









CIL INTERNATIONAL LAW YEAR IN REVIEW 2019

Profiles of Chairpersons and Speakers



(In alphabetical order of surnames)


ANGHIE	 <p>Professor Tony Anghie, Head, International Law (Teaching), Centre for International Law; NUS Faculty of Law</p> <p>Professor Tony Anghie qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria and practised law in Melbourne, Australia before commencing his graduate studies at Harvard Law School, where he earned his SJD degree and was appointed as a Senior Fellow in the Graduate Program. He then taught at the SJ Quinney School of Law, University of Utah, where he served as the Samuel D Thurman Professor of Law. He has been a visiting professor at numerous schools, including the American University Cairo, Cornell Law School, the London School of Economics, Harvard Law School and the University of Brasilia. He has served in different capacities on the governing bodies of the Asian Society of International Law since its founding, and was a principal organiser of the Society's biennial Conference in Beijing in 2011. He delivered the Grotius Lecture at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law in 2010.</p> <p>Professor Anghie was the lead organiser of the Centre for International Law's inaugural Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia (TRILA) conference, which aims to identify the challenges facing Asian law schools and to address them in an informed, coherent and collaborative manner.</p>
BECKMAN	 <p>Associate Professor Robert Beckman, Head, Ocean Law and Policy Programme, NUS Centre for International Law</p> <p>Associate Professor Robert Beckman is the Head of the Ocean Law and Policy programme and the former founding Director of the Centre for International Law (CIL). He is also an Associate Professor at the NUS Faculty of Law, an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University, and a member of the National Executive Committee of CSCAP Singapore. Since 2009 he has lectured in the summer programme at the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy in Rhodes, Greece, and he is a member of the Governing Board for the Rhodes Academy. He also lectures in the international maritime boundary workshops organised by CIL. He has published widely on ocean law and policy issues.</p>
CHEAH	 <p>Dr Cheah Wui Ling, Assistant Professor, NUS Faculty of Law</p> <p>Dr Cheah Wui Ling is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore (NUS). She obtained her academic qualifications from the National University of Singapore (LLB, LL.M), Harvard Law School (LL.M), European University Institute and Oxford University (DPhil). In 2016 and 2017, she was awarded a USP teaching incentive award and a NUS Law Faculty Teaching Excellence Award. Prior to joining academia, she served as a Legal Officer at INTERPOL's Office of Legal Affairs (Lyon, France).</p> <p>Dr Cheah's research focusses on accountability for human rights violations and mass atrocities. Her work has been published in journals such as the <i>European Journal of International Law</i>, <i>Leiden Journal of International Law</i>, <i>Harvard Human Rights Journal</i>, <i>Journal of International Criminal Justice</i>, and <i>International Journal of Law in Context</i>. She is also co-founder (with Ms Ng Pei Yi) of the Singapore War Crimes Trials Web Portal (www.singaporewarcrimetrials.com).</p>




