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True resilience in the modern era hinges on how regions adapt and rethink their operations in an increasingly uncertain world. This issue explores the vital links between technological disruption, health security, and global value chains. What's becoming increasingly clear is the need for an integrated policy approach that breaks down traditional silos to protect the region's social and economic fabric.

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Singapore Budget 2026: Enduring Problems in Uncertain Times

Can Social Policy Match the Pace of Technological Ambition?
Amidst "profound global change" and a contested international order, experts at the annual Social Inclusion Project (SIP) panel discussion moderated by [Ng Kok Hoe](#), Senior Research Fellow and Head of SIP, described the 2026 Budget as a "status quo" effort focused on incremental tweaks. While the government has moved boldly to harness AI as a strategic advantage, panellists warn that similar confidence is needed to tackle underlying inequality and the intensifying "meritocracy race" in education.

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Building Financial Resilience: Does Financial Knowledge Translate into Behaviours?

Is Knowledge Enough to Build Lasting Financial Resilience?
Research by [Joelle Fong](#), Associate Professor at LKYSPP, provides causal evidence that financial literacy directly improves households' management of savings, investments, and debt. In Singapore's complex Central Provident Fund environment, addressing financial literacy gaps is vital to ensuring long-term financial resilience amidst rising living costs.

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An Iron Fist in a Velvet Glove: Rubio's Message on US-Europe Ties

Can Strength and Diplomacy Coexist in US-Europe Relations?
Analysing US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's address at the Munich Security Conference, [Joseph Liow Chinyong](#), Dean & Wang Gungwu Professor in East Asian Affairs at LKYSPP, explores a strategic recalibration of the transatlantic alliance. Following a turbulent year of trade tensions, Rubio's "iron fist in a velvet glove" approach signals a complex period of deconstruction and renewal for the US' global partners.

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Policymakers should continue to invest in boosting financial literacy and capabilities in the Singaporean population, because such efforts will reap benefits by strengthening household balance sheets on both the asset side—saving and investing—and the liability side—borrowing.

Joelle Fong, Associate Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
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POLICY UNPACKED - REIMAGINING REGIONAL RESILIENCE: TECHNOLOGY, GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS & HEALTH SECURITY



Join our expert panel, LKYSPP's Dr [Denis Hew](#) and Dr [Miguel Gomez](#), SMU's Associate Professor [Chang Pao Li](#), and RSIS' Professor [Melu Anthony](#). As they discuss why ASEAN must view resilience as an integrated "poly-crisis" response. The episode highlights the need for cross-border connectivity and transparency to navigate a fragmented world.



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FEATURED RESEARCH

Follow father or mother? Understanding the monoethnic identification of biethnic children in China

In China's monoethnic reporting system, parents must choose a single ethnicity for their children. This study examines how family power dynamics and policy incentives influence this choice. Findings show a decline in children identifying with their father's ethnicity, shaped by shifting urban status and parental education.

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Start End	05:15 PM 06:30 PM	31 March 2026	Process Legitimacy and Development <i>This talk explores "process legitimacy" through a new analytical framework, mapping contestations between societal groups and elites with practical reflections from Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Somalia, and Colombia.</i>
Start End	07:00 PM 09:00 PM	31 March 2026	IPS Corporate Associates One-table Dinner with Ms Lai Wei Lin <i>As Singapore becomes a super-aged society this year, the country faces a significant social transformation. Join Ms Lai Wei Lin to discuss the economic and structural shifts required to ensure healthcare systems remain adaptive and ready to support a high quality of life for future generations.</i>
Start End	09:00 AM 06:00 PM	13 to 14 April 2026	2026 International Behavioural Public Policy Workshop <i>The first BPP workshop in Asia invites scholars and practitioners to explore how behavioural insights can strengthen governance systems. The workshop will address policy design, transparency, and regulatory effectiveness, focusing on how to counter cognitive biases and improve public trust across the region.</i>

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America and Asia: Has Trump Changed History Forever?

Michael Green, CEO, United States Studies Centre, joins [Huang Chin-Hao](#), Co-Director, Centre on Asia and Globalisation at LKYSPP, to assess the long-term structural impacts of US President Donald Trump's disruptive foreign policies. The discussion explores how strategic partners like Singapore can navigate this era of unpredictability and position themselves effectively amidst a shift in global order.

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In this issue, we examine the critical intersection of policy and the lived experience of during a time of global fragmentation. Our contributors explore how to maintain social stability amidst seismic technological and demographic shifts. As we re-imagine global resilience, Global-is-Asian provides evidence-based perspectives on how governance can adapt to value human labour, care and equity in an increasingly automated world.



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