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8 February 2018, Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Mandarin Orchard Singapore

The Centre for International Law's first International Law Year in Review Conference will bring together the international law community in Singapore, with the aim of providing knowledge and insight into the latest developments in international law and legal practice from a Singaporean and global perspective.

The conference will canvass key developments at the International Court of Justice and other international courts and tribunals, significant treatymaking, legislative and judicial developments and key issues to watch. Participation will give lawyers and non-lawyers alike a broad overview of the key trends in international law.



Highlights of the day will include:

Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, **Ambassador Burhan Gafoor**, presenting a view from inside the United Nations in New York.

Ambassador Kwok Fook Seng, Singapore's former Chief Negotiator for the Paris Accord, looking at the future of the Paris Accord.

A special panel including Canada's Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, Justice Quentin Loh and Mr Alvin Yeo SC on the courts and international and foreign law.

A literary lunch with acclaimed Singaporean playwright **Mr Haresh Sharma** from The Necessary Stage in discussion with **Ambassador-at-Large Professor Tommy Koh**.

Conference Speakers

Professor Antony Anghie, NUS Faculty of Law

Professor Simon Chesterman, NUS Faculty of Law

Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, Singapore's Permanent Representative to the UN

Ms Daphne Hong, Attorney General's Chambers, Singapore

Professor S <u>Jayakumar</u>, International Advisory Panel of the NUS Centre for International Law

Ambassador-at-Large Professor Tommy <u>Koh</u>, Governing Board of the NUS Centre for International Law

Ambassador Kwok Fook Seng, Singapore's High Commissioner to Australia

Mrs Rena Lee, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore

Justice Quentin Loh, Supreme Court of Singapore

Ms Alison Macdonald, QC, Matrix Chambers

Ms Loretta Malintoppi, 39 Essex Chambers

Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada

Professor Mahdev Mohan, Singapore Management University

Judicial Commissioner Pang Khang Chau, Supreme Court of Singapore

Dr Kate Parlett, 20 Essex Street

Mr Prakash Pillai, Clyde & Co

Mr V K Rajah, SC, former Attorney-General of Singapore

Professor Lucy Reed, NUS Centre for International Law

Mr Haresh Sharma, The Necessary Stage

Mr J Christopher Thomas, QC, NUS Centre for International Law

Dr Romesh Weeramantry, Clifford Chance

Mr Alvin Yeo, SC, WongPartnership

Working Programme*

8.30 am – 9.00 am	Registration
9.00 am – 9.10 am	Welcome
	Judicial Commissioner Pang Khang Chau (Supreme Court of Singapore) Professor Lucy Reed (Centre for International Law)
9.10 am - 9.30 am	Opening Address
9.30 am – 10.45 am	Session 1: International Law Disputes
	Ms Alison Macdonald, QC (Matrix Chambers) Dr Kate Parlett (20 Essex Street) Ms Loretta Malintoppi (39 Essex Chambers)
	Moderator: Mr VK Rajah, SC (former Attorney-General of Singapore)
10.45 am – 11.15 am	Morning Tea
11.15 am – 11.45 am	Session 2: Climate Change and the Paris Accord: What's Next? Ambassador Kwok Fook Seng (Singapore's High Commissioner to Australia and former Chief Negotiator for the Paris Accord) Moderator: Mr Prakash Pillai (Clyde & Co)
11.45 am – 1.00 pm	Session 3: Treaty and Legislative Developments
	Ms Daphne Hong (Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore) Professor Mahdev Mohan (Singapore Management University)
	Moderator: Professor S Jayakumar (International Advisory Panel of the Centre for International Law)
1.00 pm – 2.15 pm	Literary Lunch with acclaimed Singaporean playwright, Mr Haresh Sharma (The Necessary Stage) in discussion with Ambassador-at-Large Professor Tommy Koh (Governing Board of the Centre for International Law)

	Session 4: The Courts and International and Foreign Law
2.15 pm – 3.30 pm	Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin (Supreme Court of Canada) Justice Quentin Loh (Supreme Court of Singapore) Mr Alvin Yeo, SC (WongPartnership)
	Moderator: Mr J Christopher Thomas, QC (Centre for International Law)
3.30 pm - 4.00 pm	Break
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Session 5: A View from Inside the United Nations in New York Ambassador Burhan Gafoor (Singapore's Permanent Representative to the UN) Moderator: Dean Simon Chesterman (National University of Singapore)
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Session 6: Key Issues to Watch Professor Antony Anghie (National University of Singapore) Mrs Rena Lee (Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore) Moderator: Dr Romesh Weeramantry (Clifford Chance)
5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Concluding remarks: Ambassador-at-Large Professor Tommy Koh (Governing Board of the Centre for International Law)
5.30 pm	Cocktail Reception

*accurate as at 27 November 2017