

CENTRAL - LOCAL RELATIONS IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: IN ASIA AND BEYOND

28 & 29 June 2013, Friday and Saturday
National University of Singapore, Bukit Timah Campus

Workshop Programme

Friday, 28 June 2013 (Day 1)

- 9.00am - 9.50am** **Registration & Administration**
(Block B, Level 3, Executive Seminar Room, #03-02)
- 9.50am – 10.00am** **Welcome Address**
Professor Andrew Harding
*Director, Centre for Asian Legal Studies
National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law*
- 10.00am – 11.30am** **Panel 1: CENTRAL-LOCAL RELATIONS IN EAST ASIAN SYSTEMS**
Chairperson: Professor Heinz Klug
- Speakers: (30 minutes for each presentation)**
Qianfan Zhang, BEIJING UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW
Legalizing Central-Local Relations In China
- Jiunn-rong Yeh**, NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW
Central-Local Relations in a Contested Constitutional Democracy
- Mark Sidel**, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, UNITED STATES
Constitutional Revision and Reform in Vietnam
- Q & A**
- 11.45am – 12.00pm** **Tea Break** *(Executive Seminar Room's foyer)*
- 12.00am - 1.30pm** **Panel 2: CENTRAL-LOCAL RELATIONS IN ASIA'S PLURAL SOCIETIES**
Chairperson: Associate Professor Benjamin Berger
- Speakers: (30 minutes for each presentation)**
Simon Butt, SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
Decentralisation, the Constitutional Court and the Resolution of Regional Electoral Disputes in Indonesia
- Melissa Crouch**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, FACULTY OF LAW
Constitutionalism and Minority Rights in Myanmar: Ethnic Nationalities and the Self-Administered Zones
- Mara Malgodi**, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (LSE)
Territorial Governance, Conflict and Identity in Nepal
- Q & A**

- 1.30pm – 2.30pm** **Lunch** (*Staff Lounge, Block B, Level 2*)
- 2.30pm – 4.00pm** **Panel 3: CENTRAL-LOCAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ASIA**
Chairperson: Ms Sophie Boyron
- Speakers:** (*30 minutes for each presentation*)
- Kevin Tan**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, FACULTY OF LAW
The Evolution and Challenges of Central-Local Government In Singapore
- Andrew Harding**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, FACULTY OF LAW
Local democracy in a multi-layered and multi-faceted constitutional system: Malaysian local government reconsidered
- Shigenori Matsui**, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
The Role of the Central Government and Local Government in Times of Crisis
- Q & A**
- 4.00pm – 4.15pm** **Tea Break** (*Executive Seminar Room's foyer*)
- 4.15pm – 5.00pm** **Round Up Discussion**
- 5.00pm-5.10pm** **Group Photo - End of Day 1**
- 5.10pm** **Proceed to CALS Distinguished Visitor Lecture** (*Moot Court, Block B, Level 1*)
by Laureate Professor Cheryl Saunders
- 8.00pm** **Dinner at Blue Bali on Cluny Road** (*Opposite Law Faculty, Eu Tong Sen Building*)

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8.30am – 10.00am **Panel 4: THEORETICAL AND NON-ASIAN PERSPECTIVES**
Chairperson: Associate Professor Simon Butt

Speakers: (30 minutes for each presentation)

Benjamin Berger, YORK UNIVERSITY, OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL
Local Discretion, National Rights, and Federalism in Forms of Legal Authority

Heinz Klug, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Mapping the Contours of Co-operative Government in South Africa

Sophie Boyron, UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM
French Territorial Government: the weight of geography

Q & A

10.00am – 10.10am **Tea Break** (*Executive Seminar Room's foyer*)

10.10am – 11.40am **Panel 5: CENTRAL-LOCAL RELATIONS IN ASIAN FEDERAL SYSTEMS**
Chairperson: Professor Kevin Tan

Speakers: (30 minutes for each presentation)

Arun Thiruvengadam, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, FACULTY OF LAW
Centre-State-local relations in India: A broad overview

Sadaf Aziz, LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
Federalism and the Democratic Transition in Pakistan

Q & A

11.40pm – 12.20pm **Closing Discussion**

12.30pm **End of Day 2**
Transport pick up to Jurong Bird Park for Lunch

4.00pm **Transport pick up from Jurong Bird Park to Ramada Hotel**