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.

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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)

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

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