



CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW
National University of Singapore

ASEAN Law Academy
Advanced Programme (online)
Changemaker Programme 2 – 18 February 2021
Educator Programme 2 – 26 February 2021



On the importance of ASEAN

'Unlike the protectionist trend elsewhere, ASEAN remains committed to free trade, regional integration and open economies...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)

Feedback from participants of the 2019 ASEAN Law Academy

'I would like to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of my co-participants, our deepest appreciation for all your efforts to bring us together and the put on an excellent program these past ten days. Your initiative demonstrates an inclusive attitude and an act of genuine desire to invest in building capacities of the participating ASEAN member states, institutions and key personalities in both the public and private sectors.'

'The Academy provided me not only precious knowledge on ASEAN Law but also networking of ASEAN scholars in this field. I am revising my teaching curriculum on International Trade Law with a focus on ASEAN perspective based on what I have learned from the Academy.'

'I've acquired understandings about our region and international public law which I'd not been familiar with before the program. From the perspective of a practitioner, I found the program very interesting, I learned a lot not only from the professors of NUS but also my colleagues, the participants.'

'Thank you for this & your hard work in organising the conference. Was a very enjoyable program overall - I learnt a lot that will directly assist my research.'

ASEAN Law Academy Advanced Programme 2021

Changemaker Programme: Tuesday 2 – Thursday 18 February 2021

Educator Programme: Tuesday 2 – Friday 26 February 2021

About

ASEAN has for some time been an important political, economic, and legal reality in its 10 Member States. The annual *ASEAN Law Academy Advanced Programme* (previously known as the *ASEAN Law Academy*) equips policymakers, practitioners, and academics with a deeper understanding of ASEAN institutions and key developments in ASEAN's economic integration, foreign affairs and legal framework.

From 2 to 26 February 2021, the Centre for International Law (CIL) of the National University of Singapore will hold the third edition of its acclaimed *ASEAN Law Academy Advanced Programme* via Zoom. The programme is a cross-disciplinary master's level intensive course for those working in the fields of politics and governance, economics, and law. Co-directed by Professor Joseph Weiler (New York University and National University of Singapore) and Assistant Professor Tan Hsien-Li (National University of Singapore), the modules are created and taught by an international faculty of experts from practice and academia.

Changemaker Programme

The creation and development of the ASEAN Community is in the hands of policymakers and practitioners in government and regional institutions, the private sector and civil society, and ASEAN's external partners. The ASEAN Law Academy enables changemakers to engage in specialised content and practicums on key topics and interact with influential ASEAN researchers and educators. This helps them keep abreast of ASEAN developments and provides a forum to discuss regional issues in depth.

Who should attend

- Officials from ASEAN member states, ASEAN's external partner states, and international organisations involved in all areas of ASEAN cooperation and policymaking
- Legal practitioners and consultants advising clients in the Asia-Pacific
- Companies looking to benefit from ASEAN economic integration and trade agreements
- A legal background is not required

Educator Programme

The imperative task of teaching of ASEAN at tertiary level, for general education and the need to train future graduates to operate within the ASEAN environment with professional competence and an adequate skill set, is a challenging one. In reviewing the essential building blocks of the ASEAN Community and the didactics of its teaching, the Educator Programme creates a forum for professors to share their experiences and exchange views on the teaching of ASEAN, as well as deeply engage with detailed syllabus modules for both undergraduate and graduate classes that they can then bring back to teach at their universities. Regardless of their experience and familiarity with ASEAN, we believe our programme has

immense value so we encourage all university teachers, *especially those from the faculties of economics, law, and political science*, to participate.

The Educator Programme concludes with an international academic conference – a valuable 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.

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
- A legal background is not required

Tracks and Specialisations

The ASEAN Law Academy Advanced Programme 2021 offers two tracks: (1) the Changemaker and (2) the Educator Programme. For in-depth study, participants in both tracks should choose one specialisation most suited to their interests and expertise. Each specialisation will include lectures and practicum; participants will discuss realistic scenarios so as to deepen their grasp of the material.

Three specialisations are offered:

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

Advanced Programme Curriculum

The curriculum is based on CIL's [ASEAN Integration through Law book series](#) published by Cambridge University Press. The ASEAN Law Academy seeks to empirically address 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

Programme

Lectures and seminars will be conducted online on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3-6pm (UTC+8). Download the full programme and faculty list [here](#).

Changemaker Programme: 2-4, 9-11, 16-18 February 2021

Educator Programme: Above dates, with additional pedagogical programme from 23-25 February 2021

The ASEAN Law Academy conference is a full day conference on Friday 26 February 2021

Application

This programme is by selection only. Applicants should fulfil at least one of the following requirements:

- Familiarity with at least one aspect of ASEAN cooperation in either a practitioner or academic setting, OR
- Comparative expertise in law, public policy, political science or economics in one or more Southeast Asian countries, OR
- Have completed the [ASEAN Law Academy Foundation Programme](#) (Click to access the free Foundation Programme)

Applicants should be fluent in English. The organisers will endeavor to allocate to applicants their first choice of specialisation.

Interested applicants should complete the [online application form](#) by 15 January 2021.

The revised deadline for scholarship applications is 15 January 2021 (see below).

Course fee

The registration fee for the Changemaker programme (9 days) is SGD 1,300

The registration fee for the Educator programme (13 days) is SGD 1,600

The fee includes course materials. The fee is inclusive of government taxes, exclusive of bank charges.

Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available. Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for a scholarship. The scholarship covers the programme fees of SGD 1,300 or SGD 1,600.

The revised deadline for scholarship applications is **15 January 2021**.

Note: Please note that for the Educator Programme, scholarships are available only to participants who are (1) attending the full 4-week programme and (2) presenting a paper at the ASEAN Law Academy Conference.

ASEAN LAW ACADEMY ADVANCED PROGRAMME OUTLINE

CHANGEMAKER PROGRAMME/EDUCATOR PROGRAMME

Tuesday 2 – Friday 26 February 2021

(Timings for UTC+8)

Week 1	
Tue 2 Feb	<i>Programme Opening Opening lecture by Professor Tommy Koh</i>
Wed 3 Feb	<i>Overview of AEC Progress and Evaluating the AEC Blueprint 2025</i>
Thu 4 Feb	<i>Organising the Public Bureaucracy to Ensure Effective Implementation and Compliance with ASEAN Commitments</i>

Week 2	
Tue 9 Feb – Thu 11 Feb	Concurrent specializations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The ASEAN Free Trade Area and Rules of Origin</i> • <i>ASEAN Investment Law</i> • <i>ASEAN Foreign Relations and Regional Trade Arrangements</i>

Week 3	
Tue 16 Feb – Thu 18 Feb	<i>Compliance Monitoring and Dispute Settlement</i>

Week 4	
Tue 23 Feb – Thu 25 Feb	<i>Teaching/Research/Writing/Conference Methodologies</i>
Fri 26 Feb	<i>ASEAN Law Academy Conference</i>

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.

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.

Trainers

- Dean Simon Chesterman
National University of Singapore
- Dr Chia Siow Yue
Economic Consultant, Singapore
- Professor Cho Sungjoon
Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, United States of America
- Mr Stefano Inama
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Switzerland
- Professor Tommy Koh
Centre for International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- Professor Juergen Kurtz (syllabus design for ASEAN Investment Law specialisation)
European University Institute, Italy
- Ms Natalie Morris-Sharma
International Legal Division, Ministry of Law, Singapore
- Professor Paruedee Nguitragool
Chiang Mai University, Thailand
- Professor Jon Quah
Anti-Corruption Consultant, Singapore
- Professor Juergen Rueland
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