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**CURRICULA VITAE**

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**ARUN Mahizhnan** is Special Research Adviser at the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS). He advises the Director on IPS' research projects and undertakes selected special projects. Currently, he is leading the effort to publish *Singapore Chronicles*, a 50-volume book series to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Singapore's Independence. He was previously Deputy Director and the head of the Arts, Culture and Media research cluster in IPS. His past research interests also included business issues such as regionalisation of the Singapore economy and development of entrepreneurship. Mr Arun is concurrently an Adjunct Professor at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at the Nanyang Technological

University. Before joining IPS in 1991, he worked in both public and private sectors for 20 years, mostly in public communication fields.



**David CHAN** is Lee Kuan Yew Fellow, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Behavioural Sciences Institute at the Singapore Management University (SMU), Adjunct Principal Scientist at the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR), and Co-Director of the Centre for Technology and Social-Behavioural Insights which is a research centre jointly established by A\*STAR and SMU. He has received numerous international awards and he is the first non-American to receive the Distinguished Early Career Contributions Award from the Society for Industrial and Organisational Psychology (SIOP). He was ranked ninth worldwide in the list of Top 100 most published researchers of the 1990s in the top journals of I-O Psychology. His works have been cited over

3,000 times in journal articles in various disciplines. He has authored or edited six books. He has served as editor or board member on several journals. He is Consultant to numerous organisations in the public, private, and people sectors in Singapore and the United States. He is a member of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG), Governing Board for the Workplace Safety and Health Institute, International Panel of Experts as well as Research and Development Advisory Panel for the Urban Redevelopment Authority, International Advisory Panel for the Singapore Workforce Development Agency; a director on the boards for the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore and Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises; and Chairman of the International Advisory Panel to the NCPG and National Addictions Management Service. He is recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer Award presented by the Ministry of Social and Family Development. He is an invited columnist for *The Straits Times* and consultant to Channel NewsAsia on the five-part programme series "Social Experiments" and the five-part programme series "Days of Disasters". He is an Elected Fellow of SIOP, the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science and the International Association of Applied Psychology.



**CHEE Soon Juan** is Secretary-General of the Singapore Democratic Party (SDP). He was part of the Holland-Bukit Timah GRC team in the recently held general elections. He is a neuropsychologist by training and joined the SDP in 1992.



**Lina CHIAM** is Chairman of the Singapore People's Party (SPP) and served as a Non- Constituency Member of Parliament (NCMP) in the 12th Parliament of Singapore from 2011–2015. During her tenure as NCMP, she was actively involved in matters relating to parliamentary questions, bills, budget debates and adjournment motions. She has the second highest record for the number of speeches delivered, raising many questions on policies and issues and giving suggestions. She notably spoke on two adjournment motions she tabled on the Media Development Authority's licensing scheme for news websites in 2013 and on the Auditor-General's Report on the People's Association's financial lapses for its Financial year 2014/2015.

She participated in the 35th Asian Inter-Parliamentary Assembly with fellow parliamentarians in Lao PDR last year. She was Vice-Chairman of the Potong Pasir Town Council and was legislative assistant to Mr Chiam See Tong from 2001–2011.

She graduated as a State Registered Nurse (SRN) in the United Kingdom in 1974 and has worked at the London Clinic in UK and Mount Alvernia, Singapore. She worked as a legal secretary with speciality in conveyancing for the law firm of M/S Chiam & Co from 1979– 2003. She was also actively involved in all of Mr Chiam See Tong's previous campaigns, culminating in six successive wins from 1984–2011. She obtained a BA in Communication and Media Management from the University of South Australia in 2014.



**Gillian KOH** is Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS). As head of the Politics and Governance research cluster, Dr Koh has led research on Singaporeans' sense of national identity, rootedness and resilience and their voting behaviour. She has also led several studies on the future of Singapore including the 2012 IPS Prism project on governance in Singapore in 2022. Another important area of interest is the development of civil society. She has published several articles on that issue and also most recently co-edited *Migration and Integration in Singapore: Policies and Practice* (Routledge, 2015) which focuses on how Singaporean society is adapting to the presence of its foreign workforce. Dr Koh gained her doctorate in Sociological Studies from the University of Sheffield in 1995, where she also

obtained her Master of Arts in Third World Studies in 1990 and before that, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the National University of Singapore in 1988.



