international commercial arbitration. She acted as counsel in an ICC arbitration and ICSID arbitration both involving the Philippine Government. She also acted as counsel in various other international arbitrations with seat of arbitration in Singapore, Hong Kong and Manila, primarily representing the foreign investors. She was also involved in various corporate transactional and project finance work on gaming and entertainment, energy and infrastructure projects, including oil, gas, and power generation.

Ms. Rico-Pamfilo is now Chief Legal Counsel of a private equity firm based in the Philippines and a Professor of Law at the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law on International Commercial Arbitration. She is also an accredited lecturer of the Philippine Judicial Academy on Arbitration. She lectures on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education seminar series both in the Philippines and in the US. She has delivered lectures in various countries in Asia on international arbitration and the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, particularly arbitration in Singapore and in the Philippines.

Professor CHOONG Yeow Choy
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Choong Yeow Choy is Professor and former Dean at the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya, Malaysia.

His primary areas of research include transnational civil litigation, international commercial arbitration and the administration of the civil justice system. He is the author of Law of Limitation (Butterworths) and Default Judgment: Principles and Procedure (LexisNexis). His articles have been published in international journals such as the Civil Justice Quarterly, the Australian Journal of Asian Law, and the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

His recent publications include a book chapter entitled “Courts in Malaysia and Judiciary Initiated Reforms” in Asian Courts in Contexts published by Cambridge University Press (2014), “Public Policy Considerations in Arbitral Proceedings in Selected Common Law Jurisdictions” (with Warren Ganesh) (2014) Hong Kong Law Journal, “Omnipresence of Judicial Control over International Arbitral Proceedings” (2014) KLRI Journal of Law and Legislation and a Country Report on the Implementation of the New York Convention by the Malaysian courts for the International Academy of Comparative Law’s International Congress in 2014.

Yeow Choy travels extensively and collaborates with scholars and academics from around the globe and has taught courses in similar areas in the Duke Law School Summer Program, Chulalongkorn University, Kyushu University and the University of Hong Kong.

He obtained his Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Malaya, his Master of Laws (LLM) degree from Harvard Law School and his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from the University of Melbourne. Yeow Choy is also an Advocate and Solicitor (non-practising) of the High Court of Malaya.

Associate Professor Gary F. BELL
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After an undergraduate degree in theology (BTh) at the Université Laval (Quebec City), Gary F. Bell obtained degrees in both the common law (LLB) and the civil law (BCL.) at McGill University in Montréal and an LLM at Columbia University in New York City. He was Editor in Chief of the McGill Law Journal, clerked for Justice Stevenson of the Supreme Court of Canada and taught at McGill University. At NUS he teaches International Commercial Arbitration, Legal Systems of Asia, International and Comparative Law of Sale and Indonesian Law. He writes on arbitration, Indonesian law and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.

Dr Gatot SOEMARTONO
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Gatot Soemartono holds senior lectureship in law at Tarumanagara University, Jakarta, where he also teaches Business Law at Gadjah Mada Business School (MM UGM Jakarta). His courses include Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Investment Law, Environmental Law, Introduction to Indonesian Law, and International Business Transactions.

Apart from teaching, he has written books and articles, and is a frequent speaker at

international conferences such as Asian Law Institute (ASLI), the Society of Legal Scholars (SLS), and Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU). He also has collaborated with some public bodies on important projects. For example, he was appointed as the national coordinator for legal verification of assets of the State-Owned Asset Management Company (PT PPA Persero) responsible for managing assets totaling billions of US dollars of the Indonesian defunct banks, team leader of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries' research on Alternative Dispute Resolution, and chief executive officer of the Indonesia Tourism Promotion Board (BPPI).

He obtained a BSc in Economics (Sarjana Ekonomi) from Diponegoro University, an LL.B. (Sarjana Hukum) and an MSc in Management (Magister Manajemen) from Gadjah Mada University, an LL.M. from Harvard Law School as well as other certificates from Harvard Business School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sloan School of Management.

Recently he received a doctorate in law at the National University of Singapore (NUS) Law Faculty, where he was awarded a Graduate Research Scholarship and the President's Graduate Fellowship.

