

## **PROFILES**

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He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of International Law and the International Journal of Constitutional Law. His recent publications include Un-Europa Cristiana (translated into nine languages), The Constitution of Europe (translated into seven languages) and a novella, Der Fall Steinmann.

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Michael Ewing-Chow is an Associate Professor and WTO Chair at the Faculty of Law, NUS as well as the Head, Trade/Investment Law & Policy at CIL, NUS. He has been a Fellow at NYU. He has First Class Honours degree in law from NUS and a Masters from Harvard Law School. Michael worked in Allen & Gledhill before joining NUS. He then started the first World Trade Law course in Singapore and was involved in the negotiations for some of Singapore's early FTAs. He has been a consultant to the Singapore Government, the ADB, ASEAN, UNCTAD, the World Bank and the WTO. Michael has advised government officials in Asia and Latin America on trade and investment law as well as corporate governance. He also assisted the Singapore Company Law Reform and Frameworks Committee in 2001 with a major overhaul of corporate law and in 2008 was appointed to a Working Group of the Steering Committee to review of the Companies Act. Michael also volunteers with NGOs and co-founded aidha, an NGO which provides financial education and microfinance opportunities for domestic migrant workers. For his work, he was awarded the Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2007. He has received several Teaching Excellence Awards and was awarded the Inspiring Mentor Award in 2009.

***Dr TAN Hsien-Li***

Tan Hsien-Li is Research Fellow and Executive Director of the ASEAN Integration through Law (ASEAN ITL) Project at the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore (CIL-NUS). Prior to her CIL appointment, Hsien-Li was the Asian Society of International Law Research Fellow at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. Hsien-Li is also the NUS representative to the ASEAN Universities Network-Human Rights Education Network (AUN-HREN) and the Senior Associate Editor of the Asian Journal of International Law. From 2007 to 2008, Hsien-Li was an APIC Ushiba Memorial ASEAN Fellow in Tokyo working on Japan's human security foreign policy and its impact on Southeast Asia. Educated at the Law Schools of the London School of Economics, University of Nottingham, and National University of Singapore, Hsien-Li researches primarily on public international law, particularly on institution-building and norm-creation, as well as human rights and peace and security issues in the ASEAN region. Her first book, *The ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights: Institutionalising Human Rights in Southeast Asia*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2011.

**GUEST-OF-HONOUR**

***Singapore Minister for Law and Foreign Affairs Mr K. Shanmugam***

Mr K. Shanmugam was educated at Raffles Institution from 1972 to 1977. He then read law at the National University of Singapore (NUS), where he graduated at the top of his class with First Class Honours, in 1984. He was admitted to the Singapore Bar as an Advocate & Solicitor in 1985.

Mr Shanmugam went into private practice and became one of the Senior Partners and head of Litigation & Dispute Resolution at Allen & Gledhill LLP, which was the largest law firm in Singapore. Mr Shanmugam had a successful practice and was consistently recognised, in various international publications, as one of the top litigation, arbitration and insolvency Counsel in Asia and Singapore.

Mr Shanmugam has been described as one of the "twin titans" of litigation in Singapore, "regarded as a first-rate litigator", "respected for [his] quiet, efficient and persuasive style", "renowned", "regularly singled out for praise" and "star litigator" (The Asia Pacific Legal 500, 2001 - 2007); "one of the finest all-round legal talents in the country", the "complete lawyer", and "formidably logical and aggressive" (Who's Who Legal, Singapore, 2008). In 1998, he was appointed a Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore at the age of 38, one of the youngest lawyers to be so appointed.

When he was in private practice, Mr Shanmugam regularly handled trial work in major corporate, commercial and insolvency disputes for private and public listed companies; major international and

Singaporean banking and financial institutions; multinational corporations; professional practices; acted for medical practitioners in malpractice suits and inquiries; and acted for lawyers, in disciplinary inquiries as well as in criminal proceedings.

He had also acted for senior government leaders in Singapore, including the current and previous Prime Ministers of Singapore. Mr Shanmugam also acted for the Chief Justice of Singapore, in 2005. He has acted for both local as well as international media, including the International Herald Tribune (“IHT”), in libel matters as well as in contempt proceedings. More than 100 of the cases handled by Mr Shanmugam have been reported in the Law Reports.

On 1 May 2008, Mr Shanmugam was appointed to the Cabinet. He now holds the appointments of Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law, and is an MP for Nee Soon GRC.

