

Speakers Profile

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Ambassador, Dr. Damos Dumoli Agusman, is currently Ambassador of the Republic Indonesia to Austria and Slovenia as well as Permanent Representative to the UN and other international organizations in Vienna. Before assuming his ambassadorial post, he was Director General for Legal Affairs and International Treaties of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia since 2017 to 2022. He takes care of all treaties concluded by Indonesia, on how they are prepared, concluded, and then implemented in the domestic level. He also deals with maritime issues and how Indonesia implements UNCLOS 1982, and handles maritime boundaries negotiation.



Professor Gian Luca Burci, is an Adjunct Professor of international law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva since 2012. He is also the Director of the joint LLM on Global Health Law and Governance between the Graduate Institute and Georgetown Law School, as well as an Academic Adviser in the Global Health Centre of the Graduate Institute.

Before his appointment at the Graduate Institute, Gian Luca Burci served in the Legal Office of the World Health Organization from 1998 to 2016 and was its Legal Counsel from 2005 to 2016.



Dr. Tara Davenport is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS) and Co-Head of the Ocean Law and Policy programme of CIL. She was a member of the Legal Working Group on Liability for Environmental Harm from Activities in the Area convened by the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority. She is also the Rapporteur for the International Law Association Study Committee on Submarine Cables and Pipelines.



Dr. Charalampos Giannakopoulos, is a senior research fellow at the Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore, and an Associate Editor of the Asian Journal of International Law (AsianJIL). His areas of research focus include international investment law, international adjudication, treaty interpretation, and legal theory. He has also worked as a legal consultant at UNCTAD (Investment Agreements Section) and as a trainee in the cabinet of the European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.



Ms Daphne Hong is concurrently the Solicitor-General of the Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore and the Director General of its International Affairs Division (IAD). She is Singapore's Legal Adviser and heads IAD: the department that advises the Singapore government on all international law matters and represents Singapore

in international negotiations and dispute resolution. She is also the lead negotiator for the delimitation of Singapore's maritime boundaries.



Ms. Tan Siew Huay, is Director (Legal) of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS). She has represented Singapore at various meetings of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), including Legal Committee meetings, General Assembly sessions and the International Conferences on Air Law. She is currently the Chairperson of the ICAO Legal Committee and Vice-Chairperson of the ICAO Council's Commission of Experts of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry (CESAIR).



Professor S Jayakumar is Senior Legal Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore. He is also Special Adviser to the International Advisory Panel of the NUS Centre for International Law. He was Singapore's former Deputy Prime Minister and Senior Minister. He also served as Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Labour and Minister for Law. He was Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and High Commissioner to Canada from 1971 to 1974, and a member of Singapore's delegation to UNCLOS. Before his political career, he was Dean of the NUS Faculty of Law. He was appointed Pro-Chancellor of the University in 2020.



Ms. Celine Lange, is leading the development of the International Dispute Resolution programme at CIL. She graduated in 2019 with a LL.M from the National University of Singapore, where she specialised in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution. Celine also holds a Master's Degree in Law from Strasbourg University, France, specialising in International Human Rights Law, and a Master's Degree from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (IEP Paris). Prior to joining CIL, Celine worked in private practice, at the Arbitration Chambers Singapore, and previously at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.



Ms Rena Lee is Singapore's Ambassador for International Law and Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. She specialises in the practice of public international law, covering areas including law of the sea, environmental and climate change law. Rena was elected as President of the UN Intergovernmental Conference on an International Legally Binding Instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) in 2018. She is also a member of the Legal and Technical Commission of the International Seabed Authority.



Professor LEE Keun-Gwan, is a Member of the International Law Commission (2023-2027). He is a professor of law at the School of Law, Seoul National University. He has taught international law at the Korean Naval Academy, Konkuk University, Kyushu University and Seoul National University. He worked as director of studies at the Hague Academy of International Law in 2010 and gave a special lecture at the Academy in 2018. His research interests include the history and theory of international law, state recognition and succession, the law of the sea, the international protection of cultural property, and the various international legal issues arising in East Asia.



Ambassador, Dr. Vilawan Mangklatanakul, is a Member of the International Law Commission. Previously, she was the Director-General, Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs. She has built her expertise in important areas of international law including diplomatic and State immunities, treaty law, intellectual property and international economic law. She also has a keen interest in alternative dispute settlement and international law on climate change.

