

# ASEAN Law Academy 2019

Changemaker Programme 15–21 August

Educator Programme 15–23 August



## **On the importance of ASEAN**

*'Unlike the protectionist trend elsewhere, ASEAN remains committed to free trade, regional integration and open economies... When concluded, RCEP (The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership of ASEAN and six other economies) will be one of the biggest free trade areas in the world.'*

- Ambassador Tommy Koh, Chairman of the CIL Governing Board and Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Singapore

*'I have witnessed how the interests and concerns of Member States are amplified internationally when ASEAN speaks with one voice. ASEAN is also capable of summoning a spirit of unity which is unparalleled. Even when faced with the thorniest of issues, leaders and officials work tirelessly to find common ground, and achieve agreement by consensus. This is not a trivial undertaking, given the diversity of the region we sit in.'*

- Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore

*'ASEAN itself manifests what could be achieved – with the requisite political will and diplomatic persistence – to fundamentally transform a region from one marked by conflict and trust deficit to one of stability and strategic trust.'*

- Dr Marty Natalegawa, Foreign Minister of Indonesia (2009-14) and author of *Does ASEAN Matter? A view from within* (2018)

*'We in Southeast Asia, we have never been more important in the world, and relatively speaking now even more given the unclear situation in Europe.'*

- Dr Surin Pitsuwan, former ASEAN Secretary-General

## **Feedback from participants of the 2018 ASEAN Law Academy**

*'I loved the Academy! I learned so much and made very interesting realisations about the possibilities for ASEAN and probably what is needed to be done to achieve integration. My original ignorance on the matter has been replaced with optimism and hope.'*

*'The quality of practicum questions was high, the practicalities of issues that were brought and because the delegates were high quality too. Please continue to invite ASEAN civil servants to participate. This helps us to know each other better in an intensive environment; a few will likely rise to national prominence in due course.'*

*'The practicum was actually really helpful for those government officials whose work involves negotiations, whether of a legal instrument or otherwise.'*

*'Excellent trainers, excellent materials, very relevant and interesting topics and excellent organising. Thank you very much! I got a lot of useful information, greatly increased my interest in and positive attitude towards ASEAN, and made great friends in other ASEAN states.'*

*'Great balance between the theory and actual practices.'*

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(Includes Pedagogical Workshop and Conference)

## About

ASEAN has for some time been an important political, economic and legal reality in its 10 Member States. The annual Academy aims to equip policy makers, practitioners and academics with a deeper understanding of ASEAN institutions and key developments in ASEAN's economic integration, foreign affairs and legal framework.

From 15 to 23 August 2019, the Centre for International Law (CIL) of the National University of Singapore will hold the second edition of its acclaimed ASEAN Law Academy, a cross-disciplinary master's level intensive course aimed at those working in the fields of politics and governance, economics and law. The Academy was initiated during the Singapore Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2018. While the inaugural academy in 2018 was focussed on policy makers and practitioners, the 2019 edition expands its focus with a programme created for tertiary educators.

## Changemaker Programme

The creation and development of the ASEAN community lie in the hands of policy makers in government and regional institutions, practitioners in the private sector and civil society, and ASEAN's external partners. As regional integration becomes more complex and detailed, it is a challenge for practitioners in the various sectors of ASEAN to keep abreast of broad developments. With the constant focus on executing policies, practitioners will have the rare opportunity to meet to discuss issues in depth and to forge a common understanding of long-term priorities of the regional project, beyond interests at the national or company level. Expanding on its highly acclaimed 2018 programme, this year's ASEAN Law Academy offers changemakers the opportunity to engage in specialised content and practicums on selected topics. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to interact with academics spearheading research on ASEAN and the education of future generations of ASEAN practitioners.