CHESTERMAN	<div>  </div> <div> <p>Professor Simon Chesterman, Dean, NUS Faculty of Law</p> </div> <div> <p>Professor Simon Chesterman is Dean of the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law. He is also Editor of the <i>Asian Journal of International Law</i>. Educated in Melbourne, Beijing, Amsterdam, and Oxford, Professor Chesterman has teaching experience that includes periods at the Universities of Melbourne, Oxford, Southampton, Columbia, and Sciences Po. From 2006 to 2011, he was Global Professor and Director of the New York University School of Law Singapore Programme.</p> </div> <div> <p>Prior to joining NYU, he was a Senior Associate at the International Peace Academy and Director of UN Relations at the International Crisis Group in New York. He has previously worked for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Yugoslavia and interned at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.</p> </div> <div> <p>Professor Chesterman is the author or editor of 17 books, including <i>Law and Practice of the United Nations</i> (with Ian Johnstone and David M Malone, OUP 2016); <i>One Nation Under Surveillance</i> (OUP 2011); <i>You, The People</i> (OUP 2004); and <i>Just War or Just Peace?</i> (OUP 2001). He is a recognised authority on international law, and his work has opened up new areas of research on conceptions of public authority—including the rules and institutions of global governance, state-building and post-conflict reconstruction, the changing role of intelligence agencies, and the emerging role of artificial intelligence and big data. He also writes on legal education and higher education more generally.</p> </div>
COUVREUR	<div>  </div> <div> <p>Mr Philippe Marie A J Couvreur, International Court of Justice</p> </div> <div> <p>Mr Philippe Marie A J Couvreur (born 29 November 1951 in Schaerbeek, Belgium), is the Registrar of the International Court of Justice since 10 February 2000; he was re-elected for two further seven-year terms on 8 February 2007 and 3 February 2014. The Registrar is responsible for all departments and divisions of the Registry of the Court, for relations with the parties and the diplomatic corps, and for providing judicial assistance to the Court. Since 2000, he has sat, in his official capacity, in more than 50 cases brought before the Court.</p> </div> <div> <p>Prior to this, he served as Special Assistant in the offices of the Registrar and Deputy-Registrar (1982–86), and as Secretary of the Court (1986–94), First Secretary of the Court (1994–95) and Principal Legal Secretary of the Court (Head of the Department of Legal Matters) (1995–2000).</p> </div> <div> <p>From 1976 to 1982, he was Assistant Professor at the Centre d'études européennes (European Studies Centre) and in the Law Faculty of the Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium). From 1980 to 1996, Mr Couvreur also taught international law and comparative constitutional law as Visiting Professor in different universities. From 1997 to 2018, Mr Couvreur was Guest senior lecturer in public international law at the Law Faculty of the Université Catholique de Louvain.</p> </div> <div> <p>He is the author of numerous publications related to public international law and the peaceful settlement of international disputes, and spoke at various symposia and conferences held in different universities and Academies, in Belgium and abroad. Mr Couvreur is a Corresponding member of the Spanish Royal Academy of Moral and Political Sciences and member of various other learned societies. He speaks French, English, Spanish, Dutch and Italian.</p> </div>

DONOGHUE	 <p>Judge Joan Donoghue, International Court of Justice</p> <p>Judge Joan Donoghue was elected to the International Court of Justice in 2010, following a career at the US State Department, where she served as the Principal Deputy Legal Adviser (the senior career attorney) from 2007 to 2010. Her work there spanned diverse topics in public international law, such as the negotiation and interpretation of treaties, the law of the sea, the environment, investment, human rights law and international humanitarian law.</p> <p>Judge Donoghue has had extensive experience with various forms of the international dispute settlement, including adjudication, arbitration and bilateral claims agreements. She has served on investor-State arbitral tribunals and on ICSID ad hoc annulment committees. She has taught international law courses at several US law schools and has taught investment law in the United Nations Regional Training Programme in Africa.</p>
GUTERRES	 <p>Ambassador Abel Guterres, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste</p> <p>His Excellency Abel Guterres is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Timor-Leste to Australia from 2010 up to now and with added responsibility for Timor-Leste's relations with Pacific nations. In addition to his Ambassadorial role, he is also currently the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Canberra.</p> <p>Ambassador Guterres previously held the role of Consul General for Timor-Leste in Sydney from 2003 to 2009. As Consul General, he played a leading role with laying the foundations for the many friendship cities between Timor-Leste and Australia.</p> <p>Ambassador Guterres originally came to Australia in 1975 as a refugee and went on to become a staunch advocate for Timor-Leste's restoration of independence over the period of 24 years till 1999. Ambassador Guterres was involved in all stages of the conciliation process between Timor-Leste and Australia.</p>
HMOUD	 <p>Ambassador Mahmoud D Hmoud, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</p> <p>Ambassador Mahmoud Hmoud has previously served as the legal advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan, advising the Jordanian government on legal matters relating to Jordan's foreign policy and international relations. He has negotiated several bilateral and multilateral agreements on behalf of Jordan; acted as counsel for Jordan in proceedings before international tribunals, including the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court; represented Jordan in regional and international meetings; and participated in international law and political panels in various fora and universities worldwide.</p> <p>Ambassador Hmoud has served as Deputy Permanent Representative at the Jordan Permanent Mission to the United Nations during Jordan's membership of the United Nations Security Council (2014–15), in charge of Security Council affairs. He also was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Jordan Embassy in Washington, DC (2009–13).</p> <p>Since 2007, Ambassador Hmoud has been elected three times by the UN General Assembly as a member of the International Law Commission, and served twice on its Bureau.</p> <p>Ambassador Hmoud holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Jordan and a Master of Laws degree in international and comparative law from George Washington University in the United States of America.</p>



