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Festival of Ideas 2024 celebrates LKYSPP's milestone 20th anniversary

FOI 2024 brings together thought leaders across the public and private sectors from the government, academia, and the corporate world, to discuss today's challenges in Asia while charting a new course toward improved governance and sustained economic growth in the face of financial uncertainty, geopolitical tensions, and environmental changes.

Singapore, 16 September 2024 - The third biennial Festival of Ideas (FOI) 2024 will be held at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) in Singapore from 16 to 20 September 2024 and coincides with the School's 20th anniversary.

The theme of FOI 2024 is *"Navigating the World in Crisis: Transforming Governance through Ideas"*. The festival, inaugurated in 2019, will feature policymakers, prominent academics, corporate leaders, and government office holders, among others, engaged in 42 events such as dialogues and panel discussions, and hosting workshops and seminars, on topics on governance in areas such as geopolitics, economics, evolving technology, climate change, healthcare, and other social issues.

During this 5-day signature festival, the historic LKYSPP campus will be transformed into a dynamic hub of intellectual exchange to stimulate discussions that inspire solutions to some of the pressing policy issues of our time, while drawing out new ideas and possibilities. The goal is for FOI to increase the public's interest in policy and governance issues, and provide more avenues for meaningful engagement.

Please refer to the Festival of Ideas 2024 website [here](#) for the full programme.

Highlights include

Day One - 16 September, Monday

- 10.30am to 11.45am: Panel on [The China Shock at the End of History](#).
Speakers: Dean of LKYSPP and Li Ka Shing Professor in Economics, Danny Quah; Ambassador-at-large Heng Chee Chan; Asst Prof Selina Ho, Co-Director of the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, and Mr Yi Shyan Lee, Former Senior Minister of State & Chairman, Business China
- 5.15pm to 6.15pm: Panel on [Future-Ready Governance: Perspectives on Singapore and the World](#).
Moderator: CEO of Tent Futures, Cheryl Chung;
Panellists: Assoc Prof, Terence Ho and Ambassador for Climate Action and Senior, PMO, Ravi Menon

Day Two - 17 September, Tuesday

- 5.15pm to 6.45pm: Panel on [S.T. Lee Distinguished Lecture: Sustainability Challenges and Pathways for Asia and the Pacific](#).
Moderator: Vice Dean and Wilmar Professor of Asian Studies, Kanti Bajpai; Speaker: UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCAP, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana

Day Five - 20 September, Friday

- 12.15pm to 1.15pm: [Asia Thinker Series: AI and Governance in a Time of Disinformation](#).
Moderator: Principal Research Fellow and Head, Society and Culture, IPS, Carol Soon;
Speakers: Senior Minister of State, MDDI, Dr Janil Puthucheary; Head of AI and Emerging Tech Policy, APAC, Google, Eunice Huang; Head of Policy, APAC, OpenAI, Sandy Kunvatanagarn and Editor, The Straits Times, Jaime Ho
- 5.30pm to 6.30pm: [Closing Dialogue with Minister Tan See Leng](#).
Moderator: Asst Prof Dr Zeewen Lee
Speaker: Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry, Dr Tan See Leng

If you are keen on covering the event, kindly let us know which sessions you are interested in.

Advanced media registration is required for the festival. Only media with access passes can attend the festival.

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