## *Who should attend*

- Government officials from ASEAN member states involved in all areas of ASEAN cooperation and policymaking, eg economics, trade, investment, law, foreign policy, etc.
- ASEAN Secretariat officials
- Government officials from ASEAN's external partner countries
- Regional and international organisations' officials with an interest in ASEAN
- Legal practitioners and consultants advising clients in Southeast Asia
- Companies looking to benefit from ASEAN economic integration and trade agreements

## **Educator Programme**

The teaching of ASEAN at university level constitutes a concomitant imperative both as part of the general education we must impart to our students as well as the need for professionally trained graduates who can operate within the ASEAN environment, both in the public and private sectors, with professional competence and an adequate skill set. And yet teaching ASEAN remains a challenge—a result of many factors among them the cross disciplinary nature of the subject, the corresponding difficulty of creating syllabi of such and the lack of a tradition of ASEAN courses. When most of us went to university, there were few or no ASEAN courses in, say, law faculties but elsewhere as well.

The ASEAN Academy on law and policy will be holding a special session directed at University teachers already teaching or interested in teaching ASEAN law and policy. The first part of the programme will review the essential building blocks of ASEAN in its central areas of activity. The second part will be dedicated to the didactics of teaching ASEAN—syllabi, classroom techniques, exams and the like. It will also be a forum in which one could share experiences and exchange views related to the teaching of ASEAN. We encourage university teachers from all fields, especially those from the faculties of economics, law and political science, including those who have an interest in ASEAN but have not yet taught ASEAN, to apply and participate. The Educator Programme will conclude with an academic conference, recognising the correlation of pedagogical practice with the academic work of tertiary educators. The conference offers the opportunity for participants to present their ongoing research in ASEAN-related fields, obtain feedback and discover synergies with colleagues' research interests. Click [here](#) for the call for papers for the ASEAN Law Academy Conference.

### *Who should attend*

- Lecturers in tertiary institutions currently teaching or interested in teaching ASEAN-related modules
- Academics with a research interest in ASEAN and/or regional integration
- Scholars from all disciplines are welcome. Those from the faculties of political science/ international relations, law and economics will find this especially useful.

## **Directors and Trainers**

The Academy is directed by Professor Joseph Weiler (New York University) and Assistant Professor Tan Hsien-Li (National University of Singapore). The modules are created and taught by experienced professors and practitioners who are international subject experts.

## **Curriculum**

The curriculum is based on CIL's [ASEAN Integration through Law book series](#) published by Cambridge University Press. The Academy employs practice-based learning for greater relevance to the workplace and covers the key topics of the contemporary ASEAN, including the following:

- The governance and institutions of ASEAN
- Public bureaucracy in ASEAN and its Member States
- The ASEAN Economic Community—architecture, trade and investment
- Compliance, enforcement, monitoring and dispute settlement across ASEAN
- ASEAN external relations in the political and economic fields

## Tracks and Specialisations

This year's Academy offers two tracks: (1) the Changemaker Programme for professionals and executives involved in policy and practice and (2) the Educator Programme for researchers and teachers from academia.

For in-depth study, participants in both tracks will choose one specialisation most suited to their interests and expertise. Each specialisation will include one day of taught material followed by one day of practicum, where participants will discuss realistic scenarios so as deepen their grasp of the material.

Three specialisations are offered in 2019:

- (1) The ASEAN Free Trade Area and Rules of Origin
- (2) ASEAN Investment Law
- (3) ASEAN Foreign Relations and Regional Trade Arrangements

## Programme

The taught programme for Changemakers and Educators will run for 6 days, Thursday 15 – Wednesday 21 August (rest day on Sunday 18 August). The Educators programme includes two additional days: a Pedagogical workshop (Thursday 22 August) and the ASEAN Law Academy Conference (Friday 23 August).

Download the full programme and faculty list [here](#).

## Application

This programme is by selection only. Applicants should be fluent in English. The organisers will endeavor to allocate applicants to their first choice of specialisation.

Interested applicants should send their CV to [cil.events@nus.edu.sg](mailto:cil.events@nus.edu.sg) by **15 July 2019 (extended deadline)**.

