

Profiles

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Aung Tun Thet is currently the President's Economic Advisor and also a member of the President's National Economic and Social Advisory Council. He is also a Member of Myanmar Investment Commission, Advisor of Union of Myanmar Federation of Commerce and Industries. Added to that, Prof. Aung serves as a Member of Myanmar Press Council. He holds the position of Senior Advisor of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Yangon, Myanmar and is a visiting Professor, to Yangon Institute of Economics; Yangon University; National Defence College.

Previously, he held various positions including Principal Officer of the UN System Staff College, Turin, Italy (2000-2008), Senior Policy Advisor of UNICEF in New York, Dhaka and Bangkok (1992-2000). He was Director-General, Ministry of Health (1989-1992) and Faculty Member, Institute of Economics, Yangon (1966-1989).

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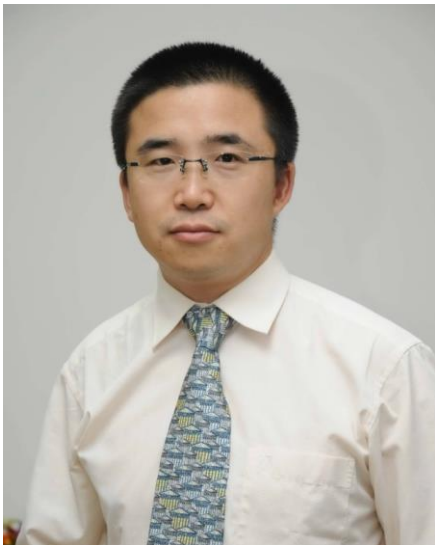
Jean Loi is one of the region's most experienced tax specialists with more than 12 years of experience in Indochina, Myanmar and Singapore. She has advised on a large number of project transactions and tax disputes in the specialties of structuring, power plant projects and oil & gas. She has particular expertise in projects related to the market entries of companies in the infrastructure, telecommunications and financial services industries in the region, as well as having extensive experience with supply chains. Her Myanmar tax experience is unsurpassed. She lives in Yangon.

She was formerly a tax partner with PwC and she oversaw the growth of PwC in Cambodia and Vietnam. She has been recognized for her outstanding practice in Myanmar with a number of awards. She speaks Mandarin, Bahasa Malaysia, Cantonese and English.

Jean is accredited for Income Tax and GST Advisory by the Singapore Institute of Accredited Tax Professionals (SIATP). Jean is also a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Commerce and has obtained a Master's of Taxation from the University of Auckland, New Zealand Bar.



Jonathan Liljeblad was born as Nanda Zaw Win from Taunggyi, Shan State, Myanmar. He holds a PhD and JD from the University of Southern California. He is a graduate of the California Institute of Technology. He is currently a lecturer at the University of New England. His research interests are in human rights and environmental issues, and much of his current field research is in Myanmar.



Liang Xiaohui used to be the program coordinator of the Human Rights Master Program at Peking University, China's first professional human rights education project. Mr. Liang later joined the Office for Social Responsibility of China National Textile and Apparel Council as Chief Researcher, in charge of the development and promotion of CSC9000T, China's first voluntary CSR initiative and social responsibility management system. Mr. Liang is also the lead expert in the development of other Chinese industry-specific CSR initiatives by other business associations in China, including, among others, the China Federation of Industrial Economics (CFIE, 2009), the China International Contractors Association (CHINCA, 2010), the China Tea Marketing Association (CTMA, 2011), China Electronics Standardization Association (CESA, 2012), China Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Council (CSMEC, 2013), China Automotive Industry Association (2014), Chamber of Commerce of Metals Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters (CCCMC, 2014), and China Telecommunication Enterprises Association (2015). He has also involved in the development of several international CSR instruments initiated by international organizations such as the UN and the OECD. Since 2006, Mr. Liang has taught the course "Business and Human Rights" at Peking University Law School and he is the first Chinese scholar teaching this course in China. Mr. Liang is now also a member of the Human Rights and Labour Rights Working Group of the United Nations Global Compact, as well as a member of World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council.



