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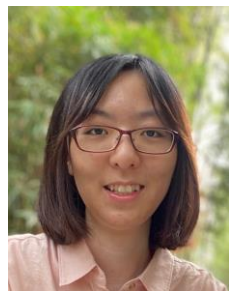
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Appointment of IPS News Fellows for 2024

The **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)** is pleased to announce the appointments of **Venessa Lee**, Senior Correspondent with *The Straits Times*, and **Akane Sugimura**, Senior Producer at *CNA (Singapore Desk)*, as the IPS News Fellows for 2024.



Venessa Lee has over 20 years of journalism experience. Since 2014, she has been writing features for *The Straits Times' Life* section, following a decade at *TODAY*. Her work delves into societal issues through stories with strong human interest.



Akane Sugimura began her career at *CNA* in 2019, producing news content for primetime bulletins on major regional and international events. She is now a line producer for *News Tonight* on Channel 5 and *Singapore Tonight* on *CNA*. She also served as the main producer for Singapore Budget 2024 coverage.

About the IPS News Fellowship

The Fellowship is designed to provide outstanding mid-career journalists with an opportunity to take a short sabbatical from their regular work and spend three months at IPS to write a research paper or monograph, or conduct a project (video or other mediums) on a societal issue in Singapore. Their research will be compiled into a research paper or monograph which will be published on IPS website in due course.

The Institute will support the Fellows by providing them with access to academic resources, as well as opportunities to engage and interact with researchers who are subject matter experts and specialise in qualitative or quantitative research methods. Fellows will take on a full-time visitor position at the National University of Singapore and receive a monthly stipend of \$5000.

The Fellowship is open to Singapore citizens who have at least three years' experience in the media industry.

About the Institute of Policy Studies

The [Institute of Policy Studies \(IPS\)](#) was established in 1988 as an independent think-tank to study and generate public policy ideas in Singapore. Today, IPS is an autonomous research centre of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. The Institute continues to advance its core mission: to analyse public policy; build bridges between thought leaders; and communicate research findings to a wide audience. IPS examines domestic policy challenges across a variety of fields and studies the attitudes of Singaporeans through surveys of public perception. It adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in its analysis and takes the long-term view in its strategic deliberation and research.

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