## Course fee

The registration fee for the Changemaker programme (6 days) is USD 3,000.

The registration fee for the Educator programme (8 days) is USD 4,000.

The fee includes lunch, refreshments and course materials. The fee is inclusive of government taxes, exclusive of bank charges. The fee does not include local accommodation and travel expenses. For an estimate of expected costs, please see [here](#).

## Scholarships

Limited full and partial scholarships are available. Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for a scholarship. The full scholarship covers the following:

- Registration fees of USD 3,000 or USD 4,000
- Up to 10 nights of local accommodation (at an organiser-arranged hotel)
- Local transport from accommodation to the course venue

**Note 1:** Airfare and per diem are not included.

**Note 2:** Please note that for the Educator Programme, full scholarships are available only to participants who are (1) attending the full 9-day programme and (2) presenting a paper at the ASEAN Law Academy Conference.

# ASEAN LAW ACADEMY CONFERENCE: 'The Rules-based ASEAN Community'

Friday 23 August 2019

## Call for Papers

Deadline for abstract submission: **Extended to 15 July 2019**

The Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore is pleased to announce a call for papers for a conference on ASEAN Law and Policy on 23 August 2019. The one-day Conference follows from the annual ASEAN Law Academy, which will be held from 15 to 23 August 2019.

### Theme and Objective

The Conference, themed 'The Rules-based ASEAN Community', seeks to identify the diverse issues emanating from and impacting upon ASEAN law and policy especially in the areas of politics and international relations trade and investment, and socio-economic development in the region. The aim is to foster a community of scholars from the faculties of economics, law and political science who are interested in or working on various aspects of ASEAN Law and Policy, to come together to discuss our work in August.

### Topics

The scope of the conference is broad. Scholars may choose to write on any aspect of the rules-based ASEAN Community, including the following:

- ASEAN the organisation
- ASEAN regional integration and comparative regional integration
- International economic law and development, trade and investment
- The impact of ASEAN Law and Policy on the member states and/or member state jurisdictions
- ASEAN foreign policy and relations
- ASEAN or ASEAN states' interaction in the following domains:
  - General public international law
  - International criminal law
  - Environment and climate change
  - Human rights
  - History and theory of international law
  - Development
  - Dispute settlement
  - Law of international organisations
  - Law of the sea

### Participants

Drawing primarily from the participants of the ASEAN Law Academy Educator programme, we aim to gather a mix of junior and senior scholars interested in teaching and researching international law in the ASEAN region.

### Submission Deadline

We invite submissions of abstracts of not more than 500 words by 15 July 2019. Full papers should be submitted by 31 July 2019, so that discussants can prepare to respond to the papers.

**ASEAN LAW ACADEMY PROGRAMME OUTLINE**  
**CHANGEMAKER PROGRAMME/EDUCATOR PROGRAMME**  
**Thursday 15 – Friday 23 August 2019**

<b>Day 1: Taught Course</b> Thursday 15 August 2019	
10.30am – 11am	Opening Remarks and Welcome
11.30am – 12.30pm	Briefing for participants
1.45pm – 5.30pm	Public Bureaucracy in ASEAN <i>Professor Jon Quah</i>
6pm – 7.30pm	Welcome Dinner <i>Guest of Honor: Professor Tommy Koh</i>
<b>Day 2: Taught Course</b> Friday 16 August 2019	
9am – 10.30am	Public Bureaucracy in ASEAN <i>Professor Jon Quah</i>
10.45am – 12.45pm	ASEAN Economic Community Overview <i>Dr Chia Siow Yue</i>
<b>Day 3: Taught Course, Parallel Specialisations</b> Saturday 17 August 2019	
9am – 5pm	Parallel Specialisations  Group 1: The ASEAN Free Trade Area and Rules of Origin <i>Mr Stefano Inama</i>  Group 2: ASEAN Investment Law <i>Professor Jurgen Kurtz and Professor Cho Sungjoon</i>  Group 3: ASEAN's Foreign Relations <i>Professor Paruedee Nguitragool</i>
<b>Day off</b> <b>Sunday 18 August 2019</b>	

