

# Climate Change Conference

## *Post-GST and the Road to 2025*

### SPEAKERS' PROFILES

#### Welcome Remarks



**Dr. Nilufer Oral**

Director, NUS Centre for International Law  
Member, UN International Law Commission

Nilufer Oral is a member of the United Nations International Law Commission and co-chair of the Study Group on Sea-level rise in relation to international law. She served as a legal advisor to the Turkish Foreign Ministry for law of the sea and as a climate change negotiator. She is a Distinguished Fellow of the Law of the Sea Institute at Berkeley Law; has lectured at the Centre for International Law (NUS); the UN Regional Law Courses for International Law, and at the Rhodes Academy for the Law of the Sea.

Dr. Oral served on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Council (2012-2016); was Co-chair of the IUCN Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs (2006-2018); and Chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (2014-2017).

Dr. Oral is the series editor for the International Straits of the World publications (Brill); a member of the Board of Editors of the European Society of International Law Series; Associate Editor of the Research Perspectives in the Law of the Sea (Brill). She has published numerous articles and edited several books and has spoken at numerous international conferences.




**Prof. Petra Minnerop**

Director, Durham University Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy  
Deputy Executive Dean (Global), Faculty of Social Sciences and Health, Durham University  
Professor of International Law, Durham University

Professor Petra Minnerop works at the intersection of law and science in the context of sustainability, climate change and environmental degradation. Her research addresses how the law can be used to effectuate change in light of scientific evidence, to address global environmental crises. She uses comparative legal analysis and interdisciplinary methods and has published widely on climate change, environmental law and policy and international law.

In her administrative role at Durham University, she serves as the Chair of the UN SDG Group of the University, with responsibility for the University's reporting on Sustainability (QS) and the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (THE Impact ranking) in

	<p>the academic dimension. She leads on the University's engagement with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). She currently also serves as the Deputy Executive Dean (Global) of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Health.</p> <p>Petra is the founding Director of the Durham Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy (CSDLP). She is the lead PI on the flagship initiative of the CSDLP: the Just Transitions to a Net Zero World (JusTN0W) project that received investment of £5 million for the next four years, with the aim of becoming financially sustainable thereafter.</p> <p>Prior to joining Durham Law School, Petra has held academic positions at the Universities of Dundee, Munich and Göttingen, and worked as Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, and at the Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, Heidelberg. She is a member of the Bar in Germany.</p> <p>She studied at the Universities of Göttingen and Newcastle-upon-Tyne and completed her Dr. iur. under the supervision of Professor Dr Georg Nolte (summa cum laude), awarded with the prize for the best PhD thesis of the University of Göttingen.</p>
	<p><b>Mr. Joseph Teo</b> Chief Negotiator for Climate Change Singapore</p> <p>Mr. Joseph Teo was appointed Singapore's Chief Negotiator for Climate Change on 2 July 2018. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Teo has held various overseas assignments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was Singapore's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York (2015-2018), Deputy Chief of Mission at the Singapore Embassy in Belgium (2005-2008), and First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization in Geneva (1995-1998), where he was concurrently appointed Singapore's Consul in Switzerland.</p> <p>Mr. Teo also held varied appointments at MFA HQ in Singapore, including as Deputy Director-General, Americas Directorate. Mr. Teo was also Singapore's Deputy Chief Negotiator for Climate Change from 2012-2014, when he helped to coordinate the work of the Inter-Ministry Negotiating Team on all issues relating to the international climate change negotiations.</p>

## Just Transition



### **Prof. Damilola Olawuyi**

Independent Expert, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights  
Full Professor and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

Professor Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN is Professor and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development at the Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar. He is also director of the Institute for Oil, Gas, Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development (OGEES Institute) at Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria. He has published extensively in the fields of natural resources, energy, environment, and business and human rights law. His recent book *Environmental Law in Arab States* (Oxford University Press, 2022) received the 2023 American Society of International Law (ASIL) Certificate of Merit for High Technical Craftmanship and Utility to Practicing Lawyers. He is an Independent Expert on the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, Vice Chair of the International Law Association and Chair of the Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in Middle East and North African Universities (ASSELLMU); and Chair of the Academic Advisory Group of the International Bar Association's Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (SEERIL). He is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy*.

