

# Researching State and Personhood: Law and Society in Southeast Asia Conference

*15 and 16 December 2014*

*Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Bukit Timah Campus, National University of Singapore*

## Programme

### Monday, 15 December 2014 (Day 1)

9.00am	<b>Transport pick-up from Amoy Hotel</b>
9.30am – 10.00am	<b>Registration</b> <i>Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Eu Tong Sen Building</i>
10.00am – 10.20am	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>  <b>Andrew Harding</b> , CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES AND ASIAN LAW INSTITUTE FACULTY OF LAW, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE  <b>Lynette J. Chua</b> , CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES FACULTY OF LAW, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
10.20am – 11.15am	<b>Keynote Address</b>  <b>Keebet von Benda-Beckmann</b> , MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY <i>Who Cares? And for Whom? Social Security as a Prism on Social Change.</i>
11.15am – 11.30am	<b>Morning Tea Break</b> <i>Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room</i>
11.30am – 1.00pm	<b>Opening Plenary Session</b>  <b>Agenda:</b> <b>Lynette J. Chua</b> , NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE 1. <i>Southeast Asia and Research on State and Personhood: A Preliminary Analysis of Law and Society Literature</i> 2. <i>Sharing Session on Conducting Law &amp; Society Research in Southeast Asia</i>
1.00pm – 2.30pm	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Staff Lounge, Block B</i>

2.30pm – 4.00pm

**Panel 1**

**Citizenship and the Legacies of Colonial Laws and Policies**

**Chairperson: George Radics**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

**Speakers:**

**Jack Jin Gary Lee**, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

*Fashioning Leviathan in Babel: Plural Society and the Bureaucratization of Colonial Government in the British Empire*

**Chiara Formichi**, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

*Between Colonial Legacies and National Policies: The Racialization of Religious Groups and Its Impact on social (Dis)unity in Malaysia and Singapore (1910s-2010s)*

**Fernando Dias Simões**, UNIVERSITY OF MACAU

*Law and Language in Timor-Leste: Bridging the Divide*

4.15pm – 4.30pm

**Afternoon Tea Break**

**Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room**

4.30pm – 6.00pm

**Panel 2**

**Identities and Inheritance at the Intersection of Community and State Legal Norms**

**Chairperson: David Engel**, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, BUFFALO

**Speakers:**

**Bui Thi Bich Lien**, MONASH UNIVERSITY

*The Vietnamese Women's Inheritance of Land: Law, Reason and Sentiment*

**Nuthamon Kongchareon**, CHIANGMAI UNIVERSITY

*Guardian Spirits and Their Function in Northern Thai Society*

**Damorn Kumtrai**, MAE FAH LUANG UNIVERSITY

*Legal Consciousness of the Ethnic Community Living in Forest*

6.10pm

**Group Photo (Day 1)**

6.15pm

**Bus to Welcome Dinner (For invited guests only)**

**Prego Restaurant, Fairmont Singapore**

9.30pm

**Bus to Amoy Hotel**

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### Tuesday, 16 December 2014 (Day 2)

10.00am	Transport pick-up from Amoy Hotel
10.30am – 12.00pm	<p><b>Panel 3</b> <b>Migrants and the Negotiations with (II) Legality</b> Chairperson: <b>Daniel Goh</b>, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Lilis Mulyani</b>, INDONESIA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES <i>Gambling with the State': The Urban Poor Coping Mechanisms to Illegality of Settlements and Informal Work</i></p> <p><b>Charanpal S. Bal</b>, PARAHYANGAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY <i>Contesting Deportability: Labour Laws and Migrant Worker Unrest in Singapore</i></p> <p><b>Kirsten McConnachie</b>, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD <i>Segregating Security: Refugees from Myanmar in Southeast Asia</i></p>
12.00pm – 1.30pm	<p><b>Lunch</b> <i>Staff Lounge, Block B</i></p>
1.30pm – 3.00pm	<p><b>Panel 4</b> <b>Migration and Legal Identities</b> Chairperson: <b>Andrew Harding</b>, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Sopit Cheevapanich</b> <i>Legal Consciousness on the Legal Status of Migrant Children in Thailand</i></p> <p><b>Ayako Hatano</b>, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO <i>Protecting the Best Interest of the Child in the Context of the International Adoption Arrangements</i></p> <p><b>Malavika Reddy</b>, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO <i>Identity 2.0: Proof of Status and Status of Proof (Burmese ID – Thai-Myanmar – Migration)</i></p>
3.00pm – 3.15pm	<p><b>Afternoon Tea Break 1</b> <i>Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room</i></p>

3.15pm – 4.45pm

**Panel 5**

**State, Organizations, and Agents of Social Change**

**Chairperson: Ooi Kee Beng**, INSTITUTE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

**Speakers:**

**Frank W. Munger**, NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

*Justice Imagined: State, Law, and Identity Among Entrepreneurs for Legal Change in Thailand*

**Sumi Dhanarajan**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

*Transnational Business Human Rights Regulatory Regimes and Their Effects on Rights Constitutionalism and the State-citizen Relationship*

**Mark Sidel**, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON AND INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW (ICNL)

*Regulatory Waves and Civil Society Identity: State Regulation of Civil Society, Self-Regulation, and their Interactions in Vietnam and China*

4.45pm – 5.00pm

**Afternoon Tea Break 2**

**Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room**

5.00pm – 6.15pm

**Closing Plenary Session**

**Agenda:**

**David Engel**, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, BUFFALO

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**Lynette J. Chua**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

*Discussion on Publication and Future Plans*

6.25pm

**Group Photo (Day 2)**

6.30pm

**Bus to Closing Dinner** (*For invited guests only*)

**Shoebox Canteen, 36 North Canal Road Singapore 059292**

9.30pm

**Bus to Amoy Hotel**