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Professor Weiler is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2022 he was awarded the Ratzinger Prize by Pope Francis. 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. 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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and Ireland from 2014 to 2020. She also served at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York from 1997 to 2003, including being the Political Coordinator during Singapore's only term as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council from 2001 to 2002. At the Ministry HQ, she held various appointments and was responsible for the Americas, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Middle East and Africa, Singapore's only case before the International Court of Justice, as well as APEC and WTO matters.

Ms Foo was conferred the Public Administration Medal (Silver) by the Government of Singapore in 2008, the Dame Commander of the Victorian Order by Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II in 2014, the Freedom of the City of London in 2016, the National Day Long Service Medal in 2020, and the COVID-19 Resilience Medal in 2023.

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He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SymAsia Foundation of Credit Suisse (probono) and Co-Chairman of the China-Singapore Forum and the Japan-Singapore Symposium.

He served as Dean of the Faculty of Law of NUS, Singapore's Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, Ambassador to the United States of America, High Commissioner to Canada and Ambassador to Mexico. He was President of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea. He was also the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for and the Main Committee of the UN Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit). He was the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. He was Singapore's Chief Negotiator in negotiating an agreement to establish diplomatic relations between Singapore and China. He was also Singapore's Chief Negotiator for the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. He acted as Singapore's Agent in two legal disputes with Malaysia. He has chaired two dispute panels for the WTO.

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Ms Chelliah was previously a trade policy officer of the Singapore Mission to the WTO in 1998, where she covered matters related to the trade in goods, WTO DSB and WTO accessions. From 2005 to 2011, she was part of the Singapore APEC team involved in Singapore's hosting of APEC in 2009. From 2008-2010, she was also the Chair of the Committee for Trade and Investment. Since 2002, she has been extensively involved in FTA negotiations, such as being the Chief Negotiator for Singapore's FTA with Peru and leading several chapters during the TPP negotiations. Her last negotiating engagement was as Chair of the RCEP Intellectual Property Working Group that concluded in 2019. Since 2020, she has also taken on a trade consultancy role at Singapore Business Federation guiding SBF on FTA outreach and training for businesses.

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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 the founding Dean of NUS College. He serves as Senior Director of Al Governance at Al Singapore and Editor of the Asian Journal of International Law. Previously, he was Dean of NUS Law from 2012 to 2022 and Co-President of the Law Schools Global League from 2021 to 2023.

Educated in Melbourne, Beijing, Amsterdam, and Oxford, Professor Chesterman's teaching experience includes periods at the Universities of Melbourne, Oxford, Southampton, Columbia, and Sciences Po. From 2006-2011, he was Global Professor and Director of the New York University School of Law Singapore Programme. Prior to joining NYU, he was a Senior Associate at the International Peace Academy and Director of UN Relations at the International Crisis Group in New York. He has also 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 more than twenty books, including We, the Robots? Regulating Artificial Intelligence and the Limits of the Law (CUP, 2021); One Nation Under Surveillance (OUP, 2011); You, the People (OUP, 2004); and Just War or Just Peace? (OUP, 2001). He is a recognized authority on international law, whose 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, the changing role of intelligence agencies, and the emerging role of artificial intelligence and big data. He also writes on legal education and higher education more generally, and is the author of five novels including the Raising Arcadia trilogy and Artifice.

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Journal of International Law, the World Trade Review, the ICSID Review, Cornell, Michigan, and Northwestern international law journals, and peer-reviewed political science journals. The Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland, the United Nations ESCAP, and the OECD have cited his work.

Professor Hsieh is a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of International Economic Law and the Journal of World Investment & Trade and a panel member of the Hong Kong Research Grants Council. He has been invited to present on trade and sustainability law issues by the United Nations University, the European Parliament, the Korea National Diplomatic Academy, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the Singapore Judicial College. He was the Co-Chair of the American Society of International Law-Asia-Pacific Interest Group and is an Executive Council Member of the Society of International Economic Law.

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