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**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. He serves as Editor in Chief of EJIL – the European Journal of International Law and ICON – the 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.

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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 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 2012), and a novella, *Der Fall Steinmann* (Piper 2000).

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<b>TAN</b>	<p><b>Dr TAN Hsien-Li</b>  <b>National University of Singapore Faculty of Law, Singapore</b>  <b>National University of Singapore Centre for International Law, Singapore</b></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.</p> <p>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). She is a co-editor of the Asian Journal of International Law and the general co-editor (together with Joseph Weiler) of the <i>ASEAN Integration Through Law Book Series</i> (Cambridge University Press).</p>
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<b>ORAL</b>	<p><b>Dr Nilüfer Oral</b>  <b>National University of Singapore Centre for International Law, Singapore</b></p>  <p>Dr Nilüfer Oral is Director of the Centre for International Law. Dr Oral has over 20 years of experience in the study, teaching and practice of international law. She has been a member of the Law Faculty at Istanbul Bilgi University since 1998. In 2016, she was elected by the UN General Assembly to the International Law Commission where she is co-chair of the study group on sea level rise in relation to international law. She has been nominated by Turkey to the International Law Commission (2022–2027). She has advised the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Turkey on matters related to the law of the sea and climate change, and served as a climate change negotiator between 2009 and 2016, and attended meetings held by the International Maritime Organization. She has also appeared before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.</p> <p>Dr Oral has worked with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). She has also served as chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (2013–2016). She is currently a member of the governing board of the International Council on Environmental Law (ICEL) and the steering committee of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law.</p> <p>Dr Oral is distinguished senior scholar at the Law of the Sea Institute at the University of California, Berkeley’s Law School. She was scholar-in-residence at the University of Virginia’s Law School in 2005 and has lectured on several occasions at the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy. Dr Oral has been a guest lecturer at the CIL Distinguished Speakers Series and a research consultant to the CIL Ocean Law and Policy programme. Dr Oral has also been involved as a legal expert on a number of projects with the EU, UNEP, UNDP and the Turkish Science Council on marine environmental and climate change issues.</p>

# Trainers

**Professor Simon CHESTERMAN**  
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Professor Simon Chesterman is David Marshall Professor and Vice Provost (Educational Innovation) at the National University of Singapore, where he is also Dean of NUS College and the Faculty of Law. He is also Editor of the *Asian Journal of International Law* and Co-President of the Law Schools Global League.

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 (NYU) School of Law Singapore Programme.

Prior to joining NYU, he was 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.

Professor Chesterman is the author or editor of 21 books, including *We, the Robots? Regulating Artificial Intelligence and the Limits of the Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2021), *Law and Practice of the United Nations* (with Ian Johnstone and David M Malone, Oxford University Press 2016); *One Nation Under Surveillance* (Oxford University Press 2011); *You, The People* (Oxford University Press 2004); and *Just War or Just Peace?* (Oxford University Press 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, and the changing role of intelligence agencies.

**Dr CHIA Siow Yue**  
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Dr Chia Siow Yue was formerly Executive Director and Professor of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (1996–2002); Director of the Singapore APEC Study Centre (1998–2002); founding Regional Coordinator of the East Asian Development Network (1998–2004); and professor of Economics at the National University of Singapore (1967–96).

Dr Chia obtained her BA Honours (Economics) from the University of Malaya in Singapore, MA in Economics and Statistics from the University of Manitoba (Canada) and PhD in Economics from McGill University (Canada). She specialises in development and international economics, and publishes on trade and regional economic integration, international labour mobility and foreign direct investment focussing on Singapore, ASEAN and East Asia. She has consulted for international and regional organisations including the World Bank, International Labour Organization, International Monetary Fund, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, World Trade Organization, Asian Development Bank, Asian Development Bank Institute, ASEAN Secretariat, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, as well as Singapore government agencies.

Dr Chia has over 150 publications in books, research monographs and journal articles. Her most recent include the following:

- 'Modalities for ASEAN Economic Integration: Retrospect and Going Forward'. *Singapore Economic Review*, v62, issue 3, 2017
- 'ASEAN Economic Integration and Physical Connectivity'. *Asian Economic Papers*, v15, issue 2, 2016
- 'Globalization and Regionalization: Singapore's Trade and FDI'. *Singapore Economic Review*, v60, issue 3, 2015
- 'Emerging Mega-FTAs: Rationale, Challenges and Implications'. *Asian Economic Papers*, v14, issue 1, 2015
- co-author with Michael G Plummer. *ASEAN Economic Cooperation and Integration: Progress, Challenges and Future Directions* (Cambridge University Press 2015).

**Professor Sungjoon CHO****Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, United States of America**

Professor Sungjoon Cho joined the Chicago-Kent faculty in 2003. His scholarly research and teaching interests include international law, international economic law, international relations, and comparative law. In his pre-academic career, Professor Cho represented the government of the Republic of Korea in negotiations under the World Trade Organization and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

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He is a member of arbitration panel roster under Chapter 14 (Dispute Settlement) of the Korea–European Union Free Trade Agreement. Professor Cho has advised the Korean government under various capacities. He has taught at Northwestern Law School, Fordham Law School, Seoul National University School of Law (Korea), Korean National Diplomatic Academy and Catholic University of Lublin (Poland). Professor Cho served as a co-chair of the International Economic Law Interest Group of the American Society of International Law from 2011 to 2013.