**KWOK Kian-Woon** is a sociologist based at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), where he currently serves as Associate Provost (Student Life), following his role as the first head of the Sociology Division and Associate Chair (Academic) of School of Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as the first chair of the NTU Senate. Since the early 1990s, he has been actively involved in civil society and the public sector, especially in the areas of heritage, the arts and policy research. His teaching, research and writing cover areas such as: social memory, mental health and Singapore studies. His current research projects cover war memories in Asia, mental health literacy, and Singapore and Asian modernity. He is also a collaborator in an interdisciplinary research project on psychological, health and social factors related to working in underground spaces.



**LIM Tean** is Acting Secretary-General of the National Solidarity Party. He assumed the position in late August 2015, shortly before the recent general elections. He was part of the Tampines GRC team in the elections. He is a lawyer by training and profession.



**Mathew MATHEWS** is Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies. He leads the Society and Identity research cluster where he examines issues surrounding societal cohesion. His research and publications include those on race, religion and immigrant integration as well as those surrounding the issues of family, ageing and poverty. Dr Mathews is also interested in how social programmes assist with societal concerns and has been involved in a number of research projects where he has evaluated the usefulness of various initiatives. Besides his academic interests, he is actively involved in community service. He is President of Alive Community Network and sits on the advisory boards of OnePeople.sg and Hua Mei Centre for Successful Ageing. He also

serves as a Research Advisor to the Ministry of Social and Family Development and the VWOs-Charities Capability Fund Panel.



**ONG Ye Kung** was elected Member of Parliament for Sembawang GRC in September 2015, and appointed to the Cabinet of Singapore as the Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) on 1 October 2015. He holds the concurrent appointment of Senior Minister of State for Defence. Prior to his Cabinet appointment, he held the position of Director of Group Strategy at Keppel Corporation, overseeing long-term strategic planning of the Group's activities. Before joining Keppel Corporation, he was the Deputy Secretary-General of National Trades Union Congress, overseeing the labour movement's employment and employability programmes.

He also held various positions in the Government earlier. These include the Chief Executive of Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA), during which he spearheaded many initiatives to build up the infrastructure for Continuing Education and Training. He was the Principal Private Secretary to Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong from 2003–2005, and Press Secretary to Prime Minister Lee from 1997–2003. Mr Ong was also the Deputy Chief Negotiator for the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. Mr Ong graduated from the London School



of Economics and Political Science (UK) with a BSc (Econs) First Class Honours, and holds a Master of Business Administration from the Institute of Management Development, Lausanne, Switzerland.



**Carol SOON** is Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies. Her research interests include Singapore as a digital village, digital engagement, how individuals and organisations use digital technologies to engender change, and online communities. Her work has been published in several peer-reviewed journals, including the *Asian Journal of Communication*; *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*; *Information, Communication & Society*; and *Social Science Computer Review*. Dr Soon has won several teaching awards and is currently teaching a module on new media and politics at the University Scholars Programme in the National University of Singapore. In 2012, Dr Soon was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, with support from the Australian Endeavour Award. She is currently Member of the Media Literacy Council and Associate Editor of *Media Asia Journal*.



**TAN Ern Ser** is Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology at National University of Singapore. He received his PhD in Sociology from Cornell University. He has written on social stratification, welfare policy, ethnic relations, and politics and democracy. He is author of *Does Class Matter? Social Stratification and Orientations in Singapore* (2004) and *Class and Social Orientations: Key Findings from the Social Stratification Survey 2011* (2015). He is also Head of Social Lab at the Institute of Policy Studies. He is co-investigator of Asian Barometer-Singapore (with Dr Gillian Koh), World Values Survey-Singapore (with UniSIM researchers), as well as the Singapore Panel Study on Social Dynamics (with Dr Leong Chan-Hoong). Associate Professor

Tan has served as principal consultant to the National Orientations of Singaporeans (NOS) survey series I-IV, and a consultant to the National Survey of Senior Citizens 2005 and 2011, the Learning Needs of Senior Citizens 2008, as well as REACH (Reaching Everyone for Active Citizenry@ Home). He is also a Research Adviser to the Ministry of Social and Family Development and chairs the HDB (Housing and Development Board) Research Advisory Panel. He was appointed a Justice of Peace in 2013.



