

**Conference  
on  
Managing Diversity in Singapore**

Friday, 5 August 2016  
Ballroom 2, Level 3  
Orchard Hotel Singapore

**PROGRAMME**

(As at 1 August 2016)

8.30 am – 9.00 am

**Registration**

9.00 am – 9.15 am

**Managing Diversity in Singapore: Policies & Prospects**

Dr Mathew Mathews  
Senior Research Fellow  
Institute of Policy Studies

9.15 am – 10.50 am

**PANEL 1**

**Manifestations and Management of Multicultural Singapore**

This panel examines the management of the long-standing markers of differences that define multicultural Singapore namely race, religion and language.

*Chairperson:*

Dr Mathew Mathews

*Speakers:*

**Navigating Disconnects and Divides in Singapore's Cultural Diversity**

Dr Lai Ah Eng  
Adjunct Senior Fellow  
University Scholars Programme  
National University of Singapore

**Managing Multilingualism**

Associate Professor Tan Ying Ying  
Head  
Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences  
Nanyang Technological University

*Panellist:*

Dr Janil Puthucheary  
Minister of State  
Ministry of Communications and Information  
and  
Ministry of Education

## **Question and Answer Session**

10.50 am – 11.10 am

**Tea Break**

11.10 am – 12.30 pm

### **PANEL 2**

#### **New Tensions when Global Meets Local**

This panel examines the tensions that arise from diversities accentuated by global forces and new forms of living and discuss ways of managing them.

*Chairperson:*

Associate Professor Elaine Ho  
Department of Geography  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
National University of Singapore

*Speakers:*

#### **Two Stories on Class in Singapore: Diversity or Division?**

Associate Professor Tan Ern Ser  
Department of Sociology  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
National University of Singapore

#### **Negotiating Singapore's New Pluralism**

Dr Johannis Auri Bin Abdul Aziz  
Independent Scholar

## **Question and Answer Session**

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

**Lunch**

1.30 pm – 2.50 pm

### **PANEL 3**

#### **Making Inclusion Possible**

This panel examines how the management of diversity allows inclusion for marginalised communities.

*Chairperson:*

Associate Professor Reuben Wong  
Director of Studies  
College of Alice and Peter Tan  
National University of Singapore

*Speakers:*

#### **What Counts as Inclusion for People with Disabilities at Work?**

Dr Justin Lee  
Research Fellow  
Institute of Policy Studies

## **Giving Voice through Youtube**

Dr Liew Kai Khiun  
Assistant Professor  
Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information  
College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences  
Nanyang Technological University

## **Question and Answer Session**

2.50 pm – 3.10 pm

### **Tea Break**

3.10 pm – 4.50 pm

### **PANEL 4**

#### **Strategies for Diversity Management in the Next Decade**

What strategies need to be applied on different fronts – political, social, economic and cultural so that Singapore can best benefit from the diversity it has?

#### *Moderator:*

Dr Norman Vasu  
Senior Fellow &  
Deputy Head  
Centre of Excellence for National Security  
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies  
Nanyang Technological University

#### *Panellists:*

Professor David Chan  
Lee Kuan Yew Fellow &  
Director  
Behavioural Sciences Institute  
Singapore Management University

Associate Professor Paulin Straughan  
Vice Dean  
International Relations and Special Duties  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
National University of Singapore

Dr Gillian Koh  
Deputy Director (Research)  
Institute of Policy Studies

Dr Sharon Siddique  
Visiting Professorial Fellow  
Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities  
Singapore University of Technology & Design

## **Question and Answer Session**

4.50 pm – 5.00 pm

### **Closing Remarks**

5.00 pm

### **End**