He has published numerous books, articles and op-ed pieces related to international economic law. His writings also appear frequently in the international news media, including the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Financial Times*. Professor Cho's works have been selected for the Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum twice (2007 and 2008). He received his LLB and MPA from Seoul National University. He holds an SJD (Doctor of Juridical Science) from Harvard Law School, where he was a Clark Byse Fellow. He is a member of the bar of the state of New York. He also holds a license to practise law in Korea.

**Mr Stefano INAMA****United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Switzerland**

INAMA

Mr Stefano Inama is a Chief and trade lawyer at the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD). For over 25 years, Mr Inama has been responsible for trade policy advice to governments during the WTO negotiations and the implementation aspects of WTO agreements, and during negotiations of Free Trade Agreements such as the ASEAN-China, EU-South Africa, Southern African Development Community and the Tripartite Free Trade area, as well free trade area negotiations among Latin American and the EU. He has been heading the preferences and trade laws section in UNCTAD. As Coordinator of the UNCTAD commercial diplomacy, he leads a network of research and training centres in developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America on WTO and regional trade issues. He teaches courses at the University of Barcelona's Master of Laws in International Economic Law and Policy and the Master of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics Programme at the World Trade Institute in Bern, Switzerland. He is a programme associate at the Global Governance Program at the European University Institute. He graduated from the University of Bologna in Law and holds a Master of High European Studies LL.M., major in law for European Integration from the College of Europe, Belgium.

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Professor Jürgen Kurtz is Professor of International Economic Law jointly in the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies and the Department of Law at the European University Institute. He is also a Professor at the University of Melbourne Law School in Australia.

Professor Kurtz researches and teaches in the various strands of international economic law including the World Trade Organization and international investment law. Professor Kurtz's most recent book is *International trade, investment, and the Sustainable Development Goals : World Trade Forum* (Cambridge University Press, 2020). His other research interests engage legal hermeneutics, jurisprudential borrowing in public international law, political economy and development theory.

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Ms Morris-Sharma is a Deputy Senior State Counsel in the Attorney-General's Chambers' International Affairs Division. She was previously a legal advisor to Singapore's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, and was the Director of the International Legal Division in Singapore's Ministry of Law. Ms Morris-Sharma was the Chairperson of the UNCITRAL Working Group that developed the new Singapore Convention on Mediation. She was also the Vice-Chairperson of the 50th

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She has participated in the United Nations, both as the Vice-Chairperson of the Sixth Committee Bureau at the 70th session of the UN General Assembly, and as the facilitator for the UN General Assembly's omnibus resolution on oceans and the law of the sea. She has served as head of delegation for Singapore at international meetings, including the ASEAN Senior Law Officials' Meeting and the Hague Conference Council on General Affairs and Policy.

Ms Morris-Sharma studied law at Cambridge University, obtained her Master of Laws in International Legal Studies from New York University's School of Law, and is called to the Bar in New York and Singapore. She is a recipient of the Public Administration Medal (Bronze).



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Professor Ramesh is an accomplished author and has written numerous public policy and governance works, specialising in Asian social policy. He is the co-author of textbooks including *The Public Policy Primer: Managing the Policy Process* (Routledge, 2010) and *Studying Public Policy: Policy Cycles and Policy Subsystem* (OUP, 2008). With over a hundred cited works, Professor Ramesh has published extensively in reputed international journals. In addition, he Professor Ramesh is the Editor of *Policy and Society*, and Associate Editor of *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*.

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Professor Jürgen RÜland, born 1953, studied Political Science, History and German Literature at the University of Freiburg, Germany. He earned a PhD in Political Science from the University of Freiburg in 1981 and his habilitation degree (Habilitation) at the same university in 1989. From 1978 to 1991 he worked as a research fellow at the Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute Freiburg. He was professor *pro tempore* of Political Science at the University Passau (1991–93) and professor of Political Science at the University of Rostock (1993–98). Since 1998 Professor RÜland holds a chair for International Relations at the University of Freiburg. From 2000 to 2002 he served as Dean of

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Professor RÜland was a visiting scholar at the University of Stanford, the National University of Singapore, the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, the University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, Chiang Mai University, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Asian Institute of Technology, Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, and FLACSO Argentina, Buenos Aires. Since 1999, with short interruptions, he has been external examiner at the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration of the University of Malaya. In 2009, Universitas Indonesia appointed him as an Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences.

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Professor RÜland authored or co-authored 15 monographs and edited or co-edited 23 books and special journal issues. He is the author or co-author of more than 160 journal articles and book chapters. He contributed, *inter alia*, to the *European Journal of International Relations*, the *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Security Dialogue*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Relations and Development*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Pacific Review*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Asian Survey*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, *European Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, *European Foreign Affairs Review* and *Asia Europe Journal*.

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