Maitrii Aung-Thwin is an area-studies specialist of Southeast Asia, with particular expertise in Myanmar history, politics, and society. He has twenty-four years of research and field experience concerning Myanmar and has provided advisory services for government, media, and business clientele. He holds a PhD in History from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. His research is concerned primarily with nation-building, politics, and resistance in Myanmar. He has published widely on Myanmar and Southeast Asia, including the following books: *A History of Myanmar since Ancient Times: Traditions and Transformations* (2013), *Return of the Galon King: History, Law, and Rebellion in Colonial Burma* (2011) and *A New History of Southeast Asia* (2010). Dr. Aung-Thwin is a trustee of the Burma Studies Foundation (USA) and former President of the Burma Studies Group (USA). He has served as a member of the Board of the Directors for the Association of Asian Studies (USA), as Chair of the AAS Southeast Asia Council, and on a number of editorial boards, including the *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*. He is currently Associate Professor of Myanmar/Southeast Asian History in the Department of History and Academic Convener of the Comparative Asian Studies PhD Program at the National University of Singapore.



Moe Thuzar is ISEAS Fellow & Lead Researcher (socio-cultural), at the ASEAN Studies Centre, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. She is also a key member of the Myanmar Studies Programme at ISEAS. Moe provides analyses (on ASEAN, Myanmar) for Channel News Asia's news programmes. She was also involved in advising Myanmar's ASEAN chairmanship in 2014. Prior to joining ISEAS in 2008, Moe headed the Human Development Unit at the ASEAN Secretariat, which assisted regional cooperation in labour, education, youth, women, social welfare, poverty and rural development, health, and civil service matters. As lead researcher (Socio-Cultural) at ASEAN Studies Centre at ISEAS since 2008, Moe assesses implementation of regional priorities in the areas under the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. Her main project in 2015 looked at the awareness of, and attitudes toward, ASEAN among (young) people in the region. In addition to monitoring Myanmar's reforms, Moe's other research interests include urbanisation, environment, disaster management and humanitarian assistance, ASEAN integration issues and ASEAN's dialogue relations.



Paul Tan was called to the Singapore and English bars and enjoys a broad-based international arbitration (commercial and investor-State) and commercial litigation practice, in which he is regularly instructed as lead counsel at all levels of the Supreme Court of Singapore, the Singapore International Commercial Court and international tribunals. In addition to his “wide knowledge” in these areas, he is praised for his “powerful intellect” and “extraordinary analytical discipline.” He is hailed by Chambers & Partners as a “rising star” and “as good as anybody in Singapore” and by Legal 500 as “incredibly bright.” He is also included in successive editions of Best Lawyers for commercial litigation and international arbitration. He has also been appointed an expert to the Singapore delegation to the UNCITRAL’s Working Group on Arbitration. He teaches and speaks internationally in his fields of expertise, and is co-authoring the next edition of Mustill & Boyd’s treatise on commercial arbitration.

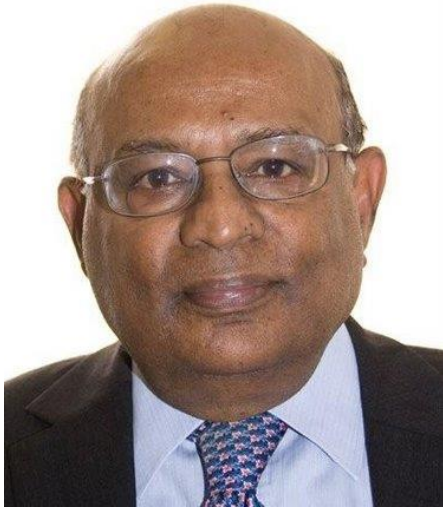


Sally-Ann Joseph is a post-doctoral research fellow with the Centre for Law & Business, National University of Singapore. Her research focuses on the interaction between the international doctrine of sovereign immunity, tax treaties and international taxation in the context of the taxation of sovereign wealth funds. Prior to this Sally spent over 25 years in senior corporate tax advisory roles in both South Africa and Australia. These roles were in the financial services sector, particular in investment and wealth management. Sally has degrees in taxation, commerce and law with international certifications in taxation, corporate governance and process improvement. She is a CPA and admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia



Solomon Moore is an ICT governance consultant in Myanmar who recently completed a comprehensive sector study and policy recommendation to guide USAID's technical assistance to Myanmar's government. Solomon is also affiliated with Phandeeyar, a technology innovation hub, funded by the Omidyar Network, the George Soros Open Society Foundation and the Eric Schmidt Foundation and focused on cultivating Myanmar's developer community, incubating tech savvy civil society organizations and private enterprises, and promoting technological solutions to civic challenges in Myanmar. Prior to his arrival in Myanmar a year ago, Solomon led a geopolitical and economic risk assessment service in Cairo and Dubai on behalf of the United Arab Emirates to gauge the impact of the Gulf Kingdom's multibillion dollar assistance package to Egypt. Solomon monitored and provided analysis of Egypt's foreign policy, its macroeconomic and trade policies, its security posture toward various internal and external threats and domestic politics, including the establishment of a new Egyptian constitution and parliament. Solomon also provided high level guidance on U.A.E.'s media strategy in the MENA region and performed in depth analyses of Qatar's and Saudi Arabia's global ICT investment strategies. While based in Dubai, Solomon provided ministerial-level technical assistance to the governments of Iraq and Afghanistan with a particular emphasis on their education, health and agricultural sectors. Prior to his work as an ICT and governance consultant, Solomon was an award winning international journalist for some of the world's most prominent news organizations. He was an Africa correspondent for The Wall Street Journal and The Los Angeles Times, a U.S. national correspondent and an Iraq correspondent for The New York Times and The Los Angeles Times, and an Afghanistan correspondent for the Associated Press. As a reporter, he worked in more than 30 countries and reported on some of the most important stories of the last 15 years, covering conflicts, investment and nation-building throughout Africa and the Middle East.

His current portfolio includes developing public education and partnership programmes, overseeing Place Management efforts for selected Conservation Areas, as well as conservation enforcement work.



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Goh Wanjing is a Partner in the Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering Practice and the Firm's Country Representative for Myanmar.

She actively engages with both inbound clients from Singapore who are looking to set up and invest in Myanmar, as well as the Firm's Myanmar clients who are involved in numerous industries such as property development, construction, hospitality, as well as government projects. Being based in Myanmar, Wanjing has had the opportunity to witness the extensive developments in the country, and has expanded on this during various seminars and forums in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Singapore itself. She also co-wrote the Myanmar chapter in the 2016 edition of the Global Arbitration Review's Asia-Pacific Arbitration Review. In the Infrastructure, Construction & Engineering Practice, her main areas of practice encompass both front-end advisory work for various construction and infrastructure projects, as well as contentious work involving owner-developers, consultants and contractors at various stages of proceedings and forums.

The Legal 500: Asia Pacific 2016 describes Wanjing as "helpful, energetic, proactive and creative", and recommends her for projects (including energy) work in Myanmar. Wanjing graduated from the National University of Singapore and is admitted to the Singapore Bar.



Yvonne Wong is an academic, lawyer, consultant, and global nomad. She has written on a number of issues mainly in the fields of sovereign debt, international law, and banking and finance. For an overview of her scholarship see www.yvonnewongconsulting.com. Dr. Wong has worked as a lawyer in San Francisco, London, Sydney, Phnom Penh, and Samoa. She is currently based between Singapore and Myanmar. Dr. Wong is a member of the New York State Bar and admitted to practice in New South Wales, Australia. She obtained her BCommerce/LLB from University of Sydney, and her LLM and JSD from Berkeley Law School