**Eugene TAN** is Associate Professor of Law at the School of Law, Singapore Management University (SMU) and Co-Director of the SMU Centre for Scholars' Development. At SMU, he teaches courses at the law, business, and social sciences schools at the undergraduate, graduate and executive education levels. An advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore, Associate Professor Tan was educated at the National University of Singapore, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Stanford University where he was a Fulbright Fellow.

His inter-disciplinary research interests include constitutional and administrative law, law and public policy, the regulation of ethnic conflict, and the government and politics of Singapore. He has published in these areas in various edited volumes and peer-reviewed journals such as *Asian Journal of Business Ethics*; *Australian Journal of Asian Law*; *The China Quarterly*; *Citizenship Studies*; *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *Ethnopolitics*; *Hong Kong Law Journal*; *Intersections: Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific*; *Israel Law Review*; *Journal of Asian Business*; *Law and Policy*; *Singapore Law Review*; *Singapore Year Book of International Law*; *Terrorism and Political Violence*; and *Yonsei Law Journal*. He authored *The*

*State of Play of CSR in Singapore* (2011), which examined the corporate social responsibility landscape in Singapore. In the last two years, his publications on Singapore have examined topics such as counter-terrorism law and policy, immigration policy regime, religious freedom, foreign law in constitutional jurisprudence, the legislature and constitutional design, the social compact, corporate social responsibility in corporate governance, the constitutional special position of the Malays, and religion in education. An active analyst for the local and international media on Singapore politics, government and society, Associate Professor Tan also regularly contributes commentaries to the various Singapore newspapers. Between February 2012 and August 2014, he served as a Nominated Member of Parliament in Singapore's 12th Parliament.



**Randolph TAN** is Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Applied Research at SIM University (UniSIM). He received his Bachelor's degree in Economics, and his PhD in Theoretical Econometrics, both from Monash University. He was Head of Business Analytics at UniSIM from 2010 to 2011, and subsequently headed the Business Programme until September 2012. His current research interest is in the area of labour economics, with a focus on manpower issues in the Singapore economy. Prior to joining UniSIM, Associate Professor Tan was at Nanyang Technological University, where he taught courses in Statistics, Econometrics, Multivariate Analysis, Time Series Analysis and Applied Economics. Associate Professor Tan served as a

Nominated Member of Parliament in Singapore's 12th Parliament.



**TAN Tarn How** is Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS). His research areas are in arts and cultural policy and media and Internet policy. He has written on the development of the arts in Singapore, in particular, fostering partnerships between the people, private and public sectors, on the creative industries in Singapore, China and Korea, on cultural policy in Singapore, and on arts censorship. He has also carried out research on the management and regulation of media in Singapore, the impact of the Internet and social media on society, the role of new and old media in the 2008 Malaysian election and the 2006 and 2011 Singapore elections, and the way in which the Internet and social media has influenced the development of civil society and democratic development. He is working on a book on 'Flourishing

Life', which examines issues arising from instrumental economics-oriented thinking in politics, society and education. He was a journalist for nearly one and half decades before joining IPS. He has also been a teacher and television scriptwriter, and is a playwright and arts activist.



**ZHANG Weiyu** is Associate Professor at the Department of Communications and New Media, National University of Singapore. She holds a PhD in Communication from Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania. Her research focuses on civic engagement and ICTs (Information and Communication Technologies), with an emphasis on Asia. Her published works have appeared in *Journal of Communication*; *Communication Theory*; *Communication Research*; *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*; *Information, Communication & Society*; *International Communication Gazette*; *Computers & Education*; *Computers in Human Behavior*, and many others. Her recent project is to develop and

examine an online platform for citizen deliberation.

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