

## 35th Anniversary Conference: Revisiting

*Monday, 12 June 2023*

*Sands Grand Ballroom (Level 5), Sands Expo and Convention Centre*

### CONCEPT

IPS was founded in 1988 to be an independent think-tank to study and generate public policy ideas in Singapore. Through the years, the Institute has performed this role by examining critical issues while building bridges between different players in society. On our 35th year, Singapore has weathered through the Covid-19 pandemic and navigated geopolitical instabilities. In the horizon lie further change and challenges, such as our ongoing political leadership transition and external ones like economic inflation and global diplomatic tensions.

Faced with new threats and old constraints, Singapore will need to revisit and re-examine the social, political and economic foundations of its success so far. What must Singapore do beyond ensuring its continued survival, but for people to thrive and to lead meaningful and flourishing lives as they participate in the wider society? How can Singaporeans find common ground over potentially divisive issues? What will the new social compact between Singapore's leaders and its people look like?

At this critical juncture, this conference aims to revisit public policy and societal discussions that will be critical to our national interests. It will examine the key issues that will affect Singapore's social and economic survival as a global city-state and discuss the ways in which the Singapore model can be adapted to better address changing realities.

## **PROGRAMME**

8.20 am – 9.00 am

**Registration**

9.00 am – 9.10 am

**Video: *Revisiting IPS***

9.10 am – 9.30 am

**Opening Address**

Mr Janadas Devan  
Director  
Institute of Policy Studies

9.30 am – 11.00 am

**Panel 1: Revisiting Meritocracy**

### **Moderator**

Associate Professor (Practice) Terence Ho  
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

### **Speakers**

Mr Chan Chun Sing  
Minister for Education

Associate Professor Daniel Goh  
Associate Provost (Undergraduate Education) &  
Vice Dean (Special Programmes), NUS College  
National University of Singapore

Associate Professor Jason Tan  
Policy, Curriculum and Leadership  
National Institute of Education

### **Question-and-Answer Session**

11.00 am – 11.30 am

**Break**

11.30 am – 1.00 pm

**Panel 2: Revisiting Housing**

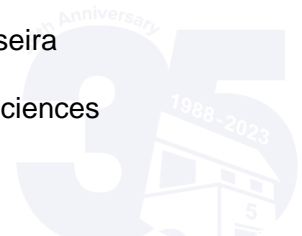
### **Moderator**

Associate Professor Ho Kong Chong  
Head of Studies, Urban Studies  
Yale-NUS College  
National University of Singapore

### **Speakers**

Ms Sim Ann  
Senior Minister of State for National Development  
and  
Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Associate Professor Walter Theseira  
Economics, School of Business  
Singapore University of Social Sciences



Professor Sing Tien Foo  
Provost's Chair Professor  
Department of Real Estate  
Business School  
National University of Singapore

**Question-and-Answer Session**

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

**Lunch**

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

**Panel 3: Revisiting Pluralism**

**Moderator**

Professor Chan Heng Chee  
Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities  
Singapore University of Technology and Design

**Speakers**

Mr K Shanmugam  
Minister for Home Affairs  
and  
Minister for Law

Ms Zuraidah Ibrahim  
Executive Managing Editor  
*South China Morning Post*

Ms Corinna Lim  
Executive Director  
Association of Women for Action and Research

**Question-and-Answer Session**

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm

**Break**

4.00 pm – 5.15 pm

**Panel 4: Revisiting Our Social Compact**

**Moderator**

Mr Christopher Gee  
Senior Research Fellow  
Head, Governance and Economy  
Institute of Policy Studies

**Speakers**

Mr Lawrence Wong  
Deputy Prime Minister  
and  
Minister for Finance

Associate Professor Ho Kong Weng  
Economics (Education)  
School of Economics  
Singapore Management University



Dr Gog Soon Joo  
Chief Skills Officer  
Skills Development Group  
SkillsFuture Singapore

**Question-and-Answer Session**

5.15 pm

**End**

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