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Appointments of the 10th and 11th S R Nathan Fellows for the Study of Singapore

The **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)** is pleased to announce the appointments of Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Social Scientist and Former United Nations Under-Secretary-General, and Mr Patrick Daniel, Director and Interim CEO of the SPH Media Trust, as its 10th and 11th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore respectively.

As S R Nathan Fellows, Dr Heyzer and Mr Daniel will pursue research related to public policy and governance in Singapore. In November and December 2021, Dr Heyzer will speak on multilateral governance and the future of Singapore. In February and March 2022, Mr Daniel will focus his research on Singapore's media landscape and its role in the lives of all Singaporeans.

Both will deliver their series of IPS-Nathan Lectures at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Thereafter, their lectures will be compiled and published as books.

The IPS-Nathan Lectures are free and open to all. Held at NUS, they enrich the vibrant intellectual and cultural life on campus, and advance understanding and discourse on issues of national interest among the general public. Details of Dr Heyzer's and Mr Daniel's lectures will be published on the IPS website in due course.

A biographical note on Dr Heyzer and Mr Daniel is provided herewith.

About the S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore

The S R Nathan Fellowship was announced in 2013 at IPS' 25th anniversary gala dinner. IPS wanted to recognise the unique contributions of Mr S R Nathan — Singapore's sixth and longest-serving President — to public service and the development of Singapore. With generous support from individual and corporate donors, the Institute raised around S\$5.9 million (including a matching government grant) to endow the fellowship.

The S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore serves to further IPS' core mission: to research and analyse policy issues and challenges, build bridges between key thought leaders, and communicate the Institute's work to a wider audience.

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About Dr Noeleen HEYZER



Dr Noeleen HEYZER
Social Scientist
Former United Nations Under-Secretary-General

Dr Noeleen Heyzer, United Nations Under-Secretary-General (2007–2015) was the first woman to serve as the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) since its founding in 1947. Prior to her ESCAP appointment, she was the first woman from outside North America to head the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). She was also the Secretary-General's Special Adviser for Timor-Leste and is currently a member of the United Nations Secretary General's High Level Advisory Board on Mediation.

Dr Heyzer brought about significant changes in development practice and reforms during her time in office. Her work on Women and Development included establishing legal frameworks for women's domestic work and for safe migration in Asia; playing a pivotal role in the Security Council's adoption and implementation of the landmark Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security; establishing the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women; working with the private sector to establish The Women's Empowerment Principles in the changing world of work.

Responding to the 2008 global financial crisis, Dr Heyzer developed ESCAP as the UN platform to rethink new drivers of inclusive economic growth and sustainable development for the region. She also worked closely with ASEAN, the Government of Myanmar, and the UN in the Nargis recovery efforts assisting cyclone-affected people in the Ayeyarwady Delta. She played a key role in the preparation of the ASEAN-UN Comprehensive Partnership Framework.

Dr Heyzer has served on numerous boards including the UNDP Human Development Report, the Asian Development Bank's Eminent Persons Group, and the NUS Board of Trustees. She has also served on the Governing Board of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (NUS) and the Kofi Annan Global Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age, as well as Advisor to the World Leadership Alliance, Club de Madrid. She was on the High-level Commonwealth Commission on Respect and Understanding chaired by Nobel Laureate Professor Amartya Sen.

Dr Heyzer holds a Bachelor of Arts (Upper Honours) and a Master of Science from the University of Singapore, and a Doctorate in Social Sciences from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. She has received several international awards for leadership.

About Mr Patrick DANIEL



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Director and Interim CEO
SPH Media Trust

Mr Patrick Daniel is a veteran journalist and editor with a three-decade career with Singapore Press Holdings (SPH). Prior to joining the media industry, he served in the Singapore Government Administrative Service, where his last position was director in the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

He joined SPH as a Senior Writer in *The Straits Times* in October 1986. He moved to the *Business Times* where he was Editor for 10 years from 1992 to 2002. He then assumed the role of Managing Editor of SPH's English, Malay and Tamil newspapers, before becoming Editor-in-Chief from 2007 to 2016. He retired as SPH's Deputy CEO in August 2017 and served as a consultant to SPH until August 2018.

Mr Daniel returned to the media industry in July 2021 when he was appointed a Director and Interim CEO of the SPH Media Trust which takes over the media business of SPH in December 2021.

Mr Daniel graduated from University College, Oxford in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Engineering Sciences and Economics. He also has a Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

His other current appointments include President of the Singapore Press Club, Non-Executive Director of Sembcorp Marine Ltd, Stewardship Asia Centre, Vibranium Capital Pte Ltd and Imperial Gloucester Pte Ltd, as well as Non-Executive Chairman of ShareInvestor Holdings Pte Ltd and trustee at EHL (Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne) Singapore.

His previous appointments included chairing several SPH subsidiaries and serving on the boards of the Singapore University of Technology and Design, the National University Health System Ltd, The Esplanade Company Ltd, the Casino Regulatory Authority and Equal-Ark Singapore Ltd.

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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