

# CIL Fireside Chat Series on International Law and Diplomacy

Hosted by Professor S Jayakumar and Professor Tommy Koh

**Date:** 19 September 2014 (Friday), 4.30 PM to 6.30 PM

**Venue:** Seminar Room 5-4, Level 5, Block B, NUS Bukit Timah Campus  
469 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 259756

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



## Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v. Japan): International Law, Science and the Environment

On 31 March 2014, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) rendered its judgment in the case concerning Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v. Japan: New Zealand intervening). In the Judgment, the ICJ concluded that Japan violated three provisions of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW) in relation to the killing, taking and treating of fin whales under the Japanese Whale Research Program under Special Permit in the Antarctic (JARPA II). The Court observed that while JARPA II could broadly be characterised as 'scientific research', the killing, taking and treating of fin whales are not for 'purposes of scientific research' as stated in Article VIII, paragraph 1 of the ICRW. The Court requested Japan to revoke any extant authorisation, permit or licence granted in relation to JARPA II and refrain from granting any further permits in pursuance of that programme.

This Session of the CIL Fireside Chat Series will discuss the ICJ's judgment and examine the whaling issue from environmental, scientific and international political perspectives.

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