JAYAKUMAR	 <p>Professor S Jayakumar, Chairman, International Advisory Panel, NUS Centre for International Law</p> <p>Professor S Jayakumar was Singapore's former Deputy Prime Minister and Senior Minister. He also served as Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Labour and Minister for Law. He was Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Singapore's High Commissioner to Canada from 1971 to 1974, and a member of Singapore's delegation to UNCLOS. He has written several books, the most recent being <i>Be at the Table or be On the Menu—A Singapore Memoir</i>, <i>Pedra Branca—The Road to the World Court</i> (together with Professor Tommy Koh) and <i>Diplomacy—A Singapore Experience</i>, <i>Pedra Branca – The Story of the Unheard Cases</i> (together with Professor Tommy Koh and Mr Lionel Yee SC). Before his political career, he was Dean of the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law. He now is Chairman of the Law Faculty's Advisory Council and Chairman of the International Advisory Panel of the Centre for International Law. He is currently the Senior Legal Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore.</p>
KOH	 <p>Professor Tommy Koh, Chairman, CIL Governing Board, NUS Centre for International Law</p> <p>Professor Tommy Koh is Ambassador-at-Large at the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the Centre for International Law, Rector of Tembusu College at the National University of Singapore and Special Adviser of the Institute of Policy Studies. He is the Co-Chairman of the China-Singapore Forum, and the Japan-Singapore Symposium. Professor Koh was the President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and chaired the Preparatory Committee and the Main Committee at the Earth Summit. He was Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations for 13 years, Ambassador to the United States for 6 years, and the United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy to Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. He was also Singapore's Chief Negotiator for the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement and has chaired two dispute panels for the WTO. Professor Koh acted as Singapore's Agent in the case concerning <i>Pedra Branca</i> before the ICJ and in the <i>Land Reclamation</i> case before ITLOS. He is a student of international law and, in particular, on law of the sea and environmental law. Professor Koh was named the recipient of the 2014 Great Negotiator Award (an award given out by an inter-university consortium comprising Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tufts University and the Future of Diplomacy Project at Harvard Kennedy School).</p>



LINGARD	 <p>Mr Nicholas Lingard, Head, International Arbitration Practice in Asia, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP</p> <p>The head of Freshfields' international arbitration practice in Asia, Mr Nicholas Lingard is an experienced international arbitration counsel and advocate.</p> <p>He leads one of the most active treaty arbitration practices in Asia, representing both investors and states, in high-profile, politically complex cases around Asia and the world.</p> <p>Mr Lingard also represents clients in commercial and construction disputes across a variety of industries, under all major arbitral rules, including ICC, SIAC, UNCITRAL, HKIAC, KLRCA, JCAA, AAA and NAI, and under all major systems of law.</p> <p>He provides public international law advice to government and private clients, and accepts occasional appointments as arbitrator.</p> <p>Mr Lingard is recognised as a leading international arbitration practitioner by all the major directories, including as a Band 1 'Leading Individual' for arbitration in Singapore by Legal 500. He was recently named 'International Arbitration Lawyer of the Year' at the Asia Legal Awards.</p> <p>A former law clerk to the Chief Justice of Australia, Mr Lingard was educated at the University of Queensland, where he graduated at the top of his class in law and Japanese, and Harvard Law School where he was a Frank Knox Memorial Fellow.</p> <p>Mr Lingard speaks English and Japanese.</p>
LYONS	 <p>Ms Youna Lyons, Senior Research Fellow, NUS Centre for International Law</p> <p>Ms Youna Lyons is a bilingual former litigator with more than 12 years of international practice in a blue chip London city firm and in Hong Kong in the banking industry. Passionate about the ocean, Ms Lyons later studied oceanography and holds a master's degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Washington. She is currently also pursuing a PhD with the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security at the University of Wollongong titled 'Identifying sensitive marine areas in the South China Sea and States' obligations under international law'. Her dual expertise in law and marine sciences uniquely positions her to integrate these fields for marine policy-making purposes and has led her to spearhead and coordinate several multidisciplinary research projects at CIL including the prospects for re-use of obsolete offshore installations as artificial reefs in Southeast Asia, sensitivity mapping for Singapore in the context of oil spill preparedness and response, and the mapping of shallow features in the South China Sea. Her areas of interest also include global ocean governance, regional regime building for the protection of the marine environment and the current issues raised by marine plastics. In addition to academic research work, she attends global and regional intergovernmental meetings on the protection of the marine environment as an observer and is involved in the teaching of university students and training of government delegates on this topic. She has spent the last 10 years of her career in Asia. Besides her master's degree in Marine Affairs, she also holds an LLM and two bachelor's degrees from Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne in public and private international law and in procedural law respectively.</p>

