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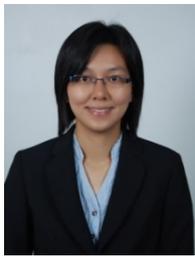
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### **Editor-in-Chief – Kidjie Saguin**

Kidjie Saguin is an experienced policy researcher with extensive experience working on the areas of governance, corruption prevention and public service delivery. He has been involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of various policy reforms in the Philippines including citizen charters, social protection, local participatory budgeting and planning, K-12 adoption and performance-based management system. He has conducted research in a government think-tank (Development Academy of the Philippines), a global development social enterprise (Devex) and an international agency (United Nations Research Institute for Social Development). He is currently a PhD student broadly interested in social policy-making in local governments. He holds a Master in Public Policy (Social Policy) from the National University of Singapore and a BA in Public Administration (cum laude) from the University of the Philippines. He also holds a professional Certificate of Advanced Studies in Management of Development Projects from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology – Lausanne (EPFL).



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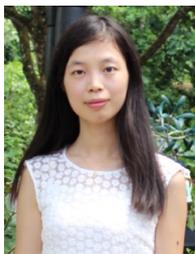
Si Ying practiced as a medical social worker for three years prior to starting her PhD in Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. She was involved in front line practices in the hospital which involve case management, advocacy, and actively involved in conducting research projects examining social and economic needs of people living with HIV and AIDS. At the moment, her research interests encompass the politics and policy implementation of healthcare, and policy evaluation of health and social interventions. She is particularly interested in knowing how to develop more capacity to use evidence to inform policy development in countries beyond the western liberal democracies. For her doctoral thesis, she is researching on health financing reform, with a focus on provider payment reform in developing countries



### **Deputy Editor-in-Chief for Publication (11.1) - Nihit Goyal**

Nihit is an Editor of the Asian Journal of Public Affairs (AJPA). He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP). Before joining the doctoral program, Nihit was working as a researcher at the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), an Indian think tank. He is primarily interested in the areas of energy policy, information technology, and sustainable development.

Nihit holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science from the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), a dual-degree Master of Public Affairs/Master in Public Policy from Sciences Po and the National University of Singapore (NUS), and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Cyber Laws from the NALSAR University of Law.



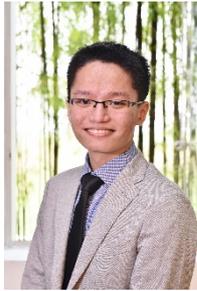
### **Deputy Editor-in-chief for Management (Secretary) – Lili Li**

Lili Li is currently undertaking her PhD program at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. Her research interests are policy response to climate change, environmental economics, water governance, environmental and energy policies. She was trained in environmental science before joining the PhD program. She obtained Bachelor's Degree in Science from Jilin University (China) in 2011, and then obtained her Master Degree in Science at Peking University (China) in 2014. Her master thesis was modelling nutrients flows from land to sea and assessing nutrient pollution management policies by the agent-based modelling approach. Her PhD thesis is about innovative policy instruments for pollution control through motivating industrial enterprises.



**Senior Editor (Lead Issue 10.2 Editor) -Nisha Francine Rajoo**

Nisha is pursuing a Master of Public Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. A lawyer by training, she worked as a criminal and civil litigation associate with a leading Singapore law firm before joining a German think-tank and political consultancy, where she worked on development projects focusing on the promotion of democratic governance, the rule of law and human rights in Asia. Her research interests include foreign policy, good governance and human rights, with a special focus on the rights of refugees, women and children.



**Senior Editor – Tham Zhi Kang, Jansen**

Jansen is a Master in Public Policy (MPP) candidate at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS. Prior to this, he worked in the Singapore Ministry of Home Affairs for 3 years formulating and implementing security policy, working closely with members of the Home Team to keep Singapore safe and secure. His research interests are in international relations and politics particularly in East Asia, and social welfare policy interventions with regard to health and poverty issues.



