

# CIL

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## ASEAN Law Academy

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## ONE OF SINGAPORE'S KEY INITIATIVES AS CHAIR OF ASEAN 2018

The Academy is an annual event that aims to promote ASEAN legal education curriculum among policy makers, practitioners and academics, especially in the areas of international trade and investment law. The inaugural Academy consists of a seven-day intensive programme.

### Academy Co-Directors

Professor Joseph Weiler  
Assistant Professor Tan Hsien-Li

### Topics

ASEAN Economic Community  
ASEAN as an International Actor  
Enhancing the Administration of ASEAN

### Website

<https://cil.nus.edu.sg/event/asean-law-academy-2018-19-26-july-2018/>

### Trainers

Experienced professors and practitioners from Singapore and around the world.

### Participants

Government officials from the ten ASEAN member states, officials from the ASEAN Secretariat, legal practitioners and educators.

### Venue

NUS Bukit Timah Campus  
469 Bukit Timah Road  
Level 5, Block B  
Singapore 259756

### Course Fee

USD 3,000  
(Inclusive of government taxes, exclusive of bank charges).  
Registration fee includes lunch, refreshments and course materials.



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“Unlike the protectionist trend elsewhere, ASEAN remains committed to free trade, regional integration and open economies. As an example, ASEAN is currently driving the negotiation of a mega free trade agreement, involving ASEAN and six other economies, called the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). When concluded, RCEP will be one of the biggest free trade areas in the world.”

Ambassador-at-Large Tommy Koh  
Chairman of the CIL Governing Board and  
Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
on the importance of ASEAN integration

**Day 1: Enhancing the Administration of ASEAN**  
Thursday 19 July 2018

8.30 am – 9 am	Registration
9 am – 9.10 am	Opening Remarks  Professor Lucy Reed, Director of the Centre for International Law
9.10 am – 9.20 am	Welcome and Introduction to Teachers  Academy Co-Directors: Professor Joseph Weiler (NYU and NUS) and Assistant Professor Tan Hsien-Li (NUS)
9.20 am – 11.20 am	Organising the Public Bureaucracy to Ensure Effective Implementation and Compliance with ASEAN Commitments  Professor Jon Quah and Dr David Jones
11.20 am – 11.45 am	Tea Break
11.45 am – 1.15 pm	Case Studies of Effective Policy Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest Speaker: Ambassador Hirubalan V P, former ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General</li> <li>• Presentation of case study by Ms Elizabeth Chelliah, Principal Trade Specialist, Ministry of Trade &amp; Industry, Singapore</li> <li>• Presentation of case study by Mr Vilakone Somsanith, Director, ASEAN Affairs Division, Ministry of Justice, Lao PDR</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
1.15 pm – 1.25 pm	Group Photo
1.25 pm – 2.45 pm	Welcome Lunch hosted by Ambassador-at-Large Tommy Koh
2.45 pm – 4.15 pm	Case Studies of Challenges in Policy Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest Speaker: Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, former ASEAN Secretary-General</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of case study by Ms Marisa Razeek, Senior Officer, International Economic &amp; Trade Law Division, Legal Services &amp; Agreements Directorate, ASEAN Secretariat</li> <li>• Presentation of case study by Mr Melvin Banzon, Attorney, Bureau of Customs, Department of Finance, the Philippines</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
4 pm – 5 pm	Group Discussion and Conclusion (Tea/ Coffee on the side)
<b>Day 2: ASEAN as an International Actor</b> Friday 20 July 2018	
9 am – 10 am	Three Key Roles of ASEAN on the World Stage  Guest Speaker: Ambassador-at-Large Tommy Koh, 2nd Chairman of the High Level Task Force for the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter
10 am – 11 am	Overview of ASEAN as an International Actor  Professor Jürgen Rüländ and Dr Paruedee Nguitragool
11 am – 11.20 am	Tea Break
11.20 am – 12.30 pm	Case-studies of ASEAN's Success and Failure on the World Stage
12.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Lunch/ Friday Prayers
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Practicum
<b>Day 3: ASEAN Economic Community</b> Saturday 21 July 2018	
9 am – 10.30 am	Lecture: Overview of the Progress of the AEC to-date and Evaluating the AEC Blueprint 2025  Dr Chia Siow Yue
10.30 am – 11 am	Tea Break
11 am – 12.30 pm	Lecture: New Scenarios for Economic Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific and Implications for ASEAN