Mr John LUMBANTOBING
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John Lumbantobing, S.H./LL.B. (Parahyangan), LL.M. (Cantab), ACI Arb. John teaches international law and arbitration at Universitas Katolik Parahyangan, Bandung. He is engaged in numerous research and publications on arbitration as well as international trade and investment law, most recently as case note contributor on GATT and WTO decisions for the Oxford Reports on International Law. John previously practiced commercial litigation and international arbitration at Ignatius Andy Law Offices in Jakarta, focusing on mining and projects-related disputes.

Associate Professor GUO Yu
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Dr. Guo Yu is an associate professor and the director of the Maritime Law Research Centre of Beijing University. She obtained her master's degree from Shanghai Maritime University, PhD from Beijing University and LL.M from University of Cambridge. She joined as faculty at the Law School of Beijing University, where she is teaching since 1996.

Her main research interests are in the fields of maritime law and international commercial law. She works as arbitrator for several prestigious arbitration organizations both home and abroad. Among the several works of Dr. Guo are: A Study on the Bill of Lading (1997), The Law of International Sale of Goods (1999), The Law of International Economic Organization (1999), Carriage of Goods by Sea (2000) and The Spirit of Maritime Law: Theory and Practice in China(2006). Dr. Guo is also the Editor-in Chief for "Maritime Law Research", a quarterly magazine published in Chinese.

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Professor Lo has been Justice of the Constitutional Court of the ROC (Taiwan) since October 2011. Prior to his current judicial position, he was Chair Professor and Lifetime Distinguished Professor at National Taiwan University (NTU); Dean of NTU College of Law; Director of Asian Center for WTO and International Health Law and Policy of NTU College of Law (ACWH); Director of Center for Ethics, Law and Society in Biomedicine and Technology of NTU; Commissioner of Taiwan's Fair Trade Commission (in charge of the competition law in Taiwan); Commissioner of Taiwan's International Trade Commission; and legal advisor for Taiwan's GATT/WTO accession negotiations. In his capacity as the Director of ACWH, Professor Lo launched two English journals "Asian Journal of WTO and International Health Law and Policy" and "Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal" (CAA) in 2006 and 2008 respectively. In his capacity as Dean of NTU College of Law, he also launched an English journal "NTU Law Review". Prior to his teaching career, he practiced law in Taipei. He received his SJD degree from Harvard University Law School in 1989. He was appointed by WTO as panelist for DS332 Brazil — Measures Affecting Imports of Retreaded Tyre in 2006 and for DS468 Ukraine — Definitive Safeguard Measures on Certain Passenger Cars in 2014, and as a member of the Permanent Group of Experts under the ASCM in 2008. He is also chairman of the Asia WTO Research Network (AWRN) since 2013. He is author of 12 books, editor of 4 books, and author of about 80 journal papers and book chapters. His fields include international economic law, international health law, international arbitration and mediation, competition law, and government procurement law.



Dr. Shahla Ali specializes in the resolution of cross-border commercial disputes in the Asia Pacific region. She currently works as an Associate Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Law and Deputy Director of the LLM in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong and Principal at Resolve Consulting. Shahla is the author of *Consumer Financial Dispute Resolution in a Comparative Context* (Cambridge University Press); *International Commercial Arbitration in Asia* (Juris) and *Resolving Disputes in the Asia Pacific* (Routledge) and writes for law journals in the area of comparative dispute system design drawing on empirical and comparative methods.

Shahla is a bilingual arbitrator (English/Chinese) with FINRA, HKIAC (ADNDRC), SCIA, a conciliator with WTC Macau and a mediator with the HKMC, HKMAAL and the HK Building and Lands Tribunal. She has studied and practiced in China, Hong Kong SAR, Israel, the US and Switzerland and speaks English, Chinese and Farsi. She is qualified to practice law in California.

Prior to moving to Hong Kong, Shahla was an attorney with Baker & McKenzie, LLP where she focused on international trade, corporate transactions and regulatory compliance. She received her JD and PhD from UC Berkeley in Jurisprudence and Social Policy, her MA in Conflict Resolution from Landegg University and BA in International Relations and Chinese Language from Stanford University. She has conducted mediation and collaborative negotiation trainings in both the private and public sector for managers as well as UN staff.



