

**Forum
on
Economic Policymaking in Conditions of Uncertainty**

Tuesday, 14 July 2020
Online via Zoom

PROGRAMME

2.00 pm – 2.10 pm

Introduction

Dr Faizal Yahya
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Mr Manu Bhaskaran
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2.10 pm – 3.10 pm

Presentations

Dr Khor Hoe Ee
Chief Economist
ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO)

Ms Genevieve Lim
Engagement Manager
AlphaBeta (Singapore)

Dr Simon Schillebeeckx
Assistant Professor of Strategic Management
Lee Kong Chian School of Business
Singapore Management University

Mr Bill Bannear
Managing Director
ThinkPlace (Singapore)

Mr Achal Agarwal
Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer
Kimberly-Clark Corporation

3.10 pm – 4.00 pm

Open Discussion

Moderator

Mr Manu Bhaskaran

4.00 pm

End

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

AGARWAL, Achal as Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer of Kimberly-Clark is responsible for leading the corporate strategy team and transformation office, developing the strategic plans for the company and leading the company's transformation program. Mr Agarwal is a thought leader with extensive experience building high-performance teams and leading organisational change. Since he joined Kimberly-Clark in 2008 as President for the company's North Asia business, and subsequently as President, Asia Pacific, he has accelerated growth and market share gains in emerging markets like China and ASEAN while delivering a significant increase in profits. Prior to joining Kimberly-Clark, Mr Agarwal was a business unit general manager in PepsiCo, Inc. and served in a variety of roles in Imperial Chemical Industries Plc. Mr Agarwal is a director on the Board of SATS Ltd., a board member of Singapore International Chamber of Commerce, and a member on the Advisory Board of the Antai College of Economics & Management, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. He was recognised as Asia Business Leader of the Year by CNBC in 2016.

BANNEAR, Bill is Managing Director of ThinkPlace Singapore, part of a global strategic design consultancy. With over a decade of public service experience, he is focused on making governments and international institutions the best they can be. Mr Bannear knows that solving a complex problem is not about being the smartest person in the room; it is about creating the smartest room. He facilitates diverse groups of people to solve problems — to quickly make sense of a situation, align on a vision and direction, and coordinate action. ThinkPlace adopts methods including design thinking, systems thinking, futuring, risk management and behavioural science. It is all linked together by co-design, bringing together different perspectives, interests and expertise in a design process that progresses through intent, insight, ideation, prototyping, and into implementation. Mr Bannear's domain experience includes law enforcement, border control, environmental protection, social services, and economic development.

BHASKARAN, Manu is Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies. He is also concurrently Partner and Member of the Board, Centennial Group Inc, a policy advisory group based in Washington DC, where he heads the Group's economic research practice. Mr Bhaskaran co-leads the Institute's work in the area of economics. His major area of research interest is the Singapore economy and the policy options it faces. Prior to his current positions, he worked for 13 years at the investment banking arm of Societe Generale as its Chief Economist for Asia. He began his professional career at Singapore's Ministry of Defence, focusing on regional security and strategic issues. Mr Bhaskaran graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Master of Arts and also has a Masters in Public Administration from the Harvard University.

FAIZAL Bin Yahya is Senior Research Fellow in the Governance and Economy Department at the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS). Prior to joining IPS, he was Assistant Professor in the South Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, National University of Singapore. Concurrently, he was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies from 2008 to 2009. He has also served in the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (International Policy) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Foreign Service Officer. He was a member of the Singapore Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in 1998 and was also involved in multilateral meetings dealing with environmental issues such as climate change and transboundary hazardous wastes. He was appointed as a board member to the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore in 2019. Dr Faizal received his PhD in Economics in 2000 from the University of Sydney, Australia and was an Australian Overseas Postgraduate Research Scholar from 1994 to 1998.

KHOR Hoe Ee is the Chief Economist at ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO). He oversees AMRO's work on macroeconomic and financial market surveillance of its member economies, which comprise 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China (including Hong Kong), Japan and South Korea. A renowned economist with more than 35 years of experience, prior to joining AMRO, Dr Khor was Deputy Director of the Asia and Pacific Department at the International Monetary Fund. He also served as Assistant Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore from 2001 to 2009, where he was responsible for economic research, monetary policy, macro-financial surveillance, and international relations.

LIM, Genevieve is an Engagement Manager with AlphaBeta, a Singapore-based strategy and economics consulting firm. Her areas of expertise are the digital economy, skills development and urban strategy. She has worked with a range of public and private sector clients to develop insights for the implications of digital technologies for jobs and skills in the Asia Pacific region, and helped shape skills development strategy to improve economic opportunities in the digital age.

SCHILLEBEECKX, Simon is Assistant Professor of Strategic Management at the Lee Kong Chian School of Business in Singapore Management University (SMU). Prior to joining SMU, Dr Schillebeeckx obtained a PhD in Management from Imperial College London and worked in sustainable innovation consulting. He also did his Masters in Corporate Social Responsibility in the University of Nottingham and Bachelor of Science & Master of Science in Commercial Engineering in Catholic University of Leuven. Dr Schillebeeckx's research focuses on innovation, disruption, and digital sustainability. He explores how supply, demand, and technology shocks influence strategy and how digitisation is changing the way we tackle the SDGs. Dr Schillebeeckx also co-founded the Global Mangrove Trust, a non-profit that uses blockchain to support mangrove reforestation, and a co-founder of The Green Company, a start-up that enables companies to embed positive climate action in sales and facilitates interactive impact.

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