	Professor Mike Plummer
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Trade in Goods and Services  Mr Stefano Inama  (Tea/ Coffee on the side)
<b>Day off - Sunday 22 July 2018</b>	
<b>Day 4: The ASEAN Economic Community</b> Monday 23 July 2018	
9 am – 10.30 am	Rules of Origin (I)  Mr Stefano Inama
10.30 am – 11 am	Tea Break
11 am – 12.30 pm	Rules of Origin (II)  Mr Stefano Inama
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 3 pm	Investment (I)  Professor Jürgen Kurtz and Professor Sungjoon Cho
3 pm – 3.30 pm	Tea Break
3.30 pm – 5 pm	Investment (II)  Professor Jürgen Kurtz and Professor Sungjoon Cho
5 pm onwards	Reception
<b>Day 5: The ASEAN Economic Community</b> Tuesday 24 July 2018	
9 am – 11 am	Investment (III)  Professor Jürgen Kurtz and Professor Sungjoon Cho

11 am – 11.30 pm	Tea Break
11.30 am – 12 pm	The Pros and Cons; Achievements and Challenges of Achieving the AEC—Insights from the Inside  Guest Speaker: Mr S Pushpanathan, former ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General
12 pm – 1 pm	Lunch
1 pm – 2.30pm	Practicum Explanation and Discussion  Mr Stefano Inama, Professor Jürgen Kurtz and Professor Sungjoon Cho  (Tea/ Coffee on the side)
2.30 pm – 5 pm	Breakout time for Practicum Discussion  Mr Stefano Inama, Professor Jürgen Kurtz and Professor Sungjoon Cho  (Tea/ Coffee on the side)
<b>Day 6: The ASEAN Economic Community</b> Wednesday 25 July 2018	
9 am – 10 am	Preparation for Practicum Demonstration
10 am – 10.30 am	Tea Break
10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Practicum of the 'AEC in Practice'—Simulated Exercise that combines all the skills learnt  Mr Stefano Inama, Professor Jürgen Kurtz and Professor Sungjoon Cho
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Practicum of the 'AEC in Practice'—Simulated Exercise that combines all the skills learnt  Mr Stefano Inama, Professor Jürgen Kurtz and Professor Sungjoon Cho
3.30 pm – 4 pm	Tea Break

4 pm – 6 pm	<p>Interactive Session: What Happens When ASEAN Goes Wrong?</p> <p>No treaty is perfectly implemented. This is often not because of bad faith but because of difficulties in administrative capacity or coordination or misunderstandings or disagreements about the nature of ASEAN commitments. Matters are further complicated by many disputes cutting across trade and investment issues, and across other bilateral and multilateral agreements.</p> <p>This session takes a hypothetical but plausible set of circumstances which throw into doubt a number of ASEAN and other obligations and explore the different procedures to secure redress and resolution for both private parties and States.</p> <p>Professor Damian Chalmers</p>
<b>Day 7: ASEAN External Trade Relations</b> Thursday 26 July 2018	
9 am – 10 am	<p>ASEAN External Trade Relations</p> <p>Ms Natalie Morris-Sharma</p>
10 am – 11 am	<p>Practicum: Treaty-making</p> <p>Ms Natalie Morris-Sharma</p>
11 am – 11.30 am	<p>Closing and Graduation</p>
11.30 am – 12.30 pm	<p>Lunch</p>
3.30 pm – 5.30 pm	<p>ASEAN Law Association Event: The Role of National Courts, If Any, in Ensuring Compliance with ASEAN Obligations—A Mock Trial Presided over by Chief and Senior Justices of ASEAN Member States.</p> <p>This mock trial will demonstrate the various modalities of how ASEAN obligations could be justiciable and adjudicated in the national jurisdictions of member states, and what the possible outcomes could be, depending on the domestic legal system.</p> <p>Optional: Colleagues who are interested in attending are most welcome. The event is held at the Raffles City Convention Centre, and transport will be provided for Academy participants who wish to attend.</p>



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**Guest Speakers**

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