Professor Olawuyi holds a doctorate (DPhil) in energy and environmental law from the University of Oxford; a master of laws (LLM) from Harvard University; and another LLM from the University of Calgary. He has been admitted as Barrister and Solicitor in Alberta, Canada; Ontario, Canada; and Nigeria.



Professor Olawuyi is a regular media commentator on all aspects of natural resources, energy and environmental law.




### **Ms. Denise Cheong**

Head, Energy Law & Policy  
NUS Centre for International Law

Denise is a Senior Research Fellow and covers developments in two main areas, namely, Nuclear Law and Policy and Ocean Law and Policy. She is the CIL Project Coordinator for a three-year research project on nuclear safety and security. This project is being undertaken jointly with the Energy Studies Institute of the National University of Singapore and is funded through a National Research Foundation grant as part of the Singapore Government's Nuclear Policy Research Programme. As a member of the Ocean Law and Policy team, she is particularly interested in international law issues that impact on the preservation and protection of the marine environment. Prior to joining CIL, Denise worked with Linklaters (Singapore and Tokyo) for more than 10 years where she was a member of Linklaters award-winning global capital markets practice. Prior to joining Linklaters, she was a corporate and commercial lawyer with Allens in Sydney, Australia. Denise is an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore as well as a Solicitor of England & Wales.

	<p>She holds a LLB (Hons) and Master of Science (Environmental Management) (Shell Medal and Prize and Shell Best Dissertation Award winner) from the National University of Singapore.</p>
<p><b>Enhancing Ambition – The Law and Economics of Climate Change</b></p>	
	<p><b>Atty. Sim Ting</b>  Managing Director, Head of Corporate Services Group, and General Counsel, GenZero</p> <p>Ting is Managing Director and Head, Corporate Services Group at GenZero. She holds the role of General Counsel concurrently, where she provides leadership on legal support for climate investments, compliance and corporate governance matters.</p> <p>Before GenZero, she was at Shell for around 13 years, where she was the lead lawyer for significant investments, assets and projects in the energy value chain which spans across the upstream, LNG, gas, downstream and decarbonisation space.</p> <p>Ting started off in private practice, focusing on project finance and M&amp;A work. She has broad in-house experience across industries such as IT, F&amp;B, printing and hospitality.</p> <p>Ting graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Laws and has been admitted to practice law in Singapore.</p>
	<p><b>Prof. Pasha Hsieh</b>  Professor of Law and Jean Monnet Chair in EU-ASEAN Law and Relations, Singapore Management University School of Law</p> <p>Pasha L. Hsieh is Jean Monnet Chair Professor and Lee Kong Chian Fellow at the Singapore Management University Yong Pung How School of Law. He received his J.D. and LL.M. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a Senior Editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. Additionally, he holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Free University of Brussels. Prior to academia, he served as a Legal Affairs Officer at the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat and as an associate at Shearman &amp; Sterling LLP.</p> <p>Hsieh’s teaching and research primarily focus on international economic law, public international law, and Asian legal studies. His monograph, “New Asian Regionalism in International Economic Law,” was published by Cambridge University Press and has been translated into Chinese and Japanese. He co-edited the book, “ASEAN Law in the New Regional Economic Order: Global Trends and Shifting Paradigms,” also published by Cambridge University Press. His scholarly work has appeared in the Leiden Journal of International Law, the Journal of International Economic Law, the World Trade Review, the ICSID Review, Cornell, Michigan, and Northwestern international law journals, and peer-reviewed political</p>

