

JACLYN L. NEO

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

LLB (HONS)(NUS); LLM (YALE); JSD (YALE)

CURRENT POSITIONS

- Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (2018-present)
- Director, Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law (2020-2023)
- Professorial Fellow, AGC Academy, Attorney-General's Chambers (2020-2022)
- Consultant, Wong Partnership, 2015-present

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Yale Law School, Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.), 2014
- Yale Law School, Master of Laws (LL.M.), 2008
- National University of Singapore, Bachelor of Laws (Honours), 2003
- Supreme Court of Singapore, Advocate & Solicitor (2004)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (2008-2018)
- Tutor (Public Law), National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law (2006-2007)
- Legal Intern, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (Washington D.C.), Summer 2009
- Associate, Wong Partnership, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2004-2007

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

- Hong Kong Journal of Law & Public Affairs (2019-present) (honorary editorial board advisor)
- Asian Yearbook of International Law (2017-2020)
- Singapore Journal of Legal Studies (2018-2019)
- Review of Constitutionalism and Constitutional Change (inaugural Editorial Board), (2018 onwards)
- Asian Journal of Comparative Law (2017-present)

- Yale Journal of International Law (2007)

SERVICE (NUS / SINGAPORE) (SELECTED)

- Executive Committee Member, ASEAN Law Association (Singapore)
- University Mid-Term Advisory Committee, Humanities and Social Sciences (2020-2021)
- Advisory Board, NUS Victim Care Unit (2019-present)
- Deputy Director, Asian Law Institute (ASLI) (2018-2019)
- Law Reform Committee, Singapore Academy of Law (2018-present)
- Public and International Law Committee, Law Society of Singapore (2017-present)
- Co-coordinator, Law and Religion Cluster, Centre for Asian Legal Studies (2017-2019)
- Executive Committee, Center for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law (2013-2019)
- Faculty Advisor, Yale-NUS and NUS Law Double Degree Program (2015-2016)
- Executive Committee, Asia-Pacific Center for Environmental Law (2013-present)
- Associate, Center for International Law (2010-present)

SERVICE (INTERNATIONAL) (SELECTED)

- Council Member, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) (2019-2022)
- Book Prize Committee, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) (2019-2020)
- Founding Co-Chair, ICON-S (Singapore) Chapter (2018-2021)
- Sub-committee on Early Career Scholars, International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) (2019)
- Sub-committee on National and Regional Chapters (Vetting), International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) (2018-2019)
- Organizing Committee, Younger Scholars Forum, International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) (2016-2018)
- Program Committee, Law and Religion Section, Association for American Law Schools (AALS) (2017-2018)
- Member, Asian Ad Hoc Outreach Committee, American Society of Comparative Law (2017-2018)
- Membership Advisory Committee, Younger Comparativists Committee (YCC) of the American Society of Comparative Law (2013-2014)
- Co-founder and organizer, Yale Law School Debating Law & Religion Series (2011-2013)

- Co-founder and organizer , Yale Law School Doctoral Scholarship Conference (2011-2012)
- Jindal Global Law School, Centre for Public Law and Jurisprudence, International Board of Advisors (2009)

VISITING POSITIONS (SELECTED)

- Visiting Professor, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (December 2019)
- Visiting Professor, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University (Fall 2019)
- Visiting Professor, University of Trento, Faculty of Law (April 2018)
- Visiting Fellow, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Faculty of Law (June 2017)
- Visiting Researcher, German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg (May-June 2016)
- Visiting Researcher, Cluster of Excellence “The Formation of Normative Orders” at Frankfurt University (May-June 2014)
- Visiting Researcher, Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden Law School (July-August 2012)

