

Climate Change Conference

Post-GST and the Road to 2025

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

(In alphabetical order by surname)



Ms. Denise Cheong

Senior Research Fellow and Head, Energy Law and Policy
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Ms. Denise Cheong is the Head of Energy Law and Policy at the Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore (NUS). Her research interests centre around law and policy issues that cut across the energy, ocean and environmental sectors. Prior to her current position, she was formerly the Head of Nuclear Law & Policy and was responsible for developing the area into a standalone programme at CIL.

In her new role, Denise's research will focus on energy governance issues of international importance and/or regional significance across the energy cycle, particularly those of a cross-cutting nature. Apart from nuclear energy, her research focus will expand to include other low-emission energy sources. Her published works include book chapters and journal articles on nuclear, ocean and/or environmental law issues. She has also been invited to speak and participate in conferences, workshops, seminars and meetings as well as expert groups on topics related to nuclear law and policy, both internationally and regionally. She is a member of the International Nuclear Law Association and the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law.


Prior to joining CIL in 2014, she was in private legal practice for close to 15 years, working in the area of international capital markets in Sydney, Tokyo and Singapore. She is an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and a Solicitor of England and Wales. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Master of Science (Environmental Management) (Shell Medal and Prize for best overall performance and Shell Best Dissertation Award) from NUS, a Diplôme d'Université in International Nuclear Law from the University of Montpellier and a diploma from the Rhodes Academy of Ocean Law and Policy.





Mr. Peter Govindasamy

Senior Director, Climate Change International Team,
Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry and
Dean, MTI Academy

Peter Govindasamy is Senior Director (Climate Change International Team) at the Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI). He is concurrently the chief negotiator for the Pacific Alliance-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (PASFTA) and Dean (MTI Academy). He has been involved in various bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral processes in his career with the Singapore Government. For instance, bilateral relations with the European Union, some of its member States, and the

	<p>Vatican, and multilateral issues relating to the UN, IAEA, ILO, WHO, WIPO and the WTO. He is a member of the Singapore delegation to the UNFCCC negotiations since 2008, overseeing various tracks such as mitigation, technology and finance, and member/Co-Chair of the Katowice Committee on the Impact of Response Measures since its inception in 2019. He has also co-chaired the Response Measures process at Glasgow COP26 and most recently at SB 58 in Bonn.</p> <p>Earlier, as Director of MTI’s International Trade Cluster (2009 to 2019), he oversaw Singapore’s engagement at the WTO and Ministerial Conferences. In the capacity as Chief Negotiator, he concluded Investment Guarantee Agreements with Iran and Colombia, and Free Trade Agreements with the GCC and the Pacific Alliance. He is also a member of the ASEAN Dispute Settlement Mechanism Panel and Appellate Body.</p>
	<p>Prof. Pasha Hsieh 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 & 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 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 & 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</p>

	<p>Commission, the Korea Foundation, the Sumitomo Foundation of Japan, and the Ministries of Education of Singapore and Taiwan.</p>
	<p>Dr. Tanghua Li Senior Research Fellow, Earth Observatory of Singapore Nanyang Technological University</p> <p>Dr. Tanghua Li is a Senior Research Fellow at the Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS) Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Prior to joining EOS, NTU, he obtained his PhD in Geophysics from the University of Hong Kong in 2018. Dr Li’s research interests include interactions of ice sheets, ocean and solid Earth, and their lasting impact on the Earth system, with a specific focus on modelling the Glacial Isostatic Adjustment (GIA) process with 3D (laterally heterogeneous) model and associated sea-level/ice sheet evolution, vertical land movement, gravity field change during the last glacial cycle. His research contributes to the better understanding of Earth rheological structure and glaciation/deglaciation history, which helps to constrain estimates of future sea-level change and understand the response of ice sheets to climate change. Dr Li is also interested in interdisciplinary studies exploring sea-level change impacts and applications.</p>
	<p>Prof. Jolene Lin Director, NUS Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law Associate Professor, NUS Faculty of Law</p> <p>Jolene Lin is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore and Director of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law. She is a world-leading expert on climate change law. Her latest book with Jacqueline Peel, <i>Litigating Climate Change in the Global South</i>, is the first systematic study of the “who, what, where and how” of climate litigation across the regions of Latin America, Africa and Asia.</p> <p>Jolene is 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 is a member of the editorial boards of Journal of Environmental Law and Transnational Environmental Law. She is also actively involved in various climate change philanthropic initiatives to support the role of law in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>Jolene read law at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LLB), New York University (LLM) and Erasmus University Rotterdam (PhD). She is an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore.</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>



Prof. Laura Marsiliani (Moderator)

Professor of Economics
Director, Centre for Environmental and Energy Economics
Durham University Business School
Faculty of Business Equality Diversity and Inclusion Lead, Durham University

Laura is an economist active in the fields of public, environmental, natural resource and energy economics. She is currently a Professor of Economics, Faculty EDI Lead for Race and Ethnicity, Fellow of the Durham Energy Institute and Centre for Sustainable Development, Law and Policy and Co-Director of the Centre for Environmental and Energy Economics at Durham University.

She has held academic and visiting positions at the Universities of Rochester and University of California Santa Barbara, USA, University of Tilburg, The Netherlands and Sichuan University, China. Laura holds a PhD in Economics from London Business School and an MSc in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics from University College London. She has widely published in peer-reviewed international journals. She has participated in research projects funded by the UKRI, ESRC, BEIS and the EU, and more recently in major interdisciplinary projects on renewables such as the HEIF/Research England 'Growing Teesside's Hydrogen Economy and Catalysing a Just Transition to Net Zero' and the EPSRC/NERC 'Geothermal Energy from Mines and Solar Geothermal Heat'. Her research has informed the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) on electricity pricing and capacity policies, especially in connection to captive and quick-rental power plants. She has chaired two EURESCO conferences on the International Dimension of Environmental Policy and edited two books on the same topic with Springer/Kluwer. She was a key-note speaker at the BERC-NSU-BDAEE Energy Summit 2019 held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Laura is actively engaged with the dialogue on climate change, renewable energy and net zero and is a member of the Durham University observer delegation at the UN COP conferences.




