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## **International Law Year in Review**

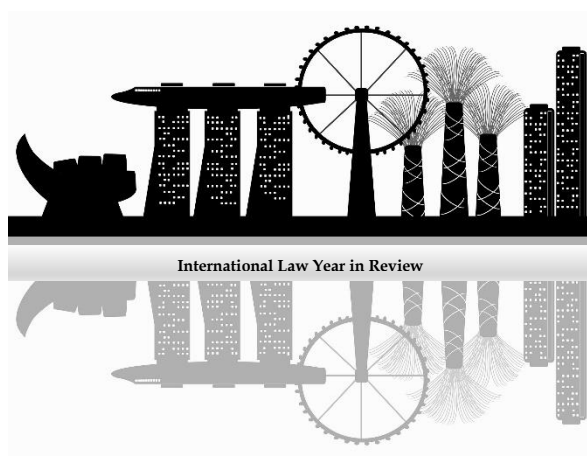
**8 February 2018, Thursday**

**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 treaty-making, 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:**

Opening remarks by **Ms Indranee Rajah SC**, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Law

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 former 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**.



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## 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 Jayakumar, International Advisory Panel of the NUS Centre for International Law

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

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

Justice Quentin Loh, Supreme Court of Singapore

Ms Alison Macdonald, QC, Matrix Chambers

Ms Loretta Malintoppi, 39 Essex Chambers

The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, former 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

Ms Indranee Rajah, SC, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Law

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

Ms Danielle Yeow, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore

## Working Programme\*

8.30 am – 9.00 am	<b>Registration</b>
9.00 am – 9.10 am	<b>Welcome</b>  <b>Judicial Commissioner Pang Khang Chau</b> (Supreme Court of Singapore) <b>Professor Lucy Reed</b> (Centre for International Law)
9.10 am – 9.30 am	<b>Opening Address</b>  <b>Ms Indranee Rajah, SC</b> <b>Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance &amp; Ministry of Law</b>
9.30 am – 10.45 am	<b>Session 1: International Law Disputes</b>  This panel of leading international counsel will provide an overview of the key international law cases of 2017, as well as those in the pipeline – including the judgment of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the <i>Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire maritime boundary dispute</i> , the award of the arbitral tribunal in the <i>Slovenia and Croatia land boundary dispute</i> , and the current conciliation between <i>Timor-Leste and Australia</i> .  <b>Ms Alison Macdonald, QC</b> (Matrix Chambers) <b>Dr Kate Parlett</b> (20 Essex Street) <b>Ms Loretta Malintoppi</b> (39 Essex Chambers)  Moderator: <b>Mr VK Rajah, SC</b> (former Attorney-General of Singapore)
10.45 am – 11.15 am	Morning Tea
11.15 am – 11.45 am	<b>Session 2: Climate Change and the Paris Accord: What's Next?</b>  Ambassador Kwok Fook Seng, Singapore's Chief Negotiator for the Paris Accord, will share his insights on the Paris Accord, its key features and what is likely to happen next in this process, especially in light of President Trump's (apparent) decision to withdraw from the Accord.  <b>Ambassador Kwok Fook Seng</b> (Singapore's High Commissioner to Australia and former Chief Negotiator for the Paris Accord)  Moderator: <b>Mr Prakash Pillai</b> (Clyde & Co)

<p>11.45 am – 1.00 pm</p>	<p><b>Session 3: Treaty and Legislative Developments</b></p> <p>This panel will identify the key international treaty developments of 2017, including the adoption of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and progress with negotiations towards an international treaty regulating marine biodiversity in the areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ negotiations). It will also provide insight into key regional developments, including the latest on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and Singapore’s important bilateral treaty developments.</p> <p><b>Ms Daphne Hong</b> (Attorney-General’s Chambers, Singapore) <b>Professor Mahdev Mohan</b> (Singapore Management University)</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Professor S Jayakumar</b> (International Advisory Panel of the Centre for International Law)</p>
<p>1.00 pm – 2.15 pm</p>	<p><b>Literary Lunch</b></p> <p>with acclaimed Singaporean playwright, Mr Haresh Sharma (The Necessary Stage) in discussion with <b>Ambassador-at-Large Professor Tommy Koh</b> (Governing Board of the Centre for International Law)</p>
<p>2.15 pm – 3.30 pm</p>	<p><b>Session 4: The Courts and International and Foreign Law</b></p> <p>This special panel, featuring former Chief Justice of Canada Beverly McLachlin, Justice Quentin Loh and Mr Alvin Yeo, SC will look at the increasing trend of domestic courts engaging with foreign and international law issues. It will focus on the Canadian courts’ experience with international and foreign law; recent developments at the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) and key examples of this trend, including <i>Sanum v Laos</i>.</p> <p><b>Former Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin</b> (Supreme Court of Canada) <b>Justice Quentin Loh</b> (Supreme Court of Singapore) <b>Mr Alvin Yeo, SC</b> (WongPartnership)</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr J Christopher Thomas, QC</b> (Centre for International Law)</p>
<p>3.30 pm – 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>

4.00 pm – 4.30 pm	<p><b>Session 5: A View from Inside the United Nations in New York</b></p> <p>Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, Singapore’s Permanent Representative to the UN and the current Chair of the UN’s Sixth Committee, the primary forum for the consideration of legal questions in the UN General Assembly, will share his insights on the key international law issues currently confronting the UN.</p> <p><b>Ambassador Burhan Gafoor</b> (Singapore’s Permanent Representative to the UN)</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dean Simon Chesterman</b> (National University of Singapore)</p>
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	<p><b>Session 6: Key Issues to Watch</b></p> <p>The final session will be dedicated to late-breaking and high importance issues of the day.</p> <p><b>Professor Antony Anghie</b> (National University of Singapore) <b>Ms Danielle Yeow</b> (Attorney-General’s Chambers, Singapore)</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dr Romesh Weeramantry</b> (Clifford Chance)</p>
5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	<p><b>Concluding remarks:</b></p> <p><b>Professor S Jayakumar</b> (International Advisory Panel of the Centre for International Law) <b>Ambassador-at-Large Professor Tommy Koh</b> (Governing Board of the Centre for International Law) <b>Professor Lucy Reed</b> (Centre for International Law)</p>
5.30 pm	<p><b>Cocktail Reception</b></p>

\*accurate as at 9 January 2018