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- Research Award (General Public) for work on religious freedom in Southeast Asia, SHAPE-SEA (Strengthening Human Rights and Peace Research and Education in ASEAN/Southeast Asia) (2018)
- Teaching Excellence Award, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law (2018)
- Laureate Visiting Fellowships in Comparative Constitutional Law, University of Melbourne (2017)
- DILA International Law Prize for Young Scholars for ‘Incorporating Human Rights: Mitigated Dualism and Interpretation in Malaysian Courts’ (2016)
- Faculty of Law Scholarship, National University of Singapore (2010-2013)
- Overseas Graduate Scholarship, National University of Singapore (2007-2008)
- Scholarship for Global Law and Governance Institute, Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI) (Summer 2009)
- ASEAN Undergraduate Scholarship, National University of Singapore (1999-2003)

CONSULTANCIES

- Lead Researcher on ‘Keeping the Faith: A Study of Religious Freedom in ASEAN’ project, Human Rights Resource Center (2014-2105)
- Researcher on baseline report on ‘Violence, Exploitation, and Abuses and Discrimination in Migration Affecting Women and Children in ASEAN’ project, Human Rights Resource Center (2011-2012)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

- Constitutional Change in Singapore: Reforming the Elected Presidency (Routledge, 2020) (co-editor)
- Regulating Religion in Asia: Norms, Modes and Challenges (Cambridge University Press, 2019) (co-editor)
- Pluralist Constitutions in Southeast Asia (Hart Publishing, 2019) (co-editor)
- Constitutional Interpretation in Singapore: Theory and Practice (Routledge, 2016) (sole editor)

PUBLICATIONS: GUEST EDITOR (SPECIAL ISSUES)

- Solidarity in Diversity? State Responses to Religious Diversity in Liberal and Non-Liberal Perspectives in the German Law Journal (2019) (co-editor)
- Religious Pluralism and the Challenge for Secularism in Journal of Law, Religion, and State (2019) (co-editor)
- Separation of Powers in Journal of International and Comparative Law (2018) (co-editor)
- Public Law Doctrines in Global and Local Dimensions in Singapore Academy of Law Journal (2017) (co-editor)

PUBLICATIONS: SELECTED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Dimensions of Religious Harmony as Constitutional Practice: Beyond State Control, 20(7) German Law Journal 966-985 (2019).
2. Solidarity in Diversity? State Responses to Religious Diversity in Liberal and Non-Liberal Perspectives, 20(7) German Law Journal 941-948 (2019) (with Matthias Roßbach, Li-ann Thio, and Alexander Tischbirek)
3. Making the Singapore Constitution: Amendments as Constitution-Making, 14(1) Journal of Comparative Law 72-93 (2019) (with Andrea Ong Hui Xian)
4. Expanding the Universe of Comparative Constitutional Amendment in Southeast Asia 14(1) Journal of Comparative Law 46-55 (2019) (with Bui Ngoc Son)
5. Autonomy, Deference, and Control: Judicial Doctrine and Facets of Separation of Powers in Singapore, 5(2) Journal of International and Comparative Law 461-483 (2018)