MORRIS-SHARMA	 <p>Ms Natalie Y Morris-Sharma, Director, International Legal Division, Ministry of Law, Singapore</p> <p>Ms Natalie Y Morris-Sharma is Director of the International Legal Division in Singapore's Ministry of Law, which handles a variety of international law and policy concerns. Previously, Ms Morris-Sharma was legal advisor to Singapore's Permanent Mission to the UN, and Deputy Senior State Counsel in the international law department of the Attorney-General's Chambers.</p> <p>Ms Morris-Sharma has participated in several bilateral and multilateral negotiations, including trade and investment agreement negotiations, and at UNCITRAL. At UNCITRAL, her recent roles have included Chairperson of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Dispute Settlement), for its work on a Convention and draft amended model law on mediation; and Vice-Chairperson of the 50th UNCITRAL Commission session, where she chaired the discussions that led to the adoption of UNCITRAL's mandate for ISDS reform. Ms Morris-Sharma has chaired and facilitated other UN meetings, including as Vice-Chairperson of the Sixth Committee Bureau at the 70th Session of the UNGA and as the facilitator for the omnibus UNGA resolution on oceans and the law of the sea.</p> <p>She is co-author of the book <i>From Treaty-Making to Treaty-Breaking: Models for ASEAN External Trade Agreements</i>. She has also published journal articles and book chapters on topics such as investor-State dispute settlement, BBNJ, and the work of the International Law Commission.</p> <p>Ms Morris-Sharma read law at Cambridge University, and obtained her LLM in International Legal Studies from New York University's School of Law. She is called to the Bar in New York and Singapore.</p>
ONG	 <p>Mr Ong Chin Heng, Senior State Counsel (International Affairs), Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore</p> <p>Mr Ong Chin Heng is Senior State Counsel in the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore, where he has served since 2005. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the National University of Singapore, and subsequently a Master of Laws (majoring in International Legal Studies) from New York University. He is called to the Bar in Singapore and New York.</p> <p>Mr Ong currently oversees the work of the International Economic Law practice group in his Division. He has handled numerous matters in this area of law, such as negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement and Singapore's FTAs with the European Union, China, the Eurasian Economic Union, and ASEAN, as well as several of Singapore's bilateral investment treaties. He was also counsel in Singapore's intervention as a Third Party before the World Trade Organization for a trade dispute concerning IT products. He continues to be heavily involved in negotiations and advisory work on economic law, as well as in ongoing work at UNCITRAL and ICSID on investment arbitration reforms. Prior to this, he also dealt with other international law matters, including the sovereignty dispute over Pedra Branca, as well as issues concerning maritime security and counter-proliferation.</p>
PARLETT	 <p>Dr Kate Parlett, Barrister, 20 Essex Street</p> <p>Dr Kate Parlett is a barrister at 20 Essex Street in London and specialises in public international law and international arbitration. She acts for States and private entities on issues including land and maritime boundaries, investment treaty and contract disputes, human rights, law of the sea, State responsibility, treaty obligations, immunities, environmental law, sanctions and international crimes. She also acts on for States and investors in investment arbitrations, and acts as counsel and arbitrator in international commercial arbitrations. Dr Parlett regularly appears as advocate before the International Court of Justice, across a broad range of disputes, concerning land and maritime boundaries, transboundary environmental harm and an impugned obligation to negotiate. Dr Parlett is a member of the UK Attorney General's Specialist Public International Law B Panel of Junior Counsel and a member of the consultant panel for the Commonwealth Secretariat on Oceans and Natural Resources.</p>