## **INVESTIGATORS AND DISCUSSANTS**

### ***Dr Nik Rosnah Wan ABDULLAH***

Dr Nik Rosnah Wan Abdullah the Deputy Dean and Professor of the Tun Abdul Razak School of Government, Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (2010-2013), was formerly the Executive Director of the International Institute of Public Administration and Management (INPUMA), University of Malaya (2004-2006) and Head, Department of Administrative Studies and Politics, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya (2000-2004, 2006-2010). She obtained her B.A (Hons.) from University of Malaya, Masters of Public Administration from University of Liverpool and PhD from IDS University of Sussex. She was a Senior International Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, Johns Hopkins University (2005); Senior Visiting Fellow at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (2007), and researcher with the Korean Research Institute (KRI) (formerly Korean Australasian Research Centre (KAREC) since 2000. She was awarded the Fulbright Scholar (2005), and British Scholar (1999). Her research interests are in regulatory reform, health sector reform, public management and governance. She has published many articles and books.

### ***Mr Jairo ACUÑA-ALFARO***

Mr. Acuña-Alfaro has helped develop several policies regarding national public sector and civil service reform. In particular, he has provided policy advice and interventions with Governments for the formulation and approval of the Civil Service Laws, the adoption, implementation and monitoring of the anti-corruption strategies, the UN Convention against Corruption, the establishment of monitoring and evaluation frameworks on anti-corruption and public service delivery, pioneering new alternatives to

measure corruption, and public administrative performance. Mr. Acuña-Alfaro is the lead architect of a pioneering effort to measure governance and public administration performance from citizens' experiences entitled "The Viet Nam Provincial Governance and Public Administration Performance Index (PAPI)" and editor of "Reforming Public Administration in Vietnam: Current Situation and Solutions". Mr. Acuña-Alfaro, a national from Costa Rica, has degrees from Oxford University (Doctor of Philosophy candidate and Master of Letters), University of Essex in the United Kingdom, (MA in Political Economy), and Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica (MSc in International Relations). He was a Ronaldo Falconer Scholar at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford and a recipient of the British Chevening scholarship.

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His publications include several essays and books on international and administrative law, sports law, and cultural property law. He is co-editor of *Global Administrative Law: The Casebook* (3rd ed., 2012) and special editor (with Laurence Boisson de Chazournes and Benedict Kingsbury) of the *Symposium on Global Administrative Law in the Operations of International Organizations*, 6:2 IOLR (2009).

***Ambassador CHAN Heng Chee***

Ambassador Chan Heng Chee is Ambassador-at-Large with the Singapore Foreign Ministry and concurrently, Singapore's Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). She is Chairman of the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities in the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD).

Ambassador Chan is a Member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights. She sits on the Board of Trustees of the National University of Singapore and the Board of Governors of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University.

She is a Trustee of the Asia Society and a Member of the Board of Lowy Institute for International Policy. She chairs the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Urban Development.

Ambassador Chan served as Singapore's Ambassador to the United States from July 1996 to 14 July 2012. She was Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1989 to 1991 and was concurrently High Commissioner to Canada and Ambassador to Mexico.

***Ms Chan Sze-Wei***

Sze-Wei's research interest in ASEAN is a continuation of her work on the ASEAN Charter process from 2006-2007 where she assisted Singapore's representatives to the Eminent Persons' Group on the ASEAN Charter then-Deputy Prime Minister S Jayakumar and chairman of the High Level Task Force on the ASEAN Charter Ambassador-at-Large Tommy Koh. She was also an editorial assistant for the publication "The Making of the ASEAN Charter" (eds. Koh, Rosario and Woon, World Scientific 2009).

She left the Singapore Foreign Service in 2008 and joined the Centre for International Law in 2009. Current projects at CIL include the ASEAN Integration through Law programme, research on the ASEAN Charter, and the creation and maintenance of CIL's ASEAN Document Database.

Sze-Wei holds a B.A. in Political Science and International Relations from Columbia University.

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Dr Chia was formerly Director, Chief Executive and Professor of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (1996-2002); Director of the Singapore APEC Study Centre (1998-2002); founding Regional Coordinator of the East Asian Development Network (1998-2004); and Professor of Economics at the National University of Singapore (1967-1996).

She obtained her BA (Honours) in Economics from the University of Malaya in Singapore and PhD in Economics from McGill University (Canada), specialising on development economics and international economics. She has been active in research, publications, training and consultancy on trade and regional economic integration, international labour mobility and foreign direct investment with focus on Singapore, ASEAN, East Asia and the Asia Pacific. Her consultancies have included World Bank, UNCTAD, WTO, UNESCAP, Asian Development Bank, Asian Development Bank Institute, ASEAN Secretariat and ERIA. Her recent publications include "The Emerging Regional Economic Integration Architecture in East Asia". Asian Economic Papers, vol.12, issue 1, 2013.