**Issue 10.2 Editor – Anastasia Rogacheva**

Anastasia Rogacheva is a PhD student at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS. Her chief interests are the role of knowledge and expertise in public policy and policymaking in the European Union. Anastasia interned for the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development in Geneva editing and co-authoring the think tank's publications. She received a Master's in Chinese Studies from Oxford and a Bachelor's in International Relations from the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, where she was also a Research Assistant.



**Issue 10.2 Editor-Maitreyee Mukherjee**

With a background in bio-sciences and environmental management, Maitreyee's research interest lies chiefly in water related policy research. Her prior work, under the capacity of Research Associate at Institute of Water Policy, LKYSPP, included projects in urban water management, water pricing and environmental sustainability in water resource development projects. In addition to her research exposure, she is also a trained teacher and has taught middle school children for few years. Her interest in discussion and sharing of new research ideas or development inspires her to be actively associated with like-minded people in AJPA as well as other research communities.

Maitreyee is currently pursuing PhD at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS, Singapore. She can be contacted at [maitreyee@u.nus.edu](mailto:maitreyee@u.nus.edu).



**Issue 10.2 Editor- Akanksha Sinha**

Akanksha is a junior at the Master in International Affairs programme. She completed her undergraduate in Economics from Shri Ram College of Commerce, India, post which she worked as a Market Analyst at a derivatives trading firm dealing in Energy Market Futures. Her research interests include development finance, particularly micro finance and its potential application benefits in developing countries.



### **Issue 10.2 Editor- Prasanna Vishwanatha Salian**

Prasanna V Salian, is an *Economist by training, Civil servant by profession and who straddles academia and policy making. He has worked with Government of India for 8 years before joining MPA programme at LKYSPP in 2017. He holds a Ph.D degree in Economics* with specialization in social sector. After joining the Indian Economic Service (IES), Government of India in 2008, he worked for nearly seven years (as Research Officer and Assistant Commissioner) in the Rural Ministry of Rural Development. His major responsibilities include; contributing to major policy decisions of the Government of India related to rural sectors of the economy, monitoring and evaluating the rural development programmes, imparting training to State and districts officials etc. Later, he worked in the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India as Deputy Director for a year. Further, he has 7 years of teaching experience and participated in many International and National Conferences/ Workshops on various subjects and actively involved in research and published papers on various socio-economic issues.



### **Issue 11.1 Editor – Isha Dayal**

Isha Dayal is a PhD Candidate at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS). Prior to this she was Research Associate at Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi, associated with projects on India-Pakistan Trade Normalization supported by DFID and Japan Project supported by Sasakawa Peace Foundation. Her research interests include trade policy and international economy, with focus on trade facilitation, transit and connectivity, regional integration, and international aid flows, and has worked on several research articles and papers on these themes. Previously, Isha has been a consultant with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India, and Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC Ltd), New Delhi. She has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Miranda House, University of Delhi; and a MSc. Degree in Economic Development and Policy Analysis from the University Of Nottingham, United Kingdom.



### **Issue 11.1 Editor – Devyani Pande**

Devyani is an aspiring policy-maker and practitioner. Prior to joining the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy for a PhD in Public Policy, she was working with Pahle India Foundation, a think tank in New Delhi, India as a Senior Research Associate. At Pahle India Foundation, she was handling a project on the Ease of doing business in India. She has worked with the Asian Development Bank as a Consultant on the Country Partnership Strategy in India. She has also worked with the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) as a Researcher on India-Pakistan Trade Normalisation and non-tariff barriers in South-Asia. Her research interests are in the fields of Trade Policy and Development Economics.

She holds a Master's degree in Economics (with specialization in World Economy) from Jawaharlal Nehru University and a Bachelor's degree in Economics (Hons.) from Miranda House, Delhi University.

### **Editor for Outreach & Events– Mergen Dyussenov**



Mergen Dyussenov is a PhD student at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore. Originally from Kazakhstan, Mergen's total 11-year experience comprises posts in public service, a think tank, and the private sector.

