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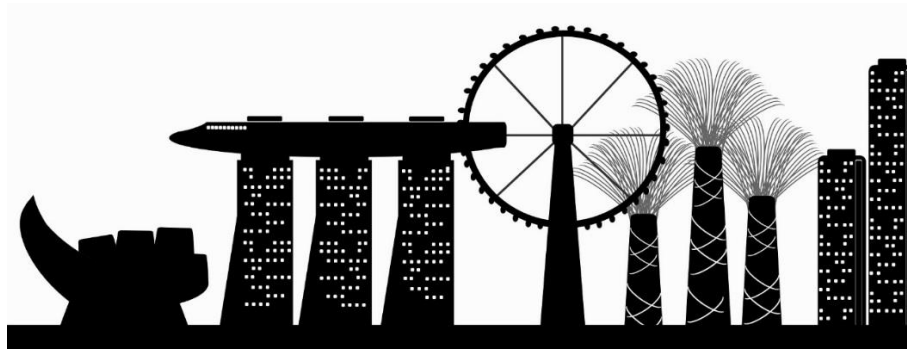
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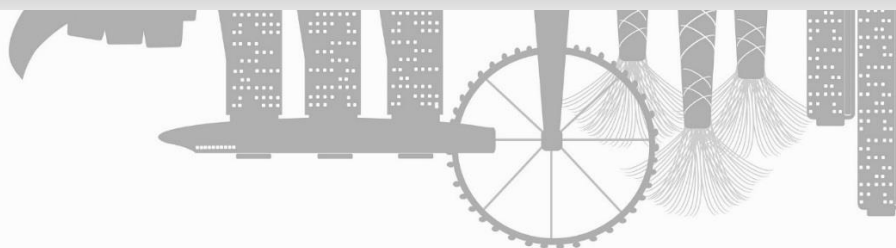
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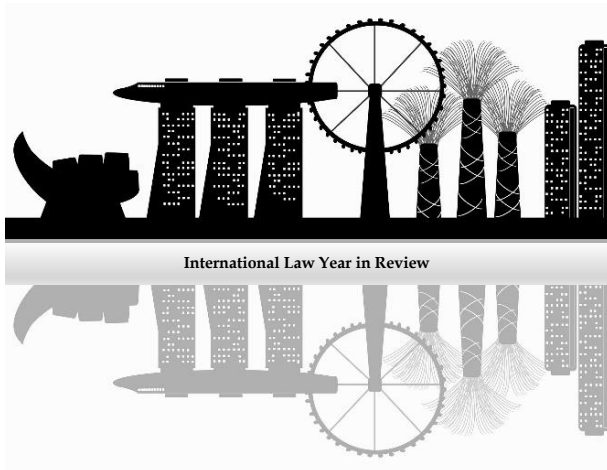


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The **Centre for International Law**, with the support of **International Law Association (Singapore)**, will bring the legal community in Singapore together at this inaugural International Law Year in Review Conference. The Conference aims to provide 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 include the following:

Opening remarks by **Ms Indranee Rajah SC**, Senior Minister of State for Law and Finance.

A panel featuring Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, **Ambassador Burhan Gafoor**, who will speak on a view from inside the United Nations in New York.

A panel featuring **Ambassador Kwok Fook Seng**, Singapore's former Chief Negotiator for the Paris Accord, on the future of the Paris Accord.

A panel featuring 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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Training Category: General

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Programme*

8.30 am – 9.00 am	Registration
9.00 am – 9.10 am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Judicial Commissioner Pang Khang Chau Supreme Court of Singapore International Law Association, Singapore</p> <p>Professor Lucy Reed Centre for International Law</p>
9.10 am – 9.30 am	<p>Opening Address</p> <p>Ms Indranee Rajah SC Senior Minister of State for Law and Finance</p>
9.30 am – 9.45 am	Morning Tea + Group Photo (Invited VIPs & Speakers)
9.45 am – 11.00 am [1 h 15 min]	<p>Session 1: International Law Disputes</p> <p>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 Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire maritime boundary dispute, the award of the arbitral tribunal in the Slovenia and Croatia land boundary dispute, and the current conciliation between Timor-Leste and Australia.</p> <p>Ms Alison Macdonald QC, Matrix Chambers Dr Kate Parlett, 20 Essex Street Ms Loretta Malintoppi, 39 Essex Chambers</p> <p>Moderator: Mr VK Rajah SC, former Attorney-General of Singapore</p>
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11.05 am – 11.35 am [30 min]	<p>Session 2: Climate Change and the Paris Accord: What's Next?</p> <p>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 the (apparent) decision by the United States to withdraw from the Accord.</p> <p>Ambassador Kwok Fook Seng Singapore's High Commissioner to Australia and former Chief Negotiator for the Paris Accord</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Prakash Pillai, Clyde & Co Clasis Singapore</p>

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11.40 am – 12.50 pm [1 h 10 min]	<p>Session 3: Treaty and Legislative Developments</p> <p>This panel will focus on the latest multilateral economic, security and environmental treaty developments, with special attention to treaties that are of significance to Singapore, as well as provide insight into the treaty-making process and key treaties which were recently ratified and implemented through legislation.</p> <p>Ms Daphne Hong, Attorney-General’s Chambers, Singapore Assistant Professor Mahdev Mohan, Singapore Management University</p> <p>Moderator: Professor S Jayakumar International Advisory Panel of the Centre for International Law</p>
12.50 pm – 2.00pm [70 min]	<p>Literary Lunch</p> <p>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)</p>
2.00 pm – 3.15 pm [75 min]	<p>Session 4: The Courts and International and Foreign Law</p> <p>This 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>Former Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, Supreme Court of Canada Justice Quentin Loh, Supreme Court of Singapore Mr Alvin Yeo SC, WongPartnership</p> <p>Moderator: Mr J Christopher Thomas QC, Centre for International Law</p>
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea (15 min)

<p>3.30 pm – 4.00 pm</p> <p>[30 min]</p>	<p>Session 5: A View from Inside the United Nations in New York</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>Ambassador Burhan Gafoor Singapore’s Permanent Representative to the UN</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Simon Chesterman, National University of Singapore</p>
<p>4.00 pm – 4.30 pm</p> <p>[30 min]</p>	<p>Session 6: Key Issues to Watch</p> <p>The final session will be dedicated to late-breaking and very important issues of the day.</p> <p>Professor Antony Anghie, National University of Singapore Ms Danielle Yeow, Attorney-General’s Chambers, Singapore</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Romesh Weeramantry, Clifford Chance</p>
<p>4.30 pm – 4.50 pm</p> <p>[20 min]</p>	<p>Concluding Remarks</p> <p>Professor S Jayakumar International Advisory Panel of the Centre for International Law</p> <p>Ms Daphne Hong Attorney-General’s Chambers, Singapore</p>
<p>5.00 pm</p>	<p>Cocktail Reception @ Grange Ballroom on Level 5</p>

*accurate as of 24 January 2018

Conference Speakers

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Professor Simon Chesterman, NUS Faculty of Law

Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, Singapore's Permanent Representative to the UN (New York)

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

Assistant Professor Mahdev Mohan, Singapore Management University

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