Hop Dang is a partner with Allens in Hanoi, specialised in infrastructure project developments and international arbitration. He has acted on a large number of high profile infrastructure projects in Vietnam (including power plants and refineries). He regularly acts as arbitrator in cross border disputes at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre. He was an advisor to the Vietnamese Government in drafting the Vietnamese Law on Commercial Arbitration of 2010. He holds law degrees from Vietnam and Australia and wrote his doctoral thesis on international law and state contracts at the University of Oxford. He regularly lectures in choice of law, investment and arbitration at law schools in Vietnam, Singapore, China and Australia.



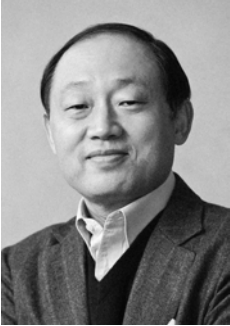
Hisashi HARATA is an Associate Professor at Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo. He teaches there Private International Law, including International civil procedure and international commercial arbitration. His main areas of specialization are Private International Law and Comparative Law, especially between the Western Legal Tradition and Asian legal systems.

His current research focuses on reconstructing a framework of transnational law, including various problems on fragmented public international law, international institutions of arbitration, *lex mercatoria*, investment agreement, transnational private regulation, international tax law, international corporate governance and so on. He has been proceeding with a research on the historical background of the 1923 Geneva Protocol and the 1927 Geneva Convention, focusing on the ICC and New York Chamber of Commerce.

He was a visiting scholar at Dipartimento di Diritto Romano at Università degli studi di Napoli (2005-2007), at NUS (2013 August) and a distinguished visiting scholar at Cornell University (2014 spring).

He also delivered lectures at several foreign Universities, including Università di Salento (Lecce), Università di Napoli, Michigan University, Chicago Kent College of Law, Cornell University and Columbia University.

Publications include the articles as following; *L'extraterritorialité, la juridiction consulaire et le droit international privé : une réflexion sur le droit international privé à la fin de XIXème siècle*, in Luigi Nuzzo and Miloš Vec (eds), *Constructing International Law The Birth of a Discipline*, Frankfurt am Main 2012, An interim report on the principle of *lex loci rei sitae* with critical references to a Japanese Supreme Court case, in *Chiba Journal of Law and Politics*, Vol. 27, No. 4 (2013) pp.344-400 [in Japanese], and An interim report on Savigny's methodology and his founding of a modern historical jurisprudence, *The University of Tokyo Law Review*, vol. 8 (2013) pp.125-143 [in English].



Professor Hi-Taek Shin is a Professor of Law at Seoul National University School of Law. He teaches courses on the legal problems in cross-border business transactions and international investment law, with a focus on the resolution of international commercial and investment disputes. He is also a director of Law Research Institute of Seoul National University. Prior to joining the law faculty at Seoul National University in 2007, he was a partner at Kim & Chang, the leading Korean law firm, where he specialized in mergers and acquisitions, foreign direct investment, international joint ventures and resolution of disputes arising from cross-border investment projects. Since moving to academia in 2007, he sits regularly as an arbitrator (chair, sole or co-arbitrator) both in international commercial arbitrations and investment treaty arbitrations. His strength as an arbitrator lies in his deep understanding of cross-border transactions and nature of disputes arising therefrom. He is on the panel of arbitrators of ICSID, ICDR and Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB). He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Seoul International Dispute Resolution Center launched in 2013. He authored the Korean chapter in Commentaries on Selected Model Investment Treaties (C. Brown ed, 2013), and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the Investment Treaty Arbitration Practice (in Korean, 2013).

He chairs two important commissions organized by the Ministry of Justice, one for the amendment of the Korea Lawyers' Act and another for the amendment of the Foreign Legal Consultant Act. He participated in the task force commissioned by the Ministry of Justice for the amendment of the Arbitration Act of Korea. He is also serving as the Chairman of the Audit Committee of Doosan Co., Ltd., and the outside director of Korea Development Bank.

He received the LL.M. and J.S.D degrees from Yale Law School and LL.B. and LL.M degrees from Seoul National University.