***Ambassador Barry DESKER***

Ambassador Barry Desker is the Dean of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and concurrently Director, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies,

NTU. He is the inaugural Bakrie Professor of Southeast Asia Policy. Ambassador Desker is a Member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights, Singapore. He is also a Member of the Board of Directors of the Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship.

He was the Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Trade Development Board from 1994 to 2000, after serving in the foreign service since 1970. He was Singapore's Ambassador to Indonesia from 1986 to 1993, Deputy Secretary and Director of the Policy, Planning and Analysis Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from 1984 to 1986 and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, from 1982 to 1984.

He is also Non-Resident Ambassador of Singapore to the Holy See and Spain and Chairman of Singapore Technologies Marine.

He was educated at the University of Singapore, University of London and Cornell University. He was awarded a honorary LLD by Warwick University in 2012.

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Andrew Hurrell is Montague Burton Professor of International Relations at Oxford University and a Fellow of Balliol College. He was elected to the British Academy in 2011 and to the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars in 2010. He is a Delegate of Oxford University Press.

His research interests cover theories of international relations; theories of global governance; the history of thought on international relations; comparative regionalism; and the international relations of the Americas, with particular reference to Brazil. In a recent survey of International Relations teaching and research in 20 countries he was one of only two non-US scholars listed as having produced the most interesting scholarship over the past five years.

His current projects include: emerging powers and global order, with particular reference to Brazil and India; and collaborative projects on concerts of power in the 21st century and on 'Provincializing Westphalia'.

His book, *On Global Order. Power, Values and the Constitution of International Society* (published by Oxford University Press) was the winner of International Studies Association Prize for Best Book in the field of International Relations in 2009. Other publications include (with Ngaire Woods), *Inequality, Globalization and World Politics* (1999); and (with Louise Fawcett), *Regionalism in World Politics* (1995).

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David Seth Jones is an Associate Professor, Department of Public Policy and Administration, Faculty of Business, Economics and Policy Studies, University of Brunei. Previously, he held various academic posts in Singapore and elsewhere. These include Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore, Adjunct Professor, School of Economics, Singapore Management University, and Local Director in Singapore of the Masters in Public Administration Programme conducted by the Australian National University. His research specialisations include public sector reform, public financial management, government procurement and land policy and administration. In these areas he has published a wide range of articles in scholarly international journals, and essays in edited collections, as well as a book on land reform and political conflict in Ireland. He has also undertaken in recent years extensive consultancy work and conducted professional training programs in Southeast Asia in policy evaluation, public budgeting, infrastructure financing and government procurement. He was awarded his PhD in Political Science by Queen's University of Belfast.

***Ambassador Joergen Oerstroem MOELLER***

Joergen Oerstroem Moeller is born in 1944. Cand. Polit. (Master of Science, Economics) University of Copenhagen 1968. He joined the Danish diplomatic service February 1st 1968 and worked with European integration 26 years (1971 to 1997); from 1989 to 1997 as State-Secretary. From 1997 to 2005 Ambassador to Singapore and Brunei Darussalam and from 2002 also Australia and New Zealand, residing in Singapore.

When he retired from the Danish Diplomatic Service in 2005, Mr. Moeller joined the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore as Visiting Senior Research Fellow and the Diplomatic Academy as Senior Fellow. He is Adjunct Professor, Copenhagen Business School and Singapore Management University (SMU), Chairman of the Advisory Board, Asia Research Center, Copenhagen Business School (CBS) and member of Forum International Competitiveness, CBS, Council of The World Future Society, Board of Governors ASEF (Asia Europe Foundation), Advisory Board of Asia Europe Journal, International Advisory Council, Center for Comparative Integration Studies, Aalborg University, ASEM Vision Group working from 1998 to 1999.

His major publications in English are: HOW ASIA CAN SHAPE THE WORLD, from the era of plenty to the era of scarcities (ISEAS, 2011); Political Economy in a Globalized World (World Scientific, 2009); European Integration – Sharing of Experiences (ISEAS, 2008).