	<p>science journals. The Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland, the United Nations ESCAP, and the OECD have cited his work.</p> <p>Hsieh is a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of International Economic Law and the Journal of World Investment &amp; 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 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. Furthermore, he has been awarded SMU's Lee Foundation Fellowship for Research Excellence, the Most Outstanding Legal Studies Teacher Award, and the Lee Kong Chian Fellowship. He has also won competitive research grants from the European Commission, the Korea Foundation, the Sumitomo Foundation of Japan, and the Ministries of Education of Singapore and Taiwan.</p>
	<p><b>Ms Danielle Yeow</b> Lead, Climate Change Law and Policy NUS Centre for International Law</p> <p>Danielle is a member of the Singapore Domain Name Dispute Policy Panel, Singapore Mediation Centre and a member of the International Law Association (ILA) Business and Human Rights Committee. She is an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore where she leads on climate change law and policy issues as well as cyber law and governance issues. Danielle is concurrently a Senior Advisor with DGA-Albright Stonebridge Group, and a Consultant with KGP Legal LLC (member of Inter-Asia Law Alliance).</p> <p>Danielle's experience spans across a range of public international law issues including trade and investment, environment and climate change, international security including international cyber norms, human rights, law of the sea and sanctions and compliance matters. She has advised and represented the Singapore Government at international negotiations and dispute resolution. Danielle was formerly the Deputy Director-General of the International Affairs Division of the Singapore Attorney-General's Chambers and Deputy Chief Executive/Deputy Director-General of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. She was also a formerly a District Judge; Justices' Law Clerk and criminal prosecutor. She was a Council Member of the Singapore branch of the ILA between 1st Jan 2017 and 31 Dec 2023.</p> <p>Danielle holds an LLB (Honours) from the University of Bristol and LLM (First Class Distinction) from the University of Cambridge. She is admitted as Advocate &amp; Solicitor (Supreme Court of Singapore) and Barrister-at-Law (England &amp; Wales) (Middle Temple).</p>

## Nature-based Solutions, Ocean and Climate Change



### **Atty. Railla Puno**

Associate Lead and Research Associate, Climate Change Law and Policy, NUS Centre for International Law

Railla is the Associate Lead and a Research Associate of the Climate Change Law and Policy Programme at the NUS Centre for International Law. Railla obtained her LL.M. degree in Environmental Law, specializing in Global Environmental Law, from Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law (summa cum laude) and holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Philippines.

She first developed an interest in international climate law and policy as a law student working for the University of the Philippines Institute for International Legal Studies. Since then, she has attended UNFCCC sessions in various capacities, including as negotiator and legal adviser for the Philippine government, and as Policy Coordinator for Climate Action Network, co-lead of the ENGO constituency. She previously worked for the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines as Legal Services Division Chief where she oversaw the national process for signing and ratifying the Paris Agreement and led the coordination of the Philippine delegation for COP 22 in Marrakesh. Railla has also done extensive research on oceans and climate, climate change and the rule of law, governance of climate geoengineering technologies, REDD+ and agriculture, and human rights and the environment, in collaboration with various intergovernmental organizations, national governments, and civil society groups.

Railla also holds a Bachelor of Science degree, major in Psychology, from the Ateneo de Manila University. She is a member of the Philippine bar since 2015.



### **Dr. Madhu Rao**

Senior Advisor (Asia Programme) and Director (Singapore), Wildlife Conservation Society

Chair, IUCN World Commission of Protected Areas

Adjunct Associate Professor, NUS Department of Biological Sciences

Madhu Rao is Senior Advisor (Asia Program) with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and Director of WCS Singapore. She is also the Chair of the IUCN World Commission of Protected Areas. She has earned her Master's and Ph.D degrees from Duke University and is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Department of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore. She has been involved with the development of science-based conservation projects focused on addressing threats to endangered species and natural ecosystems within and outside protected area systems in Southeast Asia and China. She also has experience with capacity development for protected area management in the Southeast Asia region. Her research interests include protected area governance, the exploitation of wildlife and human-wildlife conflict.