Harisankar K.S is a Ph.D candidate at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law, where he is an NUS graduate research scholar. His doctoral work examines the inter-relationship between international commercial arbitration and investment treaty arbitration with a special focus on India. From 2010 to 2014 he was Assistant Professor of Law at the National Law University Jodhpur, India, where he served as the founding executive director of the Centre for Advanced Research and Training in Arbitration Law. In this capacity he established the Indian Journal of Arbitration Law and served as its founding faculty advisor. Prior to joining NLU Jodhpur he was Assistant Lecturer at the Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, India. After completing his undergraduate studies in science (B.Sc) and first degree in Law (LL.B) from the Mahatma Gandhi University, he was admitted as an advocate by the Kerala State Bar Council. He holds an LL.M degree from the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi and is a recipient of the Hague Academy of International Law scholarship in 2008. He has qualified the National Eligibility Test for lectureship conducted by the University Grants Commission in 2010. The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law has awarded him a fellowship for a visiting research programme at the UNIDROIT Library in Rome in 2014, where his research focused on the conflict of laws issues in international arbitration. Some of his research papers have appeared in international law reviews like the Journal of International Arbitration (Kluwer) and Journal of Infrastructure Development (SAGE), and has also

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Ms. Kumar joined the Faculty of Law, National Law University, Jodhpur (Rajasthan , India) in July 2014, and is teaching courses in International Commercial Arbitration, ADR and Constitutional Governance. She also serves as the Executive Director of CARTAL - NLU - J's initiative for research and training in arbitration law; as well as the Faculty Advisor to the IJAL - Indian Journal of Arbitration Law - NLUJ-J's biannual, student reviewed e-journal.

She was earlier serving as a full-time Research Associate at School of Law, ITM University, Gurgaon (July 2013- June 2014), where has taught courses in Alternate Dispute Resolution, Comparative Competition Law and Policy and Private International Law to students in the III and IV Year of the BBA-LLB Programme and II Year LLM Students. During her stint at ITMU, she was appointed as the Faculty Coordinator for the 2nd Edition of the ITMU National Moot Court Competition, and also served on the Internship Coordination Committee as the Facilitator for Semester VIII internships. She has also qualified the National Eligibility Test [NET] for Assistant Professors, of the University Grants Commission, conducted in December 2013.

An alumna of one of the premier national law universities in the country, she has a stellar academic record as a student, receiving 15 gold medals for outstanding academic performance. She graduated from NUS in June 2013 with a specialized Masters in Int'l and Comparative Law. After completing her Masters, she was attached to Prof. Irene Calboli, Visiting Prof. (IPR), NUS and Director, Intellectual Property and Technology Program, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin for 9 weeks as her Research Assistant. She also successfully completed the WIPO Singapore Summer School organized jointly by WIPO, IPA Singapore and IPOS in June 2013. She has extensive internship experience in all areas of the legal industry – as an NGO activist with Parivartan, Litigation training under Sr. Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, Ms. Nitya Ramakrishnan etc., Judicial Clerkship under Justice R.V. Raveendran, Supreme Court, at Tier 1 law firms like AMSS, Delhi, AZB, Mumbai, Lakshmi Kumaran and Sridharan, Delhi etc. and Research at CITEL, JGLS, Sonapat. Her areas of academic interest include International Arbitration, Competition Law and Intellectual Property Rights and she has both international and national publications to her credit in these areas.

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He was previously the Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, and before that, a Director at the Ministry of Trade and Industry Singapore, with oversight for Singapore's trade agreements and World Trade Organisation-related matters, including policy review, formulation and negotiations.

He has presented papers and spoken at numerous conferences and seminars on

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Minn graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LLB in 1996. After he was called to the Singapore Bar in 1997, Minn was in legal practice before he obtained an LLM in 2001 from Columbia University as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

Minn is a legal adviser to the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Chairman of the Myanmar International Arbitration Centre Formation Committee. He is also a member of the Expert Panel of the Singapore Management University Centre for Cross-Border Commercial Law in Asia and the Singapore Academy of Law Promotion of Singapore Law Committee. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. Minn is fluent in English, the Myanmar language and Malay