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ASEAN LAW & POLICY ACADEMY

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ASEAN Law and Policy Academy Flagship Programme 29 July – 5 August 2024



After three years in an online format, the ASEAN Law and Policy Academy returns to an in-person format in its sixth edition, conducted at the National University of Singapore (NUS) Bukit Timah Campus from 29 July – 5 August 2024.

A flagship programme of Centre for International Law (CIL) at NUS, the Academy is a cross-disciplinary master's level intensive programme for policymakers, practitioners, and academics working in the fields of politics and governance, economics, and law. It is founded on twelve years of research at CIL on ASEAN legal integration and institution building, including the [ASEAN Integration Through Law book series](#) published by Cambridge University Press.

Co-directed by Professor Joseph Weiler (New York University (NYU), NUS) and Dr Tan Hsien-Li (NUS), the modules are created and taught by an international faculty of experts from practice and academia and provides participants with a deeper understanding of ASEAN institutions and key developments in ASEAN's economic integration, foreign affairs and legal framework.

The Academy features a revamped syllabus that discusses ASEAN's responses to global issues and contemporary geopolitical shifts. Hence, while the core syllabus of ASEAN's rules-based integration emphasising the importance of legal and institutional frameworks remains, new modules on the ASEAN Economic Community, digital trade, international dispute resolution, law of the sea, climate change, and more are included.

Apply by **1 July 2024** at <https://cil.nus.edu.sg/event/asean-law-and-policy-academy-2024/>

Changemaker Programme (5 days, 29 July – 2 August 2024)

This Programme is designed for policymakers in governments and regional institutions of Southeast Asia and partner countries, as well as practitioners in the private sector and civil society. The Academy enables Changemakers to keep abreast of ASEAN developments, engage in specialised content and practicums on key topics and interact with influential ASEAN researchers and educators. The Changemaker Programme is taught over 5 days between 29 July – 2 August 2024, and is offered in-person only. See the Programme details at page 5.

Educator Programme (6 days, 29 July – 5 August 2024)

This Programme is for tertiary educators and/or researchers teaching and researching issues related to any aspect of ASEAN integration. The Academy's Educator Programme has received acclaim from senior faculty as well as aspiring academics, especially those from the faculties of economics, law, and political science. The Educator Programme comprises the main taught programme from Days 1-5, a half-day workshop on academic publishing and pedagogy, concluding with a full-day academic conference. Presentation at the conference is compulsory for participation in this Programme. Educator Programme participants have the option of in-person or online modalities. See the Programme details at page 5.

All Educator participants must submit a short abstract (max 500 words) of the unpublished paper/work-in-progress they wish to present. Please click [here](#) to view the Call for Papers.



Selection of Specialisations

For greater in-depth training in their area of interest, Academy participants (for both the Changemaker and Educator Programmes) are split into subject specialisations on days 3 and 4 of the Programme.

Three Specialisations are offered in 2024:

(1) *The ASEAN Economic Community*

- ASEAN Trade and the Indo-Pacific, *Ms Elizabeth Chelliah*
- Evaluating ASEAN's Economic Scorecard, *Dr Julia Tijaja*
- Beyond ASEAN: The New Economic Agreements, *Prof Pasha Hsieh*

(2) *ASEAN and Foreign Relations*

- ASEAN External Relations, *Mr Jason Tan*
- ASEAN and the South China Sea, *Dr Nguyen Thanh Trung*
- ASEAN and The High Seas Treaty – Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), *Ambassador Rena Lee*
- ASEAN Digital Economic Framework Agreement/Digital Trade, *Dr Ming Tan*

(3) *ASEAN Investment Law, Prof Jürgen Kurtz*

- An in-depth module examining regional law and governance in ASEAN through the lens of its unique foreign investment regime. This module includes a hands-on practicum on Investor-State Dispute Settlement in the ASEAN context.

For in-person attendees, spaces in each Specialisation are limited. The organisers will endeavor to allocate to applicants their first choice Specialisation.

Programme

The main lecture series for the Changemaker and Full Educator Programmes runs from 29 July – 2 August 2024. Lectures and seminars will be conducted primarily at NUS Bukit Timah Campus. Educator Programme participants have the option to attend the taught classes from 29 July – 2 August 2024 in person, or online. The ASEAN Law and Policy Conference on 5 August 2024 will take place via Zoom. Please refer to the Programme outline on page 5.

Who should attend?	
Changemaker Programme	Educator Programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials from ASEAN Member States, external partners, and/or international organisations involved in ASEAN cooperation/policymaking • Legal practitioners advising clients in the Asia-Pacific • Company executives benefitting from ASEAN economic integration and trade agreements • Legal background <u>NOT</u> required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecturers in tertiary institutions • Postgraduate-level students • Academics researching ASEAN or regional integration • Legal background and prior teaching experience <u>NOT</u> required

Application

Only selected applicants will attend the Academy. Applicants should be fluent in English, and 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
- Has completed the [ASEAN Law Academy Foundation Programme](#), OR
- Has attended previous iterations of the Academy.

Course Fees

Changemaker Programme (in-person only)	5 days	SGD 1,500
Educator Programme (in-person)	6 days	SGD 1,500
Educator Programme (online)	6 days	SGD 500
Specialisation Module only <i>(online, for returning Academy participants only)</i>	2 days	SGD 150

The fees include course materials and catering for in-person attendance. The fees are inclusive of government taxes, exclusive of bank charges, travel and accommodation costs.

Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available for the Changemaker and Educator Programmes. Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for a scholarship. The scholarship covers the programme fees of SGD 1,500, SGD 500, or SGD 150. It does not cover travel or accommodation for in-person participants. Please note that for the Educator Programme, scholarships are available only to participants whose papers are accepted for the ASEAN Law and Policy Academy Conference.



**ASEAN LAW AND POLICY ACADEMY
FLAGSHIP PROGRAMME**

Monday 29 July 2024 Day 1: Plenary – The ASEAN Community	
10:30–11:30am	<i>Opening Lecture – The ASEAN Community</i>
11:30am–12n	Programme Briefing
1–4pm	<i>ASEAN Economic Community – An Overview</i> , Dr Jayant Menon
4:30–6pm	<i>Distinguished Lecture</i> , Minister for Law Mr K Shanmugam in conversation with Professor Tommy Koh
6–7:30pm	Welcome Dinner
Tuesday 30 July 2024 Day 2: Plenary – ASEAN’s Rules-Based Order	
10am–1pm	<i>ASEAN Rule of Law and Rule of Institutions</i> , Dr Tan Hsien-Li
2–5pm	<i>ASEAN Climate Change and the Environment</i> , Dr Linda Yanti Sulistiawati
Wednesday 31 July – Thursday 1 August 2024 Days 3–4: Concurrent Specialisations (Participants select 1 of 3 specialisations)	
<p>Option 1: The ASEAN Economic Community</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>ASEAN Trade and the Indo-Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities</i>, Ms Elizabeth Chelliah 2. <i>Evaluating ASEAN’s Economic Scorecard</i>, Dr Julia Tijaja 3. <i>Beyond ASEAN: The New Economic Agreements</i>, Professor Pasha Hsieh <p>Option 2: ASEAN and Foreign Relations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>ASEAN External Relations</i>, Mr Jason Tan 2. <i>ASEAN and the South China Sea</i>, Dr Nguyen Thanh Trung 3. <i>ASEAN and The High Seas Treaty – Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)</i>, Ambassador Rena Lee 4. <i>ASEAN Digital Economic Framework Agreement/Digital Trade</i>, Dr Ming Tan <p>Option 3: ASEAN Investment Law (in-depth course and ISDS practicum), Professor Jürgen Kurtz</p>	

Friday 2 August 2024	
Day 5: Compliance, Monitoring, and Dispute Settlement	
9–11am	<i>Alternative Dispute Resolution: Mediation in ASEAN, Professor Joel Lee</i>
11.15am– 1.15pm	<i>Compliance, Monitoring, and Dispute Settlement, Professor Simon Chesterman</i>
2.15–4.15pm	<i>Investor-State Dispute Settlement, Professor Jürgen Kurtz</i>
4.15–4.45pm	Graduation Ceremony and Reception
Educator Programme Friday 2 August 2024	
9am–1.15pm	<i>As per main programme above</i>
2.15–4.15pm	<i>Educator Workshop, Professor Joseph Weiler</i>
4.15–4.45pm	Graduation Ceremony and Reception
Educator Programme Monday 5 August 2024	
9am–5pm	<i>ASEAN Law and Policy Academy Conference (via Zoom only)</i>

Programme Directors and Trainers

Professor Joseph Weiler

Professor Joseph Weiler is University Professor at NYU, as well as holder of the European Union Jean Monnet Chair at NYU School of Law. He was President of the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy from 2013–2016. He serves as Co-Editor in Chief of the European Journal of International Law (EJIL) and the International Journal of Constitutional Law. He is also Professor at NUS; 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 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).

Dr Tan Hsien-Li

Dr Tan Hsien-Li is the Co-Director of the ASEAN Law and Policy Programme at CIL and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, NUS. In 2023, Dr Tan received the Pingat Kepujian (The Commendation Medal) for her contributions to Singapore and the region on ASEAN integration. Dr Tan researches on ASEAN integration and public international law, particularly on institution building and norm creation; and human rights and peace and security. She has published in EJIL, Human Rights Law Review, and Michigan Journal of International Law. She is also the author/co-author of three books on ASEAN human rights institutionalisation and rules-based compliance in ASEAN (Cambridge University Press 2011, 2016, 2019). She is a Co-Editor of the Asian Journal of International Law and the general Co-Editor (together with Professor Joseph Weiler) of the ASEAN Integration Through Law Book Series (Cambridge University Press). She has held fellowships at EUI, 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.

Confirmed Trainers

- Ms Elizabeth Chelliah, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
- Professor Simon Chesterman, NUS
- Professor Jürgen Kurtz, University of Melbourne, Australia
- Professor Pasha Hsieh, Singapore Management University
- Professor Joel Lee, NUS
- Ambassador Rena Lee, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore/Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- Dr Jayant Menon, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore
- Dr Nguyen Thanh Trung, CIL
- Dr Linda Yanti Sulistiawati, Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law / NUS
- Dr Ming Tan, Tech for Good, Singapore
- Mr Jason Tan, International Affairs Division, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore
- Dr Julia Tijaja, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore

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 International Advisory Panel 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 ASEAN Law Academy Advanced Programme



“I've acquired understanding 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.”

“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.”

“As I venture forth into a career which deals with the ASEAN region, I can guarantee that the scholarship slot given to me will not go to waste. Please extend my thanks to everyone in NUS who has been instrumental in holding this informative and inspiring endeavour.”