International Law in the Mainstream

The National University of Singapore (NUS) was host to a series of events under the title "International Law in the Mainstream," which took place from 13 March to 15 March 2018. These events were part of the 10th anniversary of the National University of Singapore Centre for International Law (CIL) and were aimed at enhancing engagement between the university and the global legal community.

The event comprised five sessions that covered various aspects of international law, including:

1. International Law Disputes: This session featured discussions on recent international law disputes, such as the spy case in Croatia, and the future of the Paris Accord. It also touched on the role of treaties in shaping international law.

2. The Courts and International and Foreign Law: This session highlighted the role of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in international law and the growing importance of the United Nations. It also discussed the composition of the judiciary of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC).

3. International Law and the Law in Practice: This session addressed the impact of international law on the law in practice, with a focus on the application of international law in Singapore. It also covered the establishment of a Singapore Chapter of the International Law Association (ILA), a Public Law, and the possibility of Singapore becoming a legal hub.

4. International Law in the Mainstream: This session featured a discussion on the role of international law in the mainstream, with a focus on the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore (CIL). It also included a presentation by Professor Tommy Koh, former Chief Justice of Singapore, on the importance of international law.

5. The Future of International Law: This session was dedicated to discussing the future of international law, with a focus on issues such as security and climate change. It also included a presentation by Professor S Jayakumar, former Attorney General of Singapore, on the role of treaties in shaping international law.

The event was well attended, with participants from the legal community and academia. The event provided a platform for discussions on the role of international law in the mainstream and its impact on the law in practice. The event was a success, with participants expressing their appreciation for the insightful discussions and the opportunity to network with other professionals in the field.