

CIL Fireside Chat Series on International Law and Diplomacy

Hosted by Prof S Jayakumar and Prof Tommy Koh

Date: 30 March 2012 (Friday), 10.00 AM to 11.30 AM
Venue: Executive Seminar Room, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Block B, 469 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 259756
Open to: NUS, NTU and SMU students who register



Panelists:

Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong
Professor S. Jayakumar
Professor Tommy Koh

Host:

Professor Robert Beckman

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Territorial Disputes in Asia: Lessons from Pedra Branca

The *Case Concerning Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge* between Malaysia and Singapore was a significant milestone in the history of Southeast Asia. Contrary to the popular belief that Asian States are reluctant to refer disputes to binding dispute settlement mechanisms, Malaysia and Singapore agreed to submit its sovereignty dispute over these offshore features to the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Hosted by Robert C. Beckman, Director of CIL, the third installment of the 'CIL Fireside Chat Series' will examine Singapore's first experience in international litigation with three distinguished Panelists, each of whom played a critical role in the proceedings: the Honourable the Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong, Professor S. Jayakumar and Professor Tommy Koh.

The discussion will provide a unique insight into why Singapore and Malaysia agreed to submit the dispute to the ICJ, the legal arguments made by both sides, and Singapore's views on the decision which awarded Pedra Branca to Singapore and Middle Rocks to Malaysia. It will also explore possible lessons from this case that might be relevant for other territorial disputes in Asia.

Note: The Chatham House Rule will apply for the CIL Fireside Chat Series.

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