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Appointments of the 8th and 9th S R Nathan Fellows for the Study of Singapore

The **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)** is pleased to announce the appointments of Ms Corinna Lim, Executive Director of the Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE) and Mr Ravi Menon, Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, as its 8th and 9th S R Nathan Fellows for the Study of Singapore respectively.

As S R Nathan Fellows, Ms Lim and Mr Menon will pursue research related to public policy and governance in Singapore. In April and May, Ms Lim will speak about the most pressing concerns facing women in Singapore today and contribute insight to the national gender equality review. In July, Mr Menon will share his thoughts on how Singapore might foster an innovative economy, an inclusive society, and an inspiring nation.

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

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 Ms Lim's and Mr Menon's lectures will be published on the IPS website in due course.

A biographical note on Ms Lim and Mr Menon 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 Ms Corinna LIM



Ms Corinna LIM
Executive Director
Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE)

Ms Corinna Lim is the Executive Director of AWARE, the Association of Women for Action and Research. Ms Lim joined AWARE as a member and volunteer in 1992 and has been a women's rights activist for close to 30 years.

Since becoming Executive Director in 2010, Ms Lim has been responsible for a range of initiatives including the setting up of the Sexual Assault Care Centre, the only specialised service in Singapore that provides support to sexual assault victims. She also led teams at AWARE to successfully advocate for the enactment of the Protection from Harassment Act, the repeal of marital rape immunity, better access to housing for single parents, gender equal workplaces and greater support for low income families and caregivers of the elderly.

In recognition of her contributions to civil society and the advancement of women's rights, Ms Lim received a Fulbright Scholarship (1998 – 1999).

As Executive Director, Ms Lim has improved the governance and management of AWARE, resulting in AWARE being awarded the Charity Governance and Transparency awards in 2015.

Prior to serving as Executive Director of AWARE, Ms Lim practised law for more than 10 years with Allen & Gledhill and Khattar Wong & Partners. She also has over 20 years of entrepreneurial and management experience, having been the co-founder and CEO of Bizibody Technology Pte Ltd, a dot-com company which was successfully transformed into a technology company specialising in the legal industry, as well as having led the creation, development and operation of Justice On Line, the world's first web-based video conferencing facility between the Courts and law firms.

Ms Lim has a Masters in Public Administration (with focus on social entrepreneurship) from Columbia University. She graduated with an LLB from the National University of Singapore and was called to the Singapore Bar in 1988. Ms Lim is also trained in Organisational Development and completed her Organisational Development Certificate Programme with the NTL Institute for Applied Behavioural Science.

About Mr Ravi MENON



Mr Ravi MENON
Managing Director
Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)

Mr Ravi Menon has been Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) since 2011. The MAS is Singapore's central bank and integrated financial regulator.

Prior to his appointment at the MAS, Mr Menon was Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Trade & Industry (2007-11), where he led the ministry's work in economic strategy, international trade, energy policy, and research and development; and Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Finance (2003-07), where he was responsible for fiscal policy and government reserves. Mr Menon spent the first 16 years of his career at the MAS, which he joined in 1987.

On the international front, Mr Menon is a member of the Financial Stability Board (FSB) Steering Committee. He chaired the FSB Standing Committee on Standards Implementation (2013-17), the International Monetary and Financial Committee Deputies Meetings (2011-15) and the APEC Senior Officials Meetings (2009).

A recipient of the Singapore Government's Meritorious Service Medal and Public Administration (Gold) Medal, Mr Menon has served on boards in the public, private, and people sectors. He was chairman of the Singapore Co-operation Enterprise; deputy chairman of the Central Provident Fund Board; and a board member of the Housing and Development Board. He was also on the board of directors of DBS Bank, the largest bank in Southeast Asia. Mr Menon is currently chairman of the Institute of Banking and Finance, and serves on the board of trustees of the Singapore Indian Development Association, a community volunteer group.

Mr Menon holds a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) in Economics from the National University of Singapore. A two-time winner of the Prime Minister's Book Prize, Mr Menon was a prefect and scout leader at Raffles Institution where he had his secondary school education.

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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