6. Definitional Imbroglios: A Critique of the Definition of Religion and Essential Practice Tests in Religious Freedom Adjudication, 16(2) *International J. of Constitutional Law* 574-595 (2018)
7. "All Power Has Legal Limits": The Principle of Legality as a Constitutional Principle of Judicial Review, 29 *Singapore Academy of Law Journal* 667-689 (2017).
8. Realizing the Right to Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion: The Limited Normative Force of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, *Human Rights Law Review* 1-23 (2017)
9. Secularism Without Liberalism: Religious Freedom and Secularism in a Non-Liberal State, *Michigan State Law Review* 333-370 (2017)
10. Navigating Minority Inclusion and Permanent Division: Minorities and the Depoliticization of Ethnic Difference, *Jus Politicum* 607-627 (January 2017)
11. Religious Freedom and the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration: Prospects and Challenges, 14(4) *Review of Faith & International Affairs* 1-15 (2016)
12. Secular Constitutionalism in Singapore: Between Equality and Hierarchy, *Oxford J. of Law & Religion* 431-456 (2016)
13. Equal Protection and the Reasonable Classification Test in Singapore: After *Lim Meng Suang v Attorney-General*, *Singapore J. of Legal Studies* 95-117 (2016)
14. Incorporating Human Rights: Mitigated Dualism and Interpretation in Malaysian Courts, 18 *Asian Yearbook of International Law* 1-37 (2012) (Winner of the DILA International Law Prize for Young Scholars.)
15. Riots and Rights: Law and Exclusion in Singapore's Migrant Worker Regime, 2(1) *Asian J. of Law and Society* 137-168 (February 2015)
16. Competing Imperatives: Conflicts and Convergences in State and Islam in Pluralist Malaysia, 4(1) *Oxford J. of Law & Religion* 1-25 (2015)
17. What's in a name? Malaysia's "Allah" controversy and the judicial intertwining of Islam with ethnic identity, 12(3) *International J. of Constitutional Law* 751-768 (2014).
18. Calibrating Interpretive Incorporation: Constitutional Interpretation and Pregnancy Discrimination under CEDAW', 35 *Human Rights Quarterly* 910-934 (2013).
19. Change and Continuity: The Constitutional Head of State and Democratic Transitions in Malaysia, 5 *Malayan Law J.* i- xxiv (2012)
20. Seditious in Singapore! Free Speech and the Offence of Promoting Ill-will and Hostility between Different Racial Groups, *Singapore J. of Legal Studies* 351-372 (December 2011)
21. Parsing Privative Clauses: Rights, Security and Judicial Review in Malaysia, *Public Law* 25-32 (January 2010) (shorter article)
22. Religious Dress in Schools: The Serban Controversy in Malaysia, 55 *International & Comparative Law Quarterly* 671-688 (Jul 2006) (with Thio Li-ann)

23. Malaysia's First Report to the CEDAW Committee, 13 *Asian Yearbook of International Law* 303-313 (2007)
24. Malay Nationalism, Islamic Supremacy and the Constitutional Bargain in the Multi-ethnic Composition of Malaysia, 13 *International J. of Minority & Group Rights* 95-118 (2006)
25. "Anti-God, anti-Islam and anti-Quran": Expanding the Range of Participants and Parameters in Discourse over Women's Rights and Islam in Malaysia, 21 *UCLA Pacific Basin Law J.* 29-74 (2004)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Pluralist Constitutions and the Southeast Asian Context in Jaclyn L. Neo & Bui Ngoc Son (eds.), *Pluralist Constitutions in Southeast Asia* (Hart, 2019) (with Bui Ngoc Son)
2. Conceptualizing the Regulation of Religion: A Preliminary Framework for Inquiry in Jaclyn L. Neo, Arif Jamal & Daniel PS Goh (eds.), *Regulating Religion in Asia: Norms, Modes and Challenges* (CUP, 2019)
3. Introduction: Regulating Religion in Asia in Jaclyn L. Neo, Arif Jamal & Daniel PS Goh (eds.), *Regulating Religion in Asia: Norms, Modes and Challenges* (CUP, 2019) (with Arif Jamal & Daniel PS Goh)
4. Regulation of Religious Communities in a Multicultural Polity in Rex Ahdar (ed.), *Research Handbook on Law and Religion* (Edward Elgar, 2018)
5. The Particular in the Universal: Negotiating the Right to Education and Cultural-Linguistic Rights of Minority Children in East Malaysia, in Dian A. Shah & Andrew Harding (eds.), *Law and Society in Malaysia: Pluralism, Ethnicity and Religion* (Routledge, 2017)
6. "Sensible and Practical" Justice Chao Hick Tin's Contributions to Public Law in Andrew Phang & Goh Yihan (eds.), *Festschrift in Honour of Justice Chao Hick Tin* (Singapore Academy of Law Publishing, 2017, forthcoming)
7. Express Recognition of Deity in Constitutions, in Rainer Grote, Frauke Lachenmann, Rüdiger Wolfrum (eds.), *Max Planck Encycloedia of Comparative Constitutional Law* (Oxford Constitutional Law, 2017)
8. An Internal Code of Ethics: Regulating Judges in Singapore, in Richard Devlin & Adam Dodek (eds.), *Regulating Judges: Challenges, Controversies, Choices* 331-348 (Edward Elgar, 2016) (with Helena Whalen-Bridge)
9. A Judicial Code of Ethics: Regulating Judges and Restoring Public Confidence in Malaysia, in Richard Devlin & Adam Dodek (eds.), *Regulating Judges: Challenges, Controversies, Choices* 279-292 (Edward Elgar, 2016) (with Helena Whalen-Bridge)
10. Balancing Act: The Balancing Metaphor as Deference and Dialogue in Constitutional Adjudication in Jaclyn L. Neo (ed.), *Constitutional Interpretation in Singapore: Theory and Practice* 159-187 (Routledge 2017)

