

Speakers' Biographies

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Asst Prof Swati JHAVERI, Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore

Swati Joined NUS Law in August 2012. She previously taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Faculty of Law. Her areas of research include public law and the law of torts. She has published in these areas in Public Law, the Tort Law Review and the International Journal of Constitutional Law. While at CUHK, she was awarded the Vice Chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award. She was also awarded a competitive research grant from the General Research Fund of the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong to investigate the post-1997 impact of judicial review on legislative process and content. At NUS she was awarded the Faculty and University's Annual Teaching Excellence Awards for 3 consecutive years in the 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2016/2017 Academic Years.



Dr LAM Peng Er, Senior Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Peng Er is a Senior Research Fellow at the East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore. He obtained his PhD from Columbia University and is a political scientist. His publications have appeared in international journals such as the Pacific Affairs, Asian Survey, Asian Affairs, Japan Forum and Government and Opposition: An International Journal of Comparative Politics. His latest single-authored book is Japan's Peace Building Diplomacy in Asia: Searching for an Active Political Role (New York and London: Routledge, 2009). He is also an executive editor of the International Relations of the Asia-Pacific (A Journal of the Japan Association of International Relations published by Oxford University Press) and Asian Journal of Peacebuilding (Journal of the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University).



Dr Jack Tsen-Ta LEE, Deputy Research Director, Singapore Academy of Law

Jack is the Deputy Research Director of the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL), which he joined in August 2017. He supports the Academy's Law Reform Committee. Before joining SAL, he was an Assistant Professor of Law with the School of Law, Singapore Management University from November 2008 to June 2017. He held a 2009-2010 Lee Foundation Fellowship for Research Excellence and received the School of Law's Most Promising Teacher Award 2010-2011. His research interests are constitutional and administrative law, heritage law, and media law.

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Asst Prof Jaclyn L. NEO, Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore

Jaclyn is an Assistant Professor of Law at the National University of Singapore (NUS). A graduate of the NUS Law Faculty, Jaclyn worked as a litigation lawyer before joining the faculty. She was awarded the NUS Overseas Graduate Scholarship to pursue her Masters of Laws from Yale Law School and subsequently received another scholarship from NUS to pursue her Doctor of the Science of Law from Yale. Jaclyn teaches Constitutional and Administrative Law, Comparative State and Religion, and Law, Migration, and Citizenship. Her research is primarily in the areas of constitutional and human rights law, with specific focus on women and minorities. Jaclyn has published in local and international journals.



Assoc Prof Eugene TAN Kheng Boon, Associate Professor of Law, Co-Director, Centre for Scholars' Development, Singapore Management University

Eugene is an Associate Professor of Law at Singapore Management University. He holds degrees from the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law, the London School of Economics, and Stanford University. He previously held positions at the National University of Singapore and in Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He teaches and researches in the area of Constitutional and Administrative Law as well as the Law and Policy of Ethnic Relations in Singapore.



Adjunct Prof Kevin Y L TAN, Adjunct Professor, National University of Singapore

Kevin was born and educated in Singapore. He graduated with LLB (Hons) from the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore in 1986 and joined the teaching staff of the same faculty that same year. Subsequently he obtained his LLM (Masters of Laws) and JSD (Doctor in the Science of Law) at Yale Law School, being the first Singaporean to achieve the latter. From 1986 to 2000, he taught at the NUS Law Faculty, specializing in Constitutional and Administrative Law, Law and Government, Law and Society and International Human Rights. He resigned as Associate Professor in 2000 to start his own consultancy.



Professor THIO Li-ann, Professor, National University of Singapore

Li-ann teaches and has published widely in the fields of public international law, human rights law, constitutional and administrative law. She was formerly Chief Editor, Singapore Journal of International & Comparative Law (2000-2003), General Editor, Asian Yearbook of International Law and Editor, International Journal of Constitutional Law. She is currently on the editorial board of the Journal of East Asia and International Law, National Taiwan University Law Review and on the Advisory Board of the New Zealand Yearbook of International Law, Australian Journal of Asian Law and International Law & Human Rights Discourse.