

# Land Grabs in Asia: *What role for the law?*

5 & 6 April 2013, Friday and Saturday

National University of Singapore, Bukit Timah Campus

## Workshop Programme

### Friday, 5 April 2013 (Day 1)

- 8.00am - 8.40am**      **Registration & Administration**  
*(Lee Sheridan Conference Room's foyer, Eu Tong Sen Building, Faculty of Law)*
- 8.40am - 8.55am**      **Welcome Address**  
**Professor Stephen Girvin**  
*Vice Dean, Research, National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law*  
**Professor Andrew Harding**  
*Director, Centre for Asian Legal Studies*  
*National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law*
- 8.55am – 9.35am**      **Keynote Speaker**  
*Land Grabs in Asia: The Response of International Law*  
**Professor Surya Subedi**  
*UN Special Rapporteur*  
*University of Leeds, Faculty of Law*
- Q & A**
- 9.35am – 10.45am**      **Panel 1: China**  
**Chairperson: Asst. Professor Chen Weitseng**
- Speakers: (20 minutes for each presentation)**  
**Qianfan Zhang**, BEIJING UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW  
*How Land Grab Is Made Constitutional in China*
- Jing Qian**, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA, FACULTY OF LAW  
*The Roles of Administrative Litigation in Addressing the Land Grabs Related Issues in China*
- Q & A**
- 10.45am – 11.00am**      **Tea Break** *(Lee Sheridan Conference Room's foyer)*
- 11.00am - 11.35pm**      **Panel 2: Vietnam**  
**Chairperson: Professor Koh Kheng Lian**
- Speakers: (20 minutes for each presentation)**  
**John Gillespie**, MONASH UNIVERSITY, BUSINESS LAW **(ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES)**  
*Narrating Land Taking Disputes in Three Vietnamese Communities*
- Nguyen Quang Tuyen**, HA NOI LAW UNIVERSITY, ECONOMIC FACULTY  
*The Role of Law in Human Rights Protection Against Land Grabs by The Government in Vietnam*

## Q & A

11.35 – 12.45pm

### Panel 3: Cambodia

**Chairperson: Professor Andrew Harding**

**Speakers:** *(20 minutes for each presentation)*

**Siphat Touch**, MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND TRAINING, CAMBODIA  
*Large-Scale Land Investments in Cambodia: Mechanisms and Impacts*

**Daniel Fitzpatrick**, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

*The Legal Design of Land Grabs: Possession and the State in Post-Conflict Cambodia*

## Q & A

12.45pm – 2.30pm

**Lunch** *(Portico Staff Lounge, Federal Building)*

2.30pm – 3.40pm

### Panel 4: Indonesia

**Chairperson: Dr. Melissa Crouch**

**Speakers:** *(20 minutes for each presentation)*

**Gustaaf Reerink**, INDEPENDENT, INDONESIA

*Indonesia's New Land Acquisition Legislation: Toward effective prevention of land grabbing?*

**Laurens Bakker**, UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

*Land Grabs or Tug-of-wars? Usages of the law as a means to contest land grabs in East Kalimantan*

## Q & A

3.40pm – 4.00pm

**Tea Break** *(Lee Sheridan Conference Room's foyer)*

4.00pm – 5.40pm

### Panel 5: Burma

**Chairperson: Assoc. Professor Victor Ramraj**

**Speakers:** *(20 minutes for each presentation)*

**Bridget Welsh**, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
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**Win Ma Ma Aye**, INDEPENDENT, MYANMAR

*Towards Conflict? Political Liberalization, Land Laws and Land Grabbing in Myanmar*

**Connie Carter**, ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

*Land grabs in Myanmar/Burma: what role for law?*

**Teresita Cruz-del Rosario**, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

*What Do We Know About Land Grabs Thus Far?*

## Q & A

5.40pm-5.50pm

**Group Photo - End of Day 1**

6.00pm

**Transport pick up for working Dinner (by invitation only)**

6.30pm

**Dinner at Bitters & Love**

Shoebox Canteen

36 North Canal Road, Singapore 059292

## **Saturday, 6 April 2013 (Day 2)**

**8.30am – 9.40am**

**Panel 6: Malaysia**

**Chairperson: Assoc. Professor Alexander Loke**

**Speakers: (20 minutes for each presentation)**

**Yogeswaran Subramaniam**, UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA, CENTRE FOR MALAYSIAN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

*Peninsular Malaysia Orang Asli Customary Lands: Legal Paternalism Facilitates Land Grabs?*

**Mariam Munang**, MALAYSIA

*Land Grabs in Sabah, Malaysia: Native Customary Rights as Legal Entitlement for Indigenous Peoples*

**Q & A**

**9.40am – 11.20am**

**Panel 7: South Asia**

**Chairperson: Professor Irene Calboli**

**Speakers: (20 minutes for each presentation)**

**Usha Ramanathan**, INDEPENDENT, INDIA

*Eminent domain amidst power, authority, control*

**Sumi Dhanarajan**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, FACULTY OF LAW

*Transnational State Responsibility for Human Rights Violations Resulting from Global Land Grabs*

**Martin Lau**, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES

*The Pitfalls of Shortcuts: A Review of Criminal Law Approaches to Land-Grabbing in Pakistan*

**Q & A**

**11.20am – 12.30pm**

**Lunch** (*Portico Staff Lounge, Federal Building*)

**12.30pm – 1.30pm**

**Closing Discussion**

**1.30pm**

**End of Day 2**

**Transport pick up to Orchard Parade Hotel**

**5.15pm**

**Transport pick up from Orchard Parade Hotel to dinner**

**6.00pm**

**Dinner at Ulu Ulu Restaurant, Night Safari**

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