

International Law Year in Review 2025

The United Nations at 80: Reflections and Projections

22 January 2025, Wednesday, Orchard Hotel Singapore

Time	Sessions
9:00 - 9:30	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Ms Rena Lee, Singapore's Ambassador for International Law Topic: 80 Years of the United Nations and International Law
09:30 - 10:30	 PANEL 1 REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION BEFORE COURTS AND TRIBUNALS MODERATOR Professor S Jayakumar, National University of Singapore PANEL (15 mins each) Judge XUE Hanqin, International Court of Justice Judge Dire Tladi, International Court of Justice Professor PAIK Jin-Hyun (former ITLOS President), Senior Adviser, Centre for International Law, Korea National Diplomatic Academy Q&A (15 mins)
10:30 - 10:45	COFFEE BREAK

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10:45 – 11:45	PANEL 2 WAR AND PEACE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL COURTS
	MODERATOR
	Professor Tommy Koh, National University of Singapore
	PANEL (15 mins each)
	 Topic: Ukraine – Russia Professor M. Jean-Marc Thouvenin, Professor of International Law at Université Paris Nanterre
	 Topic: Palestine – Israel Professor Phoebe Okowa, ILC Member, Professor of International Law at Queen Mary University of London
	 Topic: Myanmar Dr. Hsien-Li Tan, Associate Professor, NUS
	Q&A (15 mins)
11:45 - 12:45	PANEL 3 INTERNATIONAL LAW RESPONSES TO PLANETARY THREATS
	MODERATOR
	Dr. Nilufer Oral, Director of the Centre for International Law, NUS
	PANEL (15 mins each)
	 Topic: ITLOS advisory opinion on climate change and comments on the proceeding before the ICJ Mr. Lionel Yee, Deputy Attorney-General, Attorney General's Chambers, Singapore
	• <i>Topic</i> : Update on pandemic treaty Professor Gian Luca Burci, Adjunct Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

	 Topic: Al Law and Sustainability Dr. John Truby, Associate Research Professor in Al and Technology Law, CIL – NUS Q&A (15 mins)
12:45 – 13:30	LUNCH One-course meal individually plated and served at conference seat.
13:30 - 14:30	PANEL 4 INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ASIA MODERATOR Ms. Daphne Hong, Solicitor-General, Director-General, International Affairs
	 Division, Attorney-General's Chamber PANEL (15 mins each) Ambassador Damos Agusman, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Austria and Slovenia Ambassador Vilawan Manglatanakul, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Professor Lee Keun-Gwan, Seoul University Law School, Seoul National University Q&A (15 mins)
14:30 PM - 15:45 PM	 PANEL 5 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW ISSUES MODERATOR Professor Makane Moïse Mbengue, University of Geneva Law School PANEL (15 mins each) Topic: An update on the reform of investment arbitration Dr Charalampos Giannakopoulos, Senior Research Fellow, CIL-NUS
	• Topic: Major jurisprudence coming out of the investor-state disputes

	 Ms. Celine Lange, Lead International Dispute Resolution, CIL-NUS <i>Topic</i>: ICAO Council disputes Ms. Siew Huay Tan, Director, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore <i>Topic</i>: OECD global minimum tax regime Disference Louise Devices Interview College London
15:45 – 16:00	Professor Lauge Poulsen, University College London Q&A (15 mins) COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 17:00	SESSION 6 TOWN HALL
	MODERATOR Dr. Nilufer Oral, Director of the Centre for International Law, NUS (10 mins)
	OPENING DISCUSSION (50 mins)