PHILLIPS	 <p>Mr Randal Phillips, Partner, Mintz Group</p> <p>Mr Randal Phillips is a Partner and heads the Mintz Group's activities across Asia.</p> <p>Mr Phillips spent 28 years with the Central Intelligence Agency's National Clandestine Service, most recently serving as the Chief CIA representative in China. He has an extensive background in foreign field operations, policy and program management, and leadership development. He is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and Bahasa Indonesian.</p> <p>Mr Phillips has lived and travelled throughout China and elsewhere in Asia for the US Government. Additionally, he has managed worldwide and regional programmes from Washington. He has extensive relationships with officials and business leaders throughout the continent.</p> <p>Mr Phillips has deep expertise on issues relative to Asia, with particular emphasis on China. This includes an intimate knowledge of the full range of political, economic, trade, investment and security issues involving China, from a bilateral as well as a multilateral perspective. He has extensive experience unravelling a variety of complex matters involving finance, trade and fraud.</p> <p>Mr Phillips has a BA in diplomacy and foreign affairs from Miami University, and a Masters of International Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.</p>
PROULX	 <p>Dr Vincent- Joël Proulx, Assistant Professor, NUS Faculty of Law</p> <p>Dr Vincent-Joël Proulx is Assistant Professor at the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law, where he teaches and researches in the areas of international law, international dispute settlement and comparative law. Prior to joining NUS Law, he served a three-year term as Special Assistant to the President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague. His past appointments also included serving as Legal Officer to the Vice-President of the ICJ, Law Clerk at both the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the ICJ, Québec Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and <i>Secrétaire-rédacteur</i> at the last four sessions of the Institut de Droit International. He is the author of <i>Institutionalizing State Responsibility: Global Security and UN Organs</i> (Oxford University Press 2016) and <i>Transnational Terrorism and State Accountability: A New Theory of Prevention</i> (Hart Publishing 2012). He was appointed as Director of Studies for the 2022 winter session of The Hague Academy of International Law.</p>
REED	 <p>Professor Lucy Reed, Director, NUS Centre for International Law</p> <p>Professor Lucy Reed is Director of the NUS Centre for International Law and teaches international arbitration and mediation on the Law Faculty. Formerly head of the Freshfields global international arbitration group, she currently sits as arbitrator and serves as a Vice-President of the SIAC Court and the Council for International Commercial Arbitration (ICCA). Among other positions, she has served as a Commissioner on the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission, General Counsel of the IO Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (dealing with North Korea) and, while with the US State Department, the US Agent to the Iran-US Claims Tribunal. She was President of the American Society of International Law from 2008-10 and delivered Hague Lectures on Private International Law in 2001.</p>

