



## MISSION AND VISION

The mission of CIL is to enable Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region to play a more significant role in the promotion and development of international law. CIL's vision is to become a regional intellectual hub and thought leader for research on and teaching of international law.

## **Centre for International Law**

CIL was established as a university-level research institute at the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2009, in response to the growing need for international law thought leadership and capacity building in the Asia-Pacific region. CIL's focus areas of research and training are ocean law and policy, ASEAN law and policy, investment law and policy, and international law and practice.

### **Public International Law**

#### Focus Areas

- International law making
- Human rights
- International humanitarian law
- International migration
- International dispute resolution



Nilüfer Oral Patrícia Galvão Teles

#### **Key Events and Teaching**

- CIL Academy of International Law
- Distinguished Speakers Series

## Ocean Law and Policy

#### **Focus Areas**

Law of the sea disputes, South China Sea, global and regional governance, shipping and IMO regulations, submarine cables, deep seabed mining, BBNJ, maritime security, marine environment, climate, marine plastics



Robert C Beckman

#### Key Events and Capacity Building

- CIL-ANCORS Maritime Boundaries workshop
- Roundtable on Sea-Level Rise, co-organised as an International Law Commission Intersessional Meeting of the Sea-Level Rise Committee
- Conferences and workshops on South China Sea, protection of the marine environment in Southeast Asia, deep seabed mining
- Law of the Sea Training Course for the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Climate Change and Law of the Sea Training Course for the Singapore Ministry of Foreign and Affairs JICA

# **ASEAN Law and Policy**

#### Focus Areas and Projects

- ASEAN Integration Through Law Project where more than 80 scholars and practitioners around the world carried out diverse studies on ASEAN Communitybuilding and integration.
- Major conferences were held in Singapore, Indonesia and Vietnam to engage with regional policymakers, practitioners and scholars.
- A seminal ASEAN Integration Through Law Policy Recommendations Booklet was published.
- CIL Document Database



Tan Hsien-Li

#### Key Event and Capacity Building

- Taught by an international faculty of experts from academia and practice, the annual ASEAN Law Academy Advanced Programme consists of the changemaker and educator tracks.
- The changemaker track is an intensive master's level course for policymakers, practitioners, and scholars from the disciplines of law, economics, and political science, while the educator track supports professors to expand the teaching of ASEAN across the region and beyond.
- The online ASEAN Law Academy Foundation Programme introduces aspects of ASEAN cooperation.

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# **Investment Law and Policy**

#### Focus Areas and Projects

- Investment treaties and national governance project
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Handbook on Investment Treaty Commitments
- ASEAN and the Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), and ISDS Report to ASEAN Secretariat
- International investment law clinic (TradeLab) with the NUS Faculty of Law



Jansen Calamita

#### Key Event and Capacity Building

- Investment Treaties and Governance
- International Investment Court Proposals
- Managing the Reform of Investment Treaty Portfolios
- Managing International Investment Legal Frameworks Training Course for MFA Singapore

# **International Dispute Resolution**

#### Focus Areas and Projects

- Investor-state conciliation and mediation
- Dispute settlement mechanisms under international treaties
- International arbitration



Romesh Weeramantry

### Key Events and Capacity Building

- Singapore International Arbitration Academy
- Commercial Applications of Public International Law

# Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia (TRILA)

#### **Focus Areas and Projects**

- State of teaching and researching international law in Asia
- TRILA 2020 Report, on the 2018 TRILA Singapore Conference and results of the 2018 survey on the challenges of and opportunities in teaching and studying of international law



Antony Anghie

#### Key Events and Capacity Building

- TRILA conference
- Country-specific workshops co-organised with host universities
- Collaborated with universities in Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand and Central Asia

## **Nuclear Law and Policy**

#### Focus Areas and Projects

Governance of nuclear safety, security, and civil liability for nuclear damage at the international and ASEAN levels



Denise Cheong

#### Key Events and Capacity Building

- Participation in international and regional events including those organised by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), OECD Nuclear Energy Agency and ASEAN Regional Forum
- Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific Nuclear Energy Experts' Group; observer status at the UNECE meetings on the Espoo Convention and the Kyiv Protocol; IAEA International Nuclear Security Education Network
- Nuclear Matters at CIL podcast series

