

# Singapore International Arbitration Academy 2015

18 November – 1 December 2015\*, Singapore

**Registration is now Open!**

*The 2015 Academy goes “offshore”: A dispute arising out of an investment in an offshore natural gas platform within a contested area of the continental shelf..*



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Jointly organised by the National University of Singapore’s Centre for International Law (CIL) and the Faculty of Law, the 2015 Singapore International Arbitration Academy will bring together some of the world’s leading experts in international arbitration for a 11-day programme designed specifically for government officials, private practitioners and legal academics. In 2014, the Academy’s participants included government officials from the Middle East, South America, Korea and throughout South-East Asia, as well as private practitioners from top international and regional law firms. As in previous years, the participants rated it as “excellent”.

The 2015 Academy will be yet another unparalleled opportunity for participants from the Asia-Pacific region and from around the world to meet and interact with luminaries of international arbitration and develop new professional relationships.

## **About the Academy**

Spearheaded by the Chief Justice of Singapore, Sundaresh Menon, the Academy runs annually in Singapore. It is founded upon CIL’s mandate to establish programmes for capacity building in key areas of international law and practice in the Asia-Pacific region. Its programme aims to be responsive to the needs of both government and private-sector lawyers in the practice of international arbitration. In view of the rising interest in alternative forms of resolving disputes with states, this year we will explore the mediation and negotiation of investment disputes.

**For Government Officials** : The Academy is an important opportunity for government officials to develop a deeper understanding of international arbitration and mediation and to learn what demands are placed on a government when it becomes a party to an arbitration. It is an opportunity to gain first-

hand experience from leading experts in a congenial and collaborative setting, while building ties with “up-and-coming” advocates from law firms from around the world. This will provide invaluable skills-training to government officials.

**For Private Practitioners :** The Academy is an important opportunity for private practitioners to develop a deeper understanding of international dispute settlement. They will gain advice from leading experts, improve advocacy skills, and have an opportunity to make oral submissions before a tribunal of leading international arbitrators on the Academy’s final day.

**For Legal Academics :** This year the Academy will be opened up to legal academics. This follows from the recommendation of Professor Tony Anghie, a leading figure in the Asian international law sphere. Professor Anghie attended last year’s Academy and has urged CIL to reach out to legal scholars in Asia to give them the same opportunity to delve into the complexities and challenges of international dispute settlement. His recommendation was embraced by CIL’s International Advisory Panel. Accordingly, as part of CIL’s legal outreach programme, law professors and researchers are invited to further deepen their understanding of international investment law, both on a theoretical and practical level.



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#### **HEAR FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS AND FACULTY OF THE ACADEMY ON THEIR EXPERIENCE:**

*“... a fantastic course, lining up some wonderful speakers and lecturers and getting us... great coaches for each side... This course has been an eye opener.”*

**Shobna Chandran (Clifford Chance, Singapore) – Private Practitioner**

2014 Participant

*“... well-organized and thoughtful programs, I have learned so much... hearing from top experts in the field sharing their experiences... the Academy [is at] another level which cannot be [found elsewhere]...”*

**Hak Sok Heng (Cambodia) – Government Official**

2014 Participant

*“Our training sessions were indeed truly informative, enriching and memorable”*

**Anna Esperanza R. Solomon (Philippines) – Government Official**

2014 Participant

*“It was truly an honour to participate in your program. I was very impressed by the organization and high calibre of participants.”*

**Dr. Shahla Ali (Hong Kong, China) – Legal Academic**

2014 Faculty

*"It was my pleasure to have taken part in what has very quickly become an important fixture on the arbitration academic landscape."*

**Alvin Yeo SC (Singapore) – Legal Practitioner**

2014 Faculty

CIL is presently finalizing the 2015 programme, which will commence on 18 November 2015 with a one-day conference on current issues in investment treaty-making and arbitration, followed the next day (19 November 2015) by a repeat of last year's highly successful *"Practice and Procedure before ICSID Tribunals"* led by ICSID's Secretary-General, Ms. Meg Kinnear. On 20 November 2015, we will launch into an exciting programme that culminates with oral argument before a distinguished tribunal on 1 December 2015.

If you are interested in learning more about the Academy and to register your interest to attend, please contact Ms Geraldine Ng at [gerry.ng@nus.edu.sg](mailto:gerry.ng@nus.edu.sg). Spaces are limited.

*\*please note that SIAA 2015's last day is pending finalisation but expected to be before 1 December 2015  
(As of 26 May 2015)*