SANDS	 <p>Professor Philippe Sands QC, University College London / Barrister, Matrix Chambers</p> <p>Professor Philippe Sands QC is Professor of Law at University College London and a practising barrister at Matrix Chambers. He frequently appears before international courts, including the ICJ and the ICC, acts as an arbitrator at ICSID, the PCA and CAS. He has been involved in significant cases of recent years, including Pinochet, Congo, Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Iraq and Guantanamo. He is the author of several books, the most recent being <i>East West Street: On the Origins Of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity</i>, winner of the Baillie Gifford Prize (2016) and the Prix Montaigne (2018). He is a frequent contributor to the <i>Financial Times</i> and the <i>Guardian</i>. His latest project is <i>The Ratline</i>, a BBC podcast, which is the subject of his next book. He is President of English PEN and on the board of the Hay Festival.</p>
SMITH	 <p>Ms Fedelma Claire Smith, Senior Legal Counsel and PCA Representative in Singapore</p> <p>Ms Fedelma Claire Smith is Senior Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) and serves as the PCA Representative and Legal Officer in Singapore under the PCA-Singapore Host Country Agreement concluded in July 2017. The PCA is an intergovernmental organisation established by treaty in 1899, which provides services for the resolution of disputes involving various combinations of states, state entities, intergovernmental organisations and private parties. The PCA's docket currently encompasses over 150 diverse disputes involving territorial, maritime, treaty and environmental disputes between states, and commercial and investment cases under investment treaties and contracts. Ms Smith provided assistance in the Eritrea-Ethiopia boundary arbitration, the Abyei arbitration between the Government of Sudan and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/Army, and the land and maritime boundary arbitration between Croatia and Slovenia. She serves as tribunal secretary in a number of significant investor-state and commercial cases. Ms Smith also assists the PCA Secretary-General in the appointment of arbitrators, and frequently writes and presents on issues of public international law and international dispute resolution. From 2012 to 2014, Ms Smith was the PCA Representative and Legal Officer in Mauritius, assisting with implementation of the Mauritius International Arbitration Act and educational and outreach activities to promote PCA services in Africa and the Indian Ocean region.</p> <p>From 2008 to 2010, Ms Smith served as associate legal officer and law clerk at the International Court of Justice, where she was law clerk to Judge Awn Al-Khasawneh and Judge Sir Kenneth Keith. Ms Smith is a member of the Bar of England and Wales and a Harmsworth Scholar of the Middle Temple, and completed pupillage in London in the fields of civil, public, and family law. She holds a BA in English Law with German Law from Oxford University, where she was awarded the Wadham College Scholarship and the Peter Carter Memorial Prize, and an Advanced LLM cum laude in Public International Law from Leiden University.</p>
TAN	 <p>Dr Tan Hsien-Li, Co-Director (Teaching), ASEAN Law and Policy Programme, NUS Centre for International Law</p> <p>Dr Tan Hsien-Li is the Co-Director (Teaching) for the ASEAN Law and Policy Programme at the Centre for International Law (CIL) and Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS). Dr Tan has held fellowships at the European University Institute, Florence, and the Jean Monnet Center for International and Regional Economic Law and Justice, NYU School of Law. She was also the AsianSIL Research Fellow at NUS and the Ushiba Memorial ASEAN Fellow in Tokyo. Dr Tan researches on the role and the rule of law and institutions in ASEAN integration; public international law, particularly on institution building and norm creation; and human rights and peace and security. She is the author of <i>The ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights</i> (2011) and co-author of <i>Promoting Compliance: The Role of Dispute Settlement and Monitoring Mechanisms in ASEAN Instruments</i> (2016) and <i>Can ASEAN Take Human Rights Seriously</i> (2019) (all titles published by Cambridge University Press).</p>

THOMAS	 <p>Mr J Christopher Thomas QC</p> <p>While in private practice, Mr Chris Thomas acted as counsel to various governments and private sector clients and, as such, advised on different international trade negotiations at the bilateral, trilateral and multilateral levels. He has been involved in the design, drafting and 'legal scrubbing' of treaty texts, and has argued many international trade cases before domestic administrative tribunals and international trade dispute settlement panels. Starting in the mid-1990s, he began to act as legal counsel in investor-State (ISDS) claims brought against the Government of Mexico, and his firm was active in many WTO disputes. He has also been called upon from time to time to provide legal opinions and expert reports on international trade and investment issues. In 2008, he decided to no longer accept briefs as counsel in ISDS cases and began to accept appointments to various international investment treaty tribunals. Since then he has acted as an arbitrator in many treaty and commercial cases. He also joined the NUS Centre for International Law (2012–18) as a Senior Principal Research Fellow, and while at the Centre appeared before the Singapore Court of Appeal as <i>amicus curiae</i> in two cases (in the second case, together with CIL's Research Associate Professor N Jansen Calamita). In June 2018, he concluded his six-year tenure with CIL and returned to Canada, where he continues his practice as an international arbitrator.</p>
WEERAMANTRY	 <p>Dr Romesh Weeramantry, Counsel, Clifford Chance Asia</p> <p>Dr Romesh Weeramantry specialises in investment treaty disputes and complex cross-border commercial arbitrations. He has worked at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal and at the United Nations Compensation Commission, which resolved claims resulting from Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. His publications include <i>The Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance: Commentary and Annotations</i> (2nd edn, Sweet & Maxwell 2015), <i>Treaty Interpretation in Investment Arbitration</i> (Oxford University Press 2012) and <i>International Commercial Arbitration: An Asia-Pacific Perspective</i> (Cambridge University Press 2011). He is a General Editor of the <i>Asian Dispute Review</i>, a General Arbitration Editor of the <i>Hong Kong White Book</i> and an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Hong Kong. He also serves on the Editorial Board of the <i>ICSID Review</i>, the IBA Subcommittee on Investment Treaty Arbitration, and the Hong Kong Arbitration Charity Ball Committee.</p>
WHYATT	 <p>Mr Justin Whyatt, Assistant Secretary (Legal Adviser), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia</p> <p>Mr Justin Whyatt is the Assistant Secretary (Legal Adviser), Transnational and Sea Law Branch, at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. His branch is responsible for advice on law of the sea issues, Antarctica, sanctions and transnational crime.</p> <p>Mr Whyatt was closely involved in the UNCOS Conciliation with Timor-Leste that resulted in Australia and Timor-Leste agreeing their maritime boundaries. He is currently leading Australia's delegation to negotiations on a new UNCLOS treaty on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction.</p> <p>Mr Whyatt has previously served as Director of the Sea Law, Environment Law and Antarctica Section, Director of the Middle East Section, Counsellor at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC, and Second Secretary and Australian Trade Commission Country Manager at the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh.</p>