Dr. Vilawan has extensive experience on issues of diplomatic and State immunities, ranging from providing advices to cases in both home and foreign jurisdictions.



Professor Makane Moïse Mbengue is Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva and Director of the Department of International Law and International Organization. He is also an Affiliate Professor at Sciences Po Paris (School of Law). He holds a Ph.D. in Public International Law from the University of Geneva. Since 2017, he is the President of the African Society of International Law (AfsIL).



Professor Phoebe Okowa, is Professor of Public International Law at Queen Mary University of London. In 2021, she was elected to the United Nations' International Law Commission, becoming the first African woman to serve on the Commission since it was established in 1947. She has written extensively on general international law including the law of state responsibility, aspects of protection of the environment including protection of natural resources in conflict zones, the relationship between state responsibility and accountability for international crimes, and the application of international law by domestic courts.



Dr Nilüfer Oral is Director of the Centre of International Law at the National University of Singapore. She is a member of the UN International Law Commission (ILC) and served as Chairperson of the 74th session. She is a Co-chair of the ILC Study Group on sea-level rise in relation to international law. She is a Member of The Hague Academy of International Law Curatorium and is an associate member of the Institut de Droit International. She is currently a Member of the Committee of Legal Experts of the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS).



Professor Jin-Hyun Paik is a Senior Adviser at the Centre for International Law, Korea National Diplomatic Academy. He was a former Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of Sea (ITLOS) and served as the President of the Tribunal from 2017 to 2020. He was the President of the Asia Society of International Law (AsianSIL) and a professor at the Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University.



Professor Lauge Poulsen, is a Professor and Deputy Head of Department of Political Science at UCL. He works on the politics and law of international economic relations.

Since 2021, he has been Chair of OECD's inter-governmental work programme on climate change and investment law. Previously, he served as a specialist adviser to the International Trade Committee in the House of Commons and was an advisor to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 2017 to 2020. In 2022, was appointed OBE (Officer of the British Empire) for services to UK trade policy.



Dr. TAN Hsien-Li, is the Co-Director (Teaching) for the ASEAN Law and Policy Programme at the Centre for International Law (CIL), NUS, where she remains affiliated as an Associate Professor.

Hsien-Li researches on the role and the rule of law and institutions in ASEAN Integration; public international law, particularly on institution building and norm creation; and human rights and peace and security. Hsien-Li is an editor of the Asian Journal of International Law and the general co-editor (together with Joseph Weiler) of the ASEAN Integration Through Law Book Series (Cambridge University Press).



Professor Jean-Marc Thouvenin, is a Professor at the Université Paris-Nanterre. He is also the Secretary General of the Hague Academy of International Law since 2017 and a Partner at Sygna Partners where he has served as counsel in numerous cases before the ICJ, the ITLOS and the PCA.

He has written and published extensively in the field of public international law, international litigation, law of the sea and international economic law.



Judge Dire Tladi, is a Judge of the International Court of Justice (since 6 February 2024). He is a professor of international law at the Department of Public Law and the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa at the University of Pretoria. He is also extraordinary professor at the Public Law Department of the University of Stellenbosch. He has also served as the Principal State Law Adviser for International Law for the South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation and Legal Counsellor to the South Africa Mission to the United Nations.



Prof. Dr. John Truby, is a Visiting Associate Research Professor in AI and Technology Law at the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore. He is named by Stanford University as one of the World's Top 2% Researchers, and is a highly cited thought leader and recognised policy influencer in AI Governance. His research on emerging technology was presented at the United Nations General Assembly, and he has served a number of AI policy and advisory committees including the UNESCO Group of Friends on the Ethics of AI.



Judge Xue Hanqin, is a Judge of the International Court of Justice (since 29 June 2010) and was Vice-President of the Court (from 6 February 2018 to 8 February 2021). Before her judgeship, she was Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1999-2003). She was Ambassador of China to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Permanent Representative of China to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (2003-2008), and Ambassador to ASEAN in Jakarta, Indonesia (2008-2010).



Mr Lionel Yee Woon Chin, is the Deputy Attorney-General of Singapore. Prior to his current position, he served as the Director-General of the AGC's International Affairs Division, in which he provided advice to Singapore government agencies on public international law matters. Lionel is actively involved in the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.