



Singapore at 50:  
What lies ahead?  
2-3 July 2015  
Shangri-La Hotel

(As at 9 June 2015)

**Opening Dinner  
Island Ballroom  
Thursday, 2 July 2015**

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	<b>Registration</b>
7.00 pm – 7.10 pm	<b>Welcome Speech</b>  Professor Tan Chorh Chuan President National University of Singapore
7.10 pm – 8.00 pm	<b>Dinner</b>
8.00 pm – 8.15 pm	<b>Performance</b>  Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music National University of Singapore
8.15 pm – 9.15 pm	<b>Conversation with Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Loong</b>  <b>Chairperson</b>  Dr Fareed Zakaria Host <i>Fareed Zakaria GPS</i> CNN and Columnist <i>The Washington Post</i>  <b>Question and Answer Session</b>
9.25 pm – 9.30 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>  Mr Janadas Devan Director Institute of Policy Studies
9.30 pm	<b>End of Opening Dinner</b>



**Conference  
Island Ballroom  
Friday, 3 July 2015**

8.00 am – 8.45 am

**Registration**

8.45 am – 9.00 am

**Welcome Remarks**

Professor Kishore Mahbubani  
Dean and Professor in the Practice of Public Policy  
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

9.00 am – 10.30 am

**SESSION ONE  
Geopolitics: Preparing for Multipolarity**

In the decades after the Second World War, the American presence in East Asia helped to make it the world's fastest growing region. But the future portends significant uncertainties and risks about the role of the US in the region. America's own domestic problems, the polarisation of American politics, and China's economic rise and its rising regional and global influence suggest that the geopolitical context in Asia in 2065 will be radically different from the one in 2015.

This session examines the long-term, structural forces that will shape interactions among the major powers in Asia — principally the United States and China, but also potentially India and Japan — over the next 50 years. This sets the context for the discussion on how Singapore might navigate a more complex, multipolar geopolitical environment successfully.

**Chairperson**

Ambassador Chan Heng Chee  
Ambassador-at-Large  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Singapore

**Speakers**

Professor Jia Qingguo  
Dean  
School of International Studies  
Peking University

Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan  
Ambassador-at-Large  
and  
Policy Adviser  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Singapore

**Question and Answer Session**



10.30 am – 11.00 am

**Coffee Break**

11.00 am – 12.30 pm

**SESSION TWO**

**The Economy: Technology, Talent and Social Justice**

Singapore's economy 50 years from now can be glimpsed through the technological and scientific revolutions that are already beginning to emerge. An open, highly globalised economy like Singapore's is likely to be among the first affected by the dramatic changes wrought by these new technologies. These changes will have far-reaching impact on the labour market, the structure of our economy, the distribution of income and wealth, the type of talent that would do well in the future economy and the workers who are at greatest risk of being displaced.

This session explores how Singapore might prepare for the technological and scientific revolutions that would determine work and the economy in 2065, how it should develop and attract the talents of the future, and how these changes would affect social justice and equity in Singapore.

**Chairperson**

Professor Tommy Koh  
Ambassador-at-Large  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Singapore  
and  
Chairman  
Governing Board  
Centre for International Law  
and  
Rector  
Tembusu College  
National University of Singapore

**Speakers**

Dr Byron Auguste  
Managing Director  
Opportunity@Work

Mr Ravi Menon  
Managing Director  
Monetary Authority of Singapore

**Question and Answer Session**



12.30 pm – 2.15 pm

## Lunch

**Conversation with  
Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister  
of Singapore,  
Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam**

### Chairperson

Dr Fareed Zakaria  
Host  
*Fareed Zakaria GPS*  
CNN  
and  
Columnist  
*The Washington Post*

2.15 pm – 3.45 pm

## SESSION THREE

### The City: Energy, the Environment and Resilience

Over the next 50 years, small, resource-constrained cities such as Singapore are likely to face more acute environmental stresses as a result of climate change, rising sea levels and ever tighter energy constraints.

This session examines how cities might be able to meet the needs of their growing populations within the bounds of what is environmentally and ecologically sustainable. Can Singapore take advantage of new technologies to create a car-less city? What sort of physical and virtual infrastructure can help Singapore — an island and a city — cope with a natural and man-made environment in 2065 that is likely to be far more challenging and less benign than that of 2015.

### Chairperson

Dr Noeleen Heyzer  
Under-Secretary-General  
and  
Special Adviser of the Secretary-General for  
Timor-Leste  
United Nations

### Speakers

Mr Peter Schwartz  
Senior Vice President  
Strategic Planning  
Salesforce.com

Dr Liu Thai Ker  
Chairman  
Centre for Liveable Cities  
and  
Senior Director  
RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte) Ltd



## **Question and Answer Session**

3.45 pm – 4.15 pm

### **Coffee Break**

4.15 pm – 5.45 pm

## **SESSION FOUR**

### **Governance: New Democratic Challenges**

In the diverse polities that are emerging in societies like Singapore, traditional notions of authority and hierarchy are changing. The ability of those in positions of authority to set the agenda and the terms of the debate is diminishing. Developments in communications technology are enabling citizens to put their governments under greater scrutiny. But the same technologies also offer citizens opportunities to collaborate and find collective solutions to public problems. Even as governments find themselves under greater pressures to account to their citizens, their ability to harness the intelligence of their citizens has never been greater.

This session examines the potentially disruptive forces in democratic governance that are emerging today, especially as a result of advances in communications technology and the growth of social media. It will explore whether the diminution of state-centred authority reduces the quality of governance and of public goods, or if this might be offset by new forms of governance such as citizen co-creation and co-production. The session also looks at how Singapore's system of governance and its state-society relations would have to evolve such that citizens' expectations of good government are met alongside rising demands for representation, accountability and transparency.

### **Chairperson**

Professor Kishore Mahbubani

### **Speakers**

The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom 1990–1997

Mr Goh Chok Tong  
Emeritus Senior Minister  
and  
Patron  
Institute of Policy Studies

## **Question and Answer Session**



5.45 pm – 6.00 pm

**Closing Remarks**

Mr Janadas Devan  
Director  
Institute of Policy Studies

6.00 pm

**End of Conference**

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