YEE	 <p>Mr Lionel Yee SC, Deputy Attorney-General of Singapore, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore</p> <p>Prior to his current appointment, Mr Lionel Yee SC was the Solicitor-General from 1 February 2014 to 13 January 2017. He served as a Judicial Commissioner of the Singapore Supreme Court from February 2013 to January 2014 and was Singapore's Second Solicitor-General from January 2011 to January 2013. Between July 2008 and May 2012, he was the Director-General of the International Affairs Division in the Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore, which provides advice on public international law to all agencies of the Singapore Government. He was appointed a Senior Counsel in 2013.</p>
YEOW	 <p>Ms Danielle Yeow, Deputy Director-General, International Affairs Division, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore</p> <p>Ms Danielle Yeow provides legal and strategic advice and representation to the Singapore Government including on international trade and investment, security, international legal criminal cooperation, aviation, and human rights issues.</p> <p>Ms Yeow was formerly the Deputy Chief Executive/Deputy Director-General of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS), where she oversaw the administration of the intellectual property systems and legal framework in Singapore, as well as IPOS's domestic and international strategic and policy directions. She was Chair of the General Assembly of Parties of the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (2009–10) at the WIPO and was also appointed as a WIPO expert on mission. Her previous roles include that of criminal prosecutor, District Judge and law clerk to the Chief Justice of Singapore.</p> <p>Ms Yeow was previously an advisor to the Singapore Government before the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea in the <i>Case concerning Land Reclamation by Singapore in and around the Straits of Johor (Malaysia v Singapore) Provisional Measures (2005)</i>. She was the lead counsel for Singapore in the TPP negotiations and was formerly the lead negotiator on intellectual property issues in EU-Singapore and TPP negotiations. She was Singapore's delegate at the UNGA including on the 6th Committee, and consultations on the resolution on oceans, law of the sea and sustainable fisheries. Recently, Ms Yeow led the legal team in Singapore's Third Party intervention in WTO DS512 <i>Russia – Measures Concerning Traffic in Transit</i>. She is also a member of the Genetic Modification Advisory Committee established by the Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry to advise on the R&D, as well as the production, release, use and handling of GMOs in Singapore.</p> <p>Ms Yeow has spoken widely on a range of trade and investment related issues, including most recently on the topic of 'Mega-Regional Trade Agreements – The Way Forward?' at the Hague Academy External Programme, Singapore in November 2018. She is also regularly invited to speak on international cyber law issues and was appointed a seminar co-leader of the 'The Applicability of International Law to State Behaviour in Cyberspace Course', at the George C Marshall European Centre for Security Studies in August 2018 in Germany.</p> <p>Ms Yeow received her LLB (Honours) from the University of Bristol and obtained her LLM from the University of Cambridge (First Class Distinction). She attended the Executive Programme in International Management, National University of Singapore – Stanford University Graduate School of Business. She is admitted as an advocate and solicitor to the Supreme Court of Singapore and a Barrister-at-Law (Middle Temple), England & Wales.</p>