<b>Day 4: Taught Course, Parallel Specialisations Practicum</b> Monday 19 August 2019	
9am – 5pm	Parallel Specialisations Practicum  Group 1: The ASEAN Free Trade Area and Rules of Origin <i>Mr Stefano Inama</i>  Group 2: ASEAN Investment Law <i>Professor Jurgen Kurtz and Professor Cho Sungjoon</i>  Group 3: ASEAN's Regional Trade Arrangements <i>Ms Natalie Morris-Sharma (morning sessions) and Professor Damian Chalmers (afternoon sessions)</i>
<b>Day 5: Taught Course</b> Tuesday 20 August 2019	
10am – 3.30pm	Compliance Monitoring <i>Dean Simon Chesterman</i>
<b>Day 6: Taught Course</b> Wednesday 21 August 2019	
10am – 3.15pm	Compliance and Dispute Settlement <i>Professor Joseph Weiler</i>
4.30pm – 6.30pm	Interview with Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Singapore Sundaresh Menon and Certificate presentation
7pm – 9pm	Academy Dinner
<b>End of Changemaker programme</b>	

<b>Day 7: Educators Programme — Pedagogy Workshop</b> Thursday 22 August 2019	
9am – 10am	Pedagogical Overview <i>Professor Joseph Weiler</i>
10am – 11.30am	Teaching Methodologies/Setting Exams/Formats of Assessment/Class participation <i>Professor Joseph Weiler</i>
11.30am – 12pm	Briefing on Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia <i>Mr Eugenio Gomez-Chico</i>
1pm – 3pm	Teaching Methodologies <i>Professor Thio Li-ann</i>
3.15pm – 4.15pm	Teaching ASEAN Law <i>Assistant Professor Tan Hsien-Li</i>
4.15pm – 5.30pm	Research Methodologies Conducting Comparative studies on ASEAN Regional Trade Arrangements <i>Professor Joseph Weiler</i>
<b>Day 8: Educators Programme – ASEAN Law Academy Conference</b> Friday 23 August 2019	
9am – 5pm	Concurrent panels

## Programme Directors

### Professor Joseph Weiler

Professor JHH Weiler is University Professor at New York University, as well as holder of the European Union Jean Monnet Chair at New York University School of Law, Director of the Straus Institute for the Advanced Study of Law & Justice, and Co-Director of the Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization. He was until 2016 the President of the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy. Professor Weiler serves as Editor-in-Chief of EJIL (European Journal of International Law) and ICON (International Journal of Constitutional Law). He is also Professor at the National University of Singapore; Honorary Professor at University College, London; Honorary Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen; and Co-Director of the Academy of International Trade Law in Macao, China.

Professor Weiler is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He holds degrees from Sussex (BA); Cambridge (LLB and LLM); and The Hague Academy of International Law (Diploma of International Law). He earned his PhD in European Law at the EUI, Florence.

Professor Weiler served for many years as a member of the Committee of Jurists of the Institutional Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, inter alia co-drafting the European Parliament's Declaration of Human Rights and Freedoms. He is a WTO and NAFTA Panelist.

Professor Weiler is the author of articles and books in the fields of international, comparative and European law. His publications include *The Constitution of Europe – do the New Clothes have an Emperor?* (Cambridge University Press 1998); *The EU, the WTO, and the NAFTA: Towards a Common Law of International Trade?* (Academy of European Law, EUI, Florence/Oxford University Press 2000); *Un'Europa Cristiana* (Rizzoli 2003), *The Worlds of European Constitutionalism* (with Gráinne De Búrca) (Cambridge University Press, New York and Cambridge 2012), and a novella, *Der Fall Steinmann* (Piper 2000). He is currently completing a monograph *The ASEAN Way – A Prolegomena to a Theory of Asian Legal Integration* (Cambridge University Press) and a book on The Trial of Jesus.