## Global Health Law and Governance

#### Focus Areas and Projects

Global Health Governance, One Health, International Health Regulations, Covid-19, Pandemic Treaty, Data Sharing, Access to Medicines and Vaccines. Projects include International Law Association Steering Committee on One Health, Duke-NUS Centre for Outbreak Preparedness (COP) Coordination Platform for enhanced outbreak preparedness and resilience for countries across South and Southeast Asia, and O'Neill Institute & Foundation for NIH, Consultations on A Pandemic Treaty



Avelet Berman

#### Key Events and Capacity Building

- Global Health Law and Governance Training Course for the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Global Health Governance Reform: Asia Perspectives, co-sponsored by CIL and NYU U.S.-Asia Law Institute
- Global Access to COVID-19 Vaccines, co-sponsored by NUS CIL and the Swiss Embassy to Singapore
- COVID-19: A New Surveillance Era?, ASIL and CIL cosponsored event, CIL Covid-19 and International Law e-conference series

# Climate Change Law and Policy

#### Focus Areas and Projects

Climate Change global and regional international governance, Paris Agreement implementation, operationalisation, monitoring and compliance, international carbon market governance, climate change and trade and investment, climate change and international security climate change and international environmental governance climate change and oceans climate change and sustainable corporate governance



Danielle Yeow

#### Key Events and Capacity Building

- Coverage of COP26
- After Glasgow The Take of Chief Negotiators on the Results of COP26 and the Road Ahead
- CIL Special Post COP26 Ocean Focused Webinar

# International Trade Law and Policy

#### Focus Areas and Projects

- World trade law
- Regional trading arrangements of the Asia-Pacific



Joseph Weiler

#### Key Events and Capacity Building

 CIL Academy of International Trade Law-Foundational and Advanced courses (up to 32 classroom hours) with optional exam.

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# Key Publications









## **NUS Centre for International Law Book Series**

This book series examines international issues from legal, political and policy perspectives, providing critical analysis on issues of international law relevant to the region, including ocean law and policy, ASEAN law and policy, trade and investment law and policy, and international dispute resolution. This book series includes three books on the South China Sea.



### **ASEAN Integration Through Law Book Series**

Published by Cambridge University Press, the groundbreaking ASEAN Integration Book Series written by experts on ASEAN law and policy is the authoritative voice on legal integration in the ASEAN community. The 18 titles (to date) cover topics including the governance and institutions of ASEAN; the ASEAN Economic Community — architecture, trade and investment; compliance, enforcement, monitoring and dispute settlement across ASEAN; and ASEAN external relations.



International law is Singapore's shield and sword.

Ambassador Tommy Koh Chairman, Governing Board, NUS Centre for International Law





# CIL Singapore Academy of International Law (CIL Academy)

Designed to train government officials and private practitioners in investment treaty arbitration, the academy is taught by the world's leading experts in international arbitration and combines theory, substantive and procedural law, and skill training in the field of investor-state arbitration.



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## **CIL Academy of International Trade Law**

This course constitutes the essential framework, the 'Higher Law' or even the 'Economic Constitution' of the international legal order. Taught by Professor Joseph Weiler – the fundamental building blocks of the international economic legal order are highlighted.



## **ASEAN Law Academy**

The ASEAN Law Academy was launched in 2018 when Singapore was ASEAN Chair, as one of the flagship contributions towards ASEAN Community-building. The academy offers undergraduate and master's level courses on ASEAN Law and Policy, and syllabi for professors to teach similar courses.

# **CIL-ANCORS Maritime Boundaries Training Course**

The Maritime Boundaries Workshop equips government officials with a range of specialist legal and technical skills in negotiating maritime boundary agreements, so that officials can assist their governments with maritime boundary delimitation, which is essential for good international relations and effective ocean management.





# Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia (TRILA)

The TRILA conference provides a forum to identify the challenges facing Asian law schools and address them in an informed, collaborative manner, in order to train a generation of Asian scholars, practitioners and diplomats who can engage in global debates and develop initiatives that enhance the international rule of law.

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