## Modalities and Means for Implementation



### **Ms. Diane Tan**

Deputy Director-General, International Affairs Division, Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore

Diane was appointed Deputy Director-General (Security) of the International Affairs Division (IAD) of the Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore (AGC) with effect from 1 July 2022. As DDG (Security), Diane oversees International Criminal Law and International Legal Criminal Cooperation, Security Proliferation, Diplomatic Law, International Human Rights Law, International Environmental Law, the Law of the Sea, and Aviation workstreams in IAD. In 2021, she was appointed as Singapore's Alternate Member to the Committee to facilitate implementation and promote compliance under the Paris Agreement (PAICC). She was re-appointed as Singapore's Member of PAICC in 2023.




### **Prof. Jolene Lin**

Director, NUS Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law  
Associate Professor, NUS Faculty of Law

Jolene Lin is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS) and Director of the Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law. She received her PhD from Erasmus University Rotterdam, LLM from New York University and LLB from the London School of Economics. Jolene is also an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore.

Jolene is a world-leading expert on climate change law. Her research has been published in leading international journals such as the *Journal of Environmental Law*, the *American Journal of International Law* and the *European Journal of International Law*. Jolene's edited collection on climate litigation in the Asia Pacific (with Douglas A. Kysar) is the first comprehensive scholarly examination of the emergence of climate litigation in the Asia Pacific. Her book, *Governing Climate Change: Global Cities and Transnational Lawmaking* (Cambridge University Press, 2018) reimagined the role of cities in the making and implementation of climate change laws and regulations. Jolene's latest book, written with Jacqueline Peel, *Litigating Climate Change in the Global South* (Oxford University Press, 2024) is the first systematic study of the "who, what, where and how" of the growing phenomenon of climate litigation across the regions of Latin America, Africa and Asia. The book offers new and exciting insights into the unique approaches and characteristics of Global South climate litigation.

Jolene is a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Environmental Law*, *Transnational Law*, the *Chinese Journal of Environmental Law and Climate Law*. Given her interest in the role of law in advancing climate action, Jolene serves on the global advisory board of Climate Change Legal Initiative (C2LI). Jolene is also a member of the Academic Circle supporting the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to development (2024-2026) and Vice-Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce Global Environment and Energy Commission. She has delivered public

	<p>lectures at the University of Amsterdam, University College London and Kings College London.</p> <p>At NUS, Jolene teaches tort law and climate change law. She received the NUS Faculty of Law's Teaching Excellence Award in 2020 and 2023. The award is given by NUS Law to recognise faculty members who have demonstrated a high level of commitment to teaching.</p>
	<p><b>The Hon. Justice Brian Preston</b> Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales</p> <p>Justice Preston is the Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales. Prior to being appointed in November 2005, he was a senior counsel practising primarily in New South Wales in environmental, planning, administrative and property law. He has lectured in post-graduate environmental law for over 30 years. He is the author of Australia's first book on environmental litigation and 146 articles, book chapters and reviews on environmental law, administrative and criminal law. He holds numerous editorial positions in environmental law publications and has been involved in a number of international environmental consultancies and capacity-building programs, including for judiciaries throughout Asia, Africa and the European Union. Justice Preston is an Official Member of the Judicial Commission of NSW, Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, Fellow of the Royal Society of NSW and Honorary Fellow of the Environment Institute of the Australia and New Zealand. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by Macquarie University in 2018 and a Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) by Western Sydney University in 2022. He is a member of various international environmental law committees and advisory boards, he serves on the Governing Council and as Vice President for Oceania of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment and Chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA). Justice Preston is currently a Visiting Professor at Durham University (UK), an Adjunct Professor at three Australian universities, the University of Sydney, Western Sydney University and Southern Cross University and former Visiting Fellow at Corpus Christi College and Magdalen College at Oxford University (UK).</p>