His current research interests include the analysis of issue attention dynamics, an actor-centric approach to agenda-setting processes, along with the use of internet and online research methods. The major policy issues analyzed include corruption and economic diversification. Mergen's research has been published by the Journal of Asian Public Policy (2017, Taylor & Francis) and Lithuania-based Public Policy and Administration journal (2016), while his other paper on the role of ICT in addressing corruption across political regimes has been accepted for publication by the Philippine Journal of Public Administration (forthcoming).



#### **Editor for Outreach & Events – Apala Bhattacharya**

Apala Bhattacharya is currently pursuing her Masters in International Affairs at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS). She completed her Bachelor Degree of Science (Honours) at the University of Warwick (England) in Economics. Prior to this, she has been a talks director at the Warwick Economics Summit (Europe's largest run student conference) as well as the Warwick International Development Society where she inaugurated the annual lecture series. She has also founded a micro-financing global concern that spearheaded an initiative to raise funds to provide loans and provided consultancy advice to start up their own livelihoods for local areas through various micro-financing sites. Her research interests primarily lie in trade and international economics, as well as macroeconomic and development policy.



#### **Editor for Outreach & Events – Shruti Singh**

Shruti Singh is currently pursuing Masters in Public Administration at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. Prior to this she was working as a consultant to the Ministry of Human Resource Development in India. Shruti believes in using communication and design for social impact and has worked in social advocacy and political campaigns. Her research interests and advocacy work focus on education, gender equality and social policy.

Shruti collaborated with NGO's and civil societies to organize Delhi Rising (part of the global movement 'One Billion Rising') in 2013 & 2014 and used creative mediums such as music, dance, theatre and art to raise awareness about gender inequality and call for action to stop violence on women.

She holds an MA in Fashion Entrepreneurship from London College of Fashion (University of Arts, UK) and BA in Design from National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, India. Her entrepreneurial venture focussed on developing board games under an independent brand "Creative Disorder". She also enjoyed developing strategy for communication design as a creative consultant for several start-ups and Delhi based social initiatives focused on gender related issues.



#### **Editor for Outreach & Events – Carlos C. Sengu**

Carlos is an experienced Finance and Investments professional. In previous experience, he worked on the Fixed Income desk of a boutique bank domiciled in Mauritius. More recently he worked in Strategy and Analytics for a multi-national bulge bracket bank in their Johannesburg office before taking a sabbatical to pursue his Master in Public Administration degree at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. His research interests lie in international development and impact investing.

He holds a Bcom Economics from the University of South Africa and a Master's in Business Administration (Finance and Strategy) from the University of Cape Town. He is an avid runner and a voracious reader of the classics and military history.



### **Editor for Outreach & Events – Janani Balasubramaniam**

Janani is currently a Li Ka Shing Scholar and MPP candidate at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. She holds a BSc (Econ) in Economics and Geography from University College London. Prior to joining the LKY School, she worked for the International Organisation for Migration as a Project Coordinator for a regional labour migration project covering issues such as ethical recruitment, remittances and skills and qualification recognition across South and Southeast Asia. Previously, she worked as a UN Volunteer based in the Ministry of Resettlement, Sri Lanka, working on the development of a policy on providing durable solutions for conflict-affected displacement persons. Prior to this, she worked as a Social Researcher for a private research agency. Her interests are in migration issues (particularly refugees and forced displacement), civil society, evidence-based policymaking and poverty alleviation.



### **Editor for Outreach & Events – Aarthi Raghavan**

Aarthi Raghavan is a psychologist, who has been pursuing research in various interdisciplinary intersections in the social sciences including mental health, social epidemiology, communication, marketing, business policy, management, sustainable development and education. She has nearly 5 years of experience in research and editing. She is currently pursuing her Master in Public Policy from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. She has completed her previous Masters in Psychology (Clinical) from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, and holds a Diploma in International Business Management from the California State University, San Bernardino. She has contributed following publications as part of her work: (1) *Introducing the conceptual model of industrial MOOCs (I-MOOCs) for engineering classes: Bringing applied knowledge straight into the classroom*, and (2) *Critical Comparative Analysis of the Efficacy of Statistical Tools Used in The Field of Forensic Psychiatry in India*