### Assistant Professor Tan Hsien-Li

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 *The ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights* (2011) and co-author of *Promoting Compliance: The Role of Dispute Settlement and Monitoring Mechanisms in ASEAN Instruments* (2016) and *Can ASEAN Take Human Rights Seriously* (2019) (all titles published by Cambridge University Press).

### **Trainers and Contributors**

For trainers' biographies, please click [here](#).

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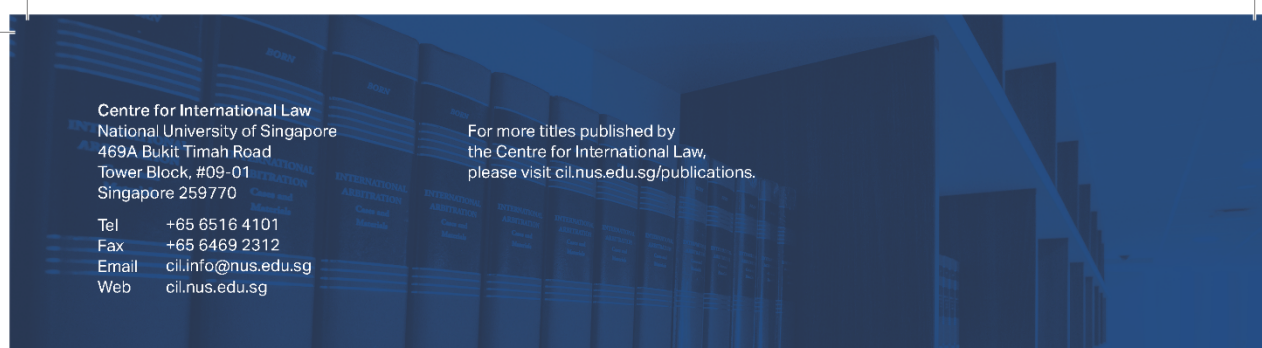
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## ASEAN Integration through Law (Cambridge University Press)

This book series evaluates ASEAN's community-building process and issues at the forefront of ASEAN law and policy. The series covers six themes: the general architecture and aspirations of ASEAN, the governance and management of ASEAN, the legal regimes in ASEAN, the ASEAN Economic Community, ASEAN and the world, and the substantive laws of ASEAN. The series editors are Professor Joseph Weiler and Dr Tan Hsien-Li.

### Selected Titles in the Series

**Promoting Compliance:  
The Role of Dispute  
Settlement and Monitoring  
Mechanisms in  
ASEAN Instruments**

Robert Beckman, Leonardo  
Bernard, Hao Duy Phan,  
Tan Hsien-Li and Ranyta Yusran

**Comparative Regional  
Integration: Governance  
and Legal Models**

Carlos Closa and Lorenzo Casini  
with Omri Sender

**From Community to  
Compliance? The Evolution  
of Monitoring Obligations  
in ASEAN**

Simon Chesterman

**The Foundation of  
the ASEAN Economic  
Community:  
An Institutional and  
Legal Profile**

Stefano Inama and  
Edmund W Sim

**The Role of the Public  
Bureaucracy in Policy  
Implementation in Five  
ASEAN Countries**

Edited by Jon ST Quah

**ASEAN as an Actor in  
International Fora: Reality,  
Potential and Constraints**

Paruedee Nguitragool and  
Jürgen Rüland

**ASEAN's External  
Agreements: Law, Practice  
and the Quest  
for Collective Action**

Marise Cremona, David Kleimann,  
Joris Larik, Rena Lee  
and Pascal Vennesson

**From Treaty-Making to  
Treaty-Breaking: Models  
for ASEAN External  
Trade Agreements**

Pieter Jan Kuijper, James H Mathis  
and Natalie Y Morris-Sharma

**Towards a Rules-Based  
Community: An ASEAN  
Legal Service**

Jean-Claude Piris and  
Walter Woon