

# CIL Fireside Chat Series on International Law and Diplomacy

## Hosted by Prof S Jayakumar and Prof Tommy Koh

**Date:** 8 November 2013 (Friday), 4.30 PM to 6.30 PM

**Venue:** Seminar Room 4-4, Level 4, Block B, NUS Bukit Timah Campus  
469 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 259756

**Open to:** NUS, NTU and SMU students and staff who register



## Syria and International Law

The civil war in Syria began as part of the *Arab Spring* in March 2011 and continues to cause extraordinary suffering for the Syrian people as we approach the end of 2013. The UN's death toll for the conflict thus far is "over 100,000".

The conflict entered a new phase in 2013 with the use of chemical weapons and threats by the US, France and the UK to intervene unilaterally. Fortunately, the UN Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution to get rid of the chemical weapons in Syria. This led to the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

In this final 'CIL Fireside Chat' for this year, Prof. Simon Chesterman, an expert in international law and UN law, and Prof. Peter Sluglett, an expert on the Middle East, will try to unravel the underlying legal and political considerations of the devastating conflict in Syria, and discuss the prospects of the upcoming "Geneva 2" peace conference.

### Panelists:

**Professor Simon Chesterman**  
Dean, NUS Faculty of Law

**Professor Peter Sluglett**  
Visiting Research Professor  
NUS Middle East Institute

### Hosts:

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

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