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Tommy KOH is currently Emeritus Professor of Law at NUS; Ambassador-At-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Chairman of the International Advisory Panel of the Centre for International Law at the NUS.

He had served as Dean of the Faculty of Law of NUS, Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations 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 the founding Chairman of the National Arts Council, founding Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation and former Chairman of the National Heritage Board. 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. He is the Co-Chairman of the China-Singapore Forum and the Japan-Singapore Symposium.

Professor Koh has received awards from the Governments of Singapore, Chile, Finland, France, Japan, Netherlands, Spain and the United States. Professor Koh received the Champion of the Earth Award from UNEP and the inaugural President's Award for the Environment from Singapore. He was conferred with honorary doctoral degrees in law by Yale and Monash Universities. Harvard University conferred on him the Great Negotiator Award in 2014.

Special Guests



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Lena's official duties include being the National Focal Point for the Convention on Biological Diversity and a Governing Board member of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity. She has published papers on ecology, parasitology, and book chapters on urban conservation biology. Dr Chan co-authored the Handbook on the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity and co-edited a journal supplement on a comprehensive biodiversity survey of the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve.

She obtained M. Sc. from McGill University and Ph. D. from Imperial College, London.

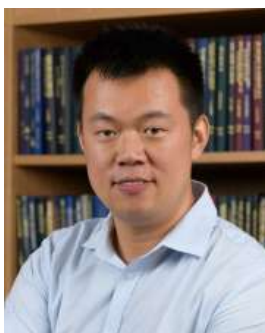


Professor Lily KONG

President and
Lee Kong Chian Chair
Professor
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Professor Kong is SMU's fifth President, and the first Singaporean to lead the 23-year old university. She is also the first Singaporean woman to head a university in Singapore. She was previously Provost of SMU, and Vice Provost and Vice President at the National University of Singapore (in various portfolios). Professor Kong is internationally known for her research on urban transformations in Asia, with particular focus on social and cultural change. She has written extensively about communal relations, particularly, the intersection of religion and secularity in cities, creative industries/cities, urban heritage conservation, and smart cities. She is an award-winning researcher and teacher locally and internationally. In a global study by Stanford University (2020), Prof Kong was identified as among the world's top 1% of scientists in the field of Geography.

Organising Committee



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Forum on Investor-State Dispute Settlement, UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and serves as an advisor to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).



Speakers



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Carolyn Lim is the Senior Corporate Communications Manager of the Musim Mas Group. She joined the Group in 2012 and leads corporate communications, sustainability reporting, and stakeholder engagement at one of the world's largest palm oil companies. Having worked in the industry for over a decade, Carolyn started work in the sector in 2007, just as environmental issues began gaining traction in the public sphere. She enjoys finding the sweet spots in which private companies and NGOs can collaborate in a meaningful and impactful manner. Carolyn started her career in investor relations in public relations agencies. She has also worked in Wilmar International and a sustainability consultancy, CSR Asia. She holds a Masters of Arts from the University of New South Wales in Australia and a Bachelor's degree in History from the National University of Singapore.



Sachin Gupta
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