

SEMINAR SERIES



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Venue: Seminar Room 3-5, Level 3
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This is a brown bag seminar and you are most welcome to bring your own packed lunch

Singapore Competitiveness Report: Key findings

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Christian Ketels is a member of the Harvard Business School faculty at Professor Michael E. Porter's Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness. He holds a PhD (Econ) from the London School of Economics and further degrees from the Kiel Institute for World Economics and Cologne University. He is currently a Visiting Professor at the Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

Dr. Ketels currently also holds positions as Senior Research Fellow at the Stockholm School of Economics, and Director of The Competitiveness Institute, a not-for-profit global network of cluster practitioners and researchers. He has led cluster and competitiveness projects in many countries and advised the World Bank, OECD, EU, NIB, UNIDO as well as a number of national governments. Dr. Ketels is advisor to a number of research institutions and government agencies in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Asia, and a member of the European Commission's European Cluster Policy Group. He has written widely on economic policy issues and is a frequent speaker at international conferences.

SYNOPSIS

Singapore has over the last few decades achieved impressive success in moving from a young, poorly developed nation to become one of the most prosperous economies on the globe. One important reason among the many individual factors that played a role in this process has been the willingness to constantly review the country's position in an international perspective. Based on these assessments, Singapore has again and again been able to take action and implement change where other countries remained stuck. In this context the Asia Competitiveness Institute is launching the first Singapore Competitiveness Report. Designed to be an annual publication, the Report tracks multiple indicators of Singapore's competitiveness over time and in international comparison. The seminar will provide an overview of the Report's conceptual framework, the key results, and the emerging policy conclusions.