Mr. Will McGoldrick

Regional Managing Director, Asia Pacific
The Nature Conservancy

William McGoldrick is the Regional Managing Director for The Nature Conservancy's Asia Pacific division and Co-Chair of the Southeast Asia Climate & Nature-based Solutions (SCeNe) Coalition. Based in Australia, he leads a US\$45 million program across 12 countries in support of TNC's two foremost global priorities: protecting lands, oceans and freshwater; and tackling climate change through innovative, science-based mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Over a 20-year conservation career, Will has developed deep experience in corporate practices, international negotiations, philanthropy and government policies and programs. He joined TNC in 2015 and previously held staff positions as Director of Climate Strategy and Asia Pacific Conservation Director, where Will oversaw teams focused on expanding protected areas in Mongolia, restoring shellfish reefs in Hong

	<p>Kong and conserving forest landscapes in Indonesia, among other initiatives.</p>
	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 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 (JusTNOW) 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>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</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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 <i>Environmental Law in Arab States</i> (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 (ASELLMU); 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 <i>Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy</i>.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Professor Olawuyi is a regular media commentator on all aspects of natural resources, energy and environmental law.</p>
	<p>Dr. Nilufer Oral Director, NUS Centre for International Law Member, UN International Law Commission</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Dr. Oral is the series editor for the <i>International Straits of the World</i> publications (Brill); a member of the Board of Editors of the <i>European Society of International Law Series</i>; Associate Editor of the <i>Research Perspectives in the Law of the Sea</i> (Brill). She has published numerous articles and edited several books and has spoken at numerous international conferences.</p>



The Hon. Justice Brian Preston

Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales

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).



Ms. 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.

Railla 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 climate delegation in various meetings. 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.

	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Ms. Aldilla Rakhiema Project Manager, ASEAN Climate Change and Energy Project, ASEAN Centre for Energy</p> <p>Aldilla Rakhiemah is the Project Manager of the ASEAN Climate Change and Energy Project (ACCEPT) at the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), where she leads initiatives aimed at driving the region's transition towards a low-carbon energy future. Recently promoted to lead ACCEPT, Aldilla plays a pivotal role in advancing research on the energy-climate nexus within ASEAN, ensuring that the region's energy policies align with ambitious climate goals.</p> <p>A passionate advocate for a just energy transition and gender equality in the energy sector, Aldilla's leadership extends to managing capacity-building programmes and coordinating collaborative efforts that amplify ACCEPT's influence across Southeast Asia. With a robust background in the energy sector, Aldilla's expertise spans critical areas such as the intersection of energy and climate change, strategic energy policy development, and cutting-edge technologies like carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS).</p> <p>Before joining ACE, Aldilla garnered extensive experience at Pertamina, Indonesia's state-owned energy company. She holds an MSc in Geography from the University of Zurich, Switzerland, and a BA in Economics from Airlangga University, Indonesia. Aldilla's work is central to ASEAN's efforts in achieving a sustainable and net-zero future.</p>
	<p>Dr. Madhu Rao Senior Advisor (Asia Programme) and Director (Singapore), Wildlife Conservation Society Chair, IUCN World Commission of Protected Areas</p> <p>Madhu is currently, the elected Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. The 3000 member-strong Commission has a mandate to develop scientific, technical and policy advice and advocate for global and national systems of marine, freshwater and terrestrial protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) that result in successful outcomes for the conservation of biodiversity. She is also a Senior Advisor, Wildlife Conservation Society and a conservation scientist with over 25 years of experience with conservation implementation across diverse social and political contexts. With a focus on biodiversity policy, she has worked at the science-policy interface for threatened species conservation and the creation and management of protected areas. She has engaged in capacity development for protected area management with Southeast Asian Government agencies and institutions. As Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore (NUS), she co-led the development of a Master's Programme in Conservation at the NUS and has published on wide-ranging themes from protected area policy and threatened species conservation to human wildlife conflict, conservation prioritization and governance.</p>



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.



Mr. Joseph Teo

Chief Negotiator for Climate Change Singapore

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.

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.



Ms. Sim Ting

Managing Director, Head of Corporate Services Group, and General Counsel, GenZero

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.

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.

Ting started off in private practice, focusing on project finance and M&A work. She has broad in-house experience across industries such as IT, F&B, printing and hospitality.

	<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>Ms. Danielle Yeow Adjunct Senior Research Fellow and Lead, Climate Change Law and Policy, NUS Centre for International Law</p> <p>Danielle leads on climate change law and policy as well as cyber law and governance issues at the Centre for International Law. She is also an Adjunct Associate Professor (MSc Environmental Management Programme) at NUS where she teaches a course on Environmental and Sustainability Management – Law, Governance and Practice. She is a Council Member of the Singapore branch of the International Law Association and a member of the Singapore Domain Name Dispute Policy Panel, Singapore Mediation Centre Danielle is concurrently a Senior Advisor with DGA-Albright Stonebridge Group, and a Consultant with KGP Legal LLC (member of Inter-Asia Law Alliance). She was most recently the Deputy Director-General of the International Affairs Division of the Singapore Attorney-General’s Chambers, Singapore.</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 & Solicitor (Supreme Court of Singapore) and Barrister-at-Law (England & Wales) (Middle Temple).</p>