

VISITING TAN AH TAH PROFESSORIAL LECTURE

SYSTEMS SO PERFECT: ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS AND THE DREAM OF ABUNDANCE

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5.30 PM - 7.00 PM

YALE-NUS COLLEGE HALL, UNIVERSITY TOWN (KENT RIDGE CAMPUS)

SYNOPSIS

Meat production in industrialised nations today would be unrecognisable to anyone who participated in animal farming during the previous 11,000 years of livestock domestication. This lecture will first outline ways in which contemporary modes of intensive meat production impose harms onto consumers, workers, neighboring communities, animals, ecosystems, and the global atmosphere, among other recipients of industrial animal agriculture's "negative externalities."

Notwithstanding these extensive impacts, industrial animal agriculture as a sector within the global economy remains largely free of consequential regulatory controls. In the absence of direct legal constraints on the sector, some nations, policymakers, and advocates have turned to the promotion of alternative proteins in hopes that these technologies will eventually offer less harmful substitutes. This lecture will discuss the possibilities and controversies raised by these alternatives, situating them within a larger moral and legal discussion regarding humanity's obligations to the nonhuman world.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Douglas Kysar is the Joseph M. Field '55 Professor of Law at Yale University where he also holds courtesy appointments in the School of Management and the School of the Environment.

He is the faculty director of the Law, Environment and Animals Program at Yale and has twice served as deputy dean for the Law School. His teaching and research areas include torts, environmental law, climate change, animal law, products liability, and risk regulation.

He received his B.A. summa cum laude from Indiana University in 1995 and his J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1998. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable William G. Young of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. During his academic career, he has served as a visiting professor at several leading law schools around the world, including four times at NUS Law.

PROGRAMME

5.00pm: Registration
5.30pm: Lecture by Professor Douglas A. Kysar
6.30pm: Q&A Session
7.00pm: Dinner Reception

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this lecture. Visit <https://bit.ly/3XU7HuU> or Scan the QR Code to register.

Closing Date: 22 January 2026, 5.00PM
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