**Professor Giulio NAPOLITANO**

Giulio Napolitano (1969) is professor of Public Law at the University of “Roma Tre”. He is a graduate of “Roma La Sapienza” Law School (1993). He earned his Ph.D in Contract Law at “Scuola superiore Sant’Anna” in Pisa (1997). He served as assistant professor at Roma La Sapienza University and as associate professor at “La Tuscia” University, before becoming full professor in 2003. Since 2006 he teaches Public Law and Economic Analysis of Law at the University of “Roma Tre”, where he moved as full-time faculty in 2008. He studied at the Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht of Heidelberg (2001-2007) and at the New York University, School of Law (2008, 2010). Currently, he is member of the Board of editors of the European Public Law Review and of the Comparative administrative law network promoted by the Yale Law School. He has published extensively in the fields of theoretical foundations of administrative law, comparative administrative law, regulation and antitrust, economic analysis of law, sport’s law. His books include *Servizi pubblici e rapporti di utenza* (2001), *Pubblico e privato nel diritto amministrativo* (2003), *Regole e mercato nei servizi pubblici* (2005), “Diritto amministrativo comparato” (ed., 2007), *Analisi economica del diritto pubblico* (with M. Abrescia, 2009). Other English language publications are *Towards a European Legal Order for Services of General Economic Interest* (2005), and *The Role of the State in (and after) the Financial Crisis* (2010). He served as legal counsel of the Prime Minister on Quality of Regulation Affairs (2006-2008). Since April 2009, he is Chairman of the Supervisory Board on Equality of Access to the Telecom Network, appointed by the National Regulatory Authority (AGCOM). He is a consultant of the Italian regulatory authority for the energy sector (AEEG). He is one of the Expert of the Commission entrusted by the Italian Government to draft a Global Legal Standard on Business, in the framework of the Italian Presidency of the G8 in 2009. On January 2008 he was invited, as a regulatory affairs expert, to a hearing about the new package on the single market of energy before the European Parliament. Since 1998 he is a barrister in the district of Rome. He was a member of the Board of Appeal of the Italian Olympic Committee (2001-2008). He knows perfectly written and oral English and he has a good knowledge of French and German language.

**Mr Mirza NURHIDAYAT**

Mr Mirza Nurhidayat joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in 1991. He has served at the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to ASEAN and at the Embassy of Indonesia in Tokyo, Japan. He is the former Deputy Director for Political and Security Affairs at the Directorate General of International Treaties of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Over the years, he has been involved in various negotiations and high-level meetings, including the Committee of Permanent Representative of ASEAN meetings, Senior Officials of ASEAN meetings, and other bilateral, regional and multilateral meetings. Currently, he is the Minister Counsellor (HoC) of the Political Affairs at the Embassy of Indonesia in Singapore.



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Pang Khang Chau is currently the Director-General of the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers. He graduated from King's College London in 1992 and joined the Singapore Legal Service in 1995 as a State Counsel in the Civil Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers. In 1998, he was posted to the Ministry of Law as Deputy Director, Legal Policy Division. He returned to the Attorney-General's Chambers in 2002. He has been practising international law with the International Affairs Division since 2003. He has advised various government departments on a wide range of international law matters and participated in numerous international negotiations and international disputes. Notable cases he dealt with include the Pedra Branca dispute before the International Court of Justice and the negotiations concerning implementation of the Points of Agreement on Malayan Railway Land in Singapore. He is also Singapore's Chief Negotiator in the ongoing maritime boundary negotiation with Indonesia.

***Professor Jean-Claude PIRIS***

Jean-Claude Piris is French. He studied economics, political science, public and international law and obtained a number of degrees, including ENA. He began his career as a civil servant, and then was a judge in the French Supreme Court in public law (Conseil d'Etat).

One of the world's best specialists in international organisations' law, he has worked in or for the United Nations, the International Civil Aviation Organisation, Eurocontrol, and has been the Director of the Legal Service of OECD as well as the Director General of the Legal Services of the European Council (Prime Ministers or Heads of State) and of the Council (Ministers) of the European Union. He participated in many international conferences negotiating treaties. Author of a number of books and of

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***Professor Jon S.T. QUAH***

Jon S.T. Quah, Ph.D., was a Professor of Political Science at the National University of Singapore until his retirement in June 2007. He is now an Anti-Corruption Consultant based in Singapore. He has published

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He served at the ASEAN Secretariat for 16 years holding several senior positions with the last being the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) from January 2009 to March 2012. He was the chair of the Task Force on ASEAN Dispute Settlement and was responsible for setting-up the Legal Services Division of the ASEAN Secretariat.

He was the first recipient of the Lee Kuan Yew School Outstanding Alumni Award in 2011. He was also awarded the Commander of the Sahakmetrey Order Medal from the Kingdom of Cambodia in 2012 for his work in ASEAN.

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He has been at various times a Nominated Member of Parliament, Legal Adviser to the President and Council of Presidential Advisers, ambassador to the European Union and six other countries and Solicitor-General. He was Attorney-General from 2008 to 2010.

In 2007 he was an alternate member of the High Level Task Force on Drafting of the ASEAN Charter (serving as Singapore delegation leader during the later half of the process) and presented the completed Charter to the ASEAN Heads of Government at the 13th ASEAN Summit in November of that year.

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