11. The Protection of Minorities and the Constitution: A Judicious Balance in Thio Li-ann & Kevin YL Tan (eds.), *Evolution of a Revolution: Forty Years of the Singapore Constitution* 234-259 (Routledge, 2008)
12. Constitutional Supremacy: Still a Little Dicey? in Thio Li-ann and Kevin YL Tan (eds.), *Evolution of a Revolution: Forty Years of the Singapore Constitution* 153-192 (Routledge, 2008) (with Yvonne CL Lee)

PUBLICATIONS: REPORTS

1. Singapore: Year-in-Review in 2018, I-CONnect-Clough Center Global Review of Constitutional Law (with Jack Tsen-Ta Lee, Makoto Hong, Ho Jiayun)
2. Malaysia: Year-in-Review in 2018, I-CONnect-Clough Center Global Review of Constitutional Law (with Andrew Harding, Dian A. Shah, and Wilson Tay)
3. State Practice of Asian Countries in International Law: Singapore, *Asian Yearbook of International Law* (2017) (with Rachel Tan Xi'En)
4. Singapore: Year-in-Review in 2017, I-CONnect-Clough Center Global Review of Constitutional Law (with Jack Tsen-Ta Lee, Makoto Hong, Ho Jiayun)
5. Malaysia: Year-in-Review in 2017, I-CONnect-Clough Center Global Review of Constitutional Law (with Andrew Harding, Dian A. Shah, and Wilson Tay)
6. State Practice of Asian Countries in International Law: Singapore, *Asian Yearbook of International Law* (2016) (with Rachel Tan Xi'En)
7. Singapore: Year-in-Review in 2016, I-CONnect-Clough Center Global Review of Constitutional Law (with Jack Tsen-Ta Lee, Makoto Hong, Ho Jiayun)
8. Malaysia: Year-in-Review in 2016, I-CONnect-Clough Center Global Review of Constitutional Law (with Andrew Harding, Dian A. Shah, and Wilson Tay)
9. Singapore chapter on 'Addressing Migrant Workers' Legal Issues Along Shared Cross-Border Routes' (Justice Without Border & Open Society Forum, 2016) (with Sheila Hayre)
10. Synthesis Report, in *Keeping the Faith: A Study of Religious Freedom in ASEAN* (Human Rights Resource Centre, 2015)
11. Malaysia, in *Violence, Exploitation, and Abuses and Discrimination in Migration Affecting Women and Children in ASEAN*, (Human Rights Resource Centre, 2012)
12. Amicus curiae brief to the Supreme Court of Peru in the trial against Alberto Fujimori, Yale Law School Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic (Spring 2008) (co-author)
13. Bench briefs for the Chambers, Yale Law School Students Assisting the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (Khmer Rouge Trials) Project (Fall 2007) (co-author)

REVIEWS (JOURNALS, BOOKS, GRANTS) (SELECTED)

- Reviewer, (American) National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Program
- Reviewer, Global Constitutionalism
- Reviewer, Law and Social Inquiry
- Reviewer, Singapore Journal of Legal Studies
- Reviewer, Singapore Academy of Law Journal
- Reviewer, Asian Journal of Comparative Law
- Reviewer, Journal of Law and Religion
- Reviewer, Asian Journal of International Law
- Reviewer, Singapore Law Review
- Reviewer, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Publishing