

# **CIL Fireside Chat Series** **on International Law and Diplomacy** Hosted by Prof S Jayakumar and Prof Tommy Koh

**Date:** 22 February 2013 (Friday), 16.30 to 18.30  
**Venue:** Seminar Room 3, NUS Bukit Timah Campus  
Block B, 469 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 259756  
**Open to:** NUS, NTU and SMU students and staff who register



## **Panelists:**

**Robert Beckman, Director, CIL**  
**Lye Liang Fook, Research Fellow,**  
**EAI**

## **Hosts:**

**Professor S. Jayakumar**  
**Professor Tommy Koh**

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## **The South China Sea Disputes: A Role for International Law?**

The South China Sea has long been a source of tension and potential conflict in the Asia-Pacific region. International law has always framed the discussions on the sovereignty disputes over the islands in the South China Sea as well the potential for these disputed islands to generate maritime claims. However, the question is whether international law can play a meaningful role in the *peaceful resolution* of the South China Sea disputes.

Hosted by Prof S. Jayakumar and Prof Tommy Koh, the inaugural session of the CIL Fireside Chat Series 2013 features an international law expert, Professor Robert Beckman, Director of the Centre for International Law (CIL) and an international relations expert, Mr. Lye Liang Fook, Research Fellow at the East Asian Institute (EAI) and formerly from the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Prof Beckman will examine the South China Sea disputes from an international law perspective and Mr. Lye will discuss China's view on the role of international law in resolving these disputes. The aim of the discussion is to explore the advantages and limitations of using international law to settle contentious and intractable disputes between States.

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

### **ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW (CIL)**

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