

# Lunchtime Career Talk:

## Building a Career in International Development

- *Jacqueline Chen*, Development and Engagement Manager for Hong Kong and Singapore at EMpower – The Emerging Markets Foundation
- *Smita Mitra*, Social Scientist and Independent Consultant, United Nations

**Synopsis:** The field of international development encompasses numerous and diverse career opportunities for people who want to make a difference and impact lives through their work. Learn about two different career paths in international development at this lunchtime talk – our very own MPP alumna Jacqueline Chen will talk about her career in international NGOs, and Smita will share her journey working for the United Nations, first as an employee and subsequently as an independent consultant.

### Our Industry Panelists



**Smita Mitra, Independent Consultant on International Affairs, Public Policy and Strategic Partnerships, United Nations**

Smita is a social scientist with more than fifteen years of experience in International Development. She had the led UN Women office in South Asia on gender equality, women, peace and security and labour migration management. She is presently involved in international consulting assignments with UN Regional offices and Head Quarters (NY). She has led a multi-cultural team in South Asia to deliver results and secured resources for sustaining development initiatives. She has worked on gender, young people and child rights with regional and international development agencies. She volunteers with Eco-club in International Schools and is trained in Fine Arts.



**Jacqueline Chen (MPP2009), Development and Engagement Manager for Hong Kong and Singapore at EMpower – The Emerging Markets Foundation**

Jacqueline Chen is the Development and Engagement Manager for Hong Kong and Singapore at EMpower – The Emerging Markets Foundation. She brings together organizations and people who are keen on philanthropy and impact investing to channel resources to a portfolio of field partners through EMpower. Prior to joining EMpower, Jacqueline was the Country Director of Operation ASHA (Cambodia). She was overseeing the country operations, and led the second largest tuberculosis NGO in Cambodia, treating 5,000 patients every year. The most rewarding part of her job was seeing her work positively impacting people's lives every day. Before OpASHA, Jacqueline was doing policy work with the Singapore Government, developing the national strategy for the community care sector and piloting new care models to meet the healthcare needs of the ageing population. She also reviewed the compensation and career progression structure of doctors and dentists to enhance retention within the public healthcare sector. Jacqueline graduated from the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Nanyang Technological University and obtained a Master in Public Policy from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

### WHEN

Monday  
28 August 2017  
12:00pm to 2.00pm

### WHERE

Seminar Room 3-1,  
Manasseh Meyer  
Building, Lee Kuan  
Yew School of  
Public Policy,  
National University  
of Singapore 469C  
Bukit Timah Road,  
Singapore 259772

### PROGRAMME

12.00 pm: Registration  
12.15pm: Panel Discussion  
Q&A  
Networking lunch  
2.00pm: End of event

### RSVP

Admission is free.  
This event is open to all NUS  
LKY School alumni, students  
and staff. Please note that  
seats are limited.

You can register online at:  
<https://mysurvey.nus.edu.sg/EM/se/543BE5C267317E89>

### Note:

Packed lunch will be  
provided for those who  
signed up by 24 August  
2017.