

Judging the Constitution:

The Theory and Practice of Constitutional Interpretation in Singapore Workshop

16 January 2015, Friday

Federal Bartholomew Room, Bukit Timah Campus, National University of Singapore

CLOSED DOOR WORKSHOP

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8.45am – 9.15am

Registration & Coffee Time

(Federal Bartholomew Room, Federal Building)

9.15am – 9.30am

Welcome & Introduction

Professor Andrew Harding, DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES
Assistant Professor Jaclyn L. Neo, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

9.30am – 11.00am

Session I: Frameworks of Interpretation

Into the Matrix: Interpreting from Structure

Professor (Adjunct) Kevin YL Tan, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Interpreting Constitutions and Statutes: Are Different Approaches Justified?

Associate Professor Goh Yihan, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

11.00am – 11.30am

Morning Break

11.30am – 1.00pm

Session II: Principles of Interpretation

Uncovering Originalism and Textualism in Singapore

Associate Professor Yap Po Jen, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Developing the Content of “Fundamental Rules of Natural Justice”

Assistant Professor Swati Jhaveri, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

1.00pm – 2.30pm

Lunch

Bento sets are catered.

2.30pm – 4.00pm

Session IV: Adjudicating Rights

The Presumption of Constitutionality: Theory and Practice

Assistant Professor Jack Lee, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

Balancing Acts: Presumptions, Trumps, and Balancing as Modalities of Interpretation

Assistant Professor Jaclyn L. Neo, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

4.00pm – 4.30pm	Afternoon Tea
4.30pm – 5.15pm	Session III: Transnational Constitutionalism The Shifting Boundaries of Constitutional and Administrative Law in Singapore Professor Victor V. Ramraj , UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
5.15pm – 6.00pm	Round-up Discussion Constitutional Evolution Through Interpretation: Is Law or Politics the Best Route for Singapore? A Dialogue Assistant Professor Michael Dowdle & Professor (Adjunct) Kevin YL Tan , NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE Moderator: Assistant Professor Jaclyn L. Neo
6.20pm	Group Photo
7.00pm	Welcome Dinner Tess Bar & Kitchen (by Invite) <i>38 Seah St, 188394</i> <i>6337 7355</i>
10.00pm	End of Programme