

Singapore at 50:  
What lies ahead?  
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## SPEAKERS' PROFILES



**Dr Byron AUGUSTE** is Managing Director of Opportunity@Work, a civic enterprise aiming to re-wire the US labour market in ways that enable more Americans to achieve upward mobility in the job market and workplace.

Prior to co-founding Opportunity@Work in March 2015, Dr Auguste served for two years in the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, where his portfolio included job creation, skills and workforce policies, investment, infrastructure, exports, and the services sector.

Until 2013, Dr Auguste was a Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company, leading McKinsey's High Tech Services sector from 2002 to 2006, and its global Social Sector from 2007 to 2012. Prior to McKinsey, he was an economist in international trade, global commodities markets, and economic development at LMC International, Oxford University, and the African Development Bank. He is the author of a book on international payments systems, co-author of several studies of the US and global economy, and has been published or cited in publications such as *Foreign Policy*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *McKinsey Quarterly* and *The Economist*, and has presented at the World Economic Forum and at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

Dr Auguste earned a BA *summa cum laude* in economics and political science from Yale University, where he was awarded a Truman Scholarship, and a M Phil and DPhil in economics from Oxford University, as a Marshall Scholar.



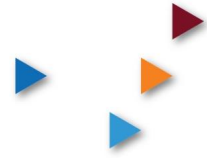
**Ambassador CHAN Heng Chee** is Ambassador-at-Large with the Singapore Foreign Ministry and concurrently Singapore's Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights. She is Chairman of the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities in the Singapore University of Technology and Design, and Chairman of the National Arts Council. Ambassador Chan was appointed Member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights in July 2012. She is a Trustee of the National University of Singapore (NUS) and member of the Yale-NUS Governing Board. She sits on the Board of Governors of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University. Ambassador Chan is a Founding Director on the Board of the S Rajaratnam Endowment CLG Limited.

Ambassador Chan is a Trustee of the Asia Society, New York. She is a Member of the Board of Lowy Institute for International Policy, Australia. Ambassador Chan served as Singapore's Ambassador to the United States from July 1996 to 14 July 2012. She was Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1989 to 1991 and was concurrently High Commissioner to Canada and Ambassador to Mexico.



**Mr GOH Chok Tong** was Singapore's Prime Minister from November 1990 to August 2004. Mr Goh graduated with First Class Honours in Economics from the University of Singapore in 1964 and joined the Administrative Service of the Singapore Government the same year. In 1967, he graduated with a Master of Arts in Development Economics from Williams College, USA. Mr Goh joined national shipping company Neptune Orient Lines in 1969, and was its Managing Director from 1973 to 1977.

Mr Goh was first elected into Parliament in 1976, and was re-elected in the eight subsequent general elections. He remains a Member of Parliament. Between 1979 and 1990, he served as Minister in the Ministries of Trade and Industry, Health and Defence. He was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in 1985, and succeeded Mr Lee Kuan Yew on 28 November 1990 as Singapore's second Prime Minister. He relinquished the premiership in August 2004 to pave the way for leadership renewal. Mr Goh remained in the Cabinet as Senior Minister and was Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) from August 2004 to May 2011. Upon leaving Cabinet, Mr Goh was



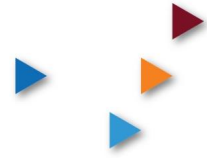
given the honorary title of Emeritus Senior Minister, and was appointed Senior Advisor to MAS.



**Dr Noeleen HEYZER** is an Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) and the highest-ranking Singaporean in the UN system. She is the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser for Timor-Leste, working to support peace-building, state-building, and sustainable development in fragile states. She was the first woman to serve as the Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific since its founding in 1947. Under her leadership from August 2007 to January 2014, the commission focused on regional co-operation for a more resilient Asia Pacific, founded on shared prosperity, social equity, and sustainable development. She was at the forefront of many innovations including those for regional disaster preparedness, inclusive socio-economic policies, sustainable agriculture and urbanisation, energy security and regional connectivity. As the previous Executive Director of the UN Development Fund for Women, she was widely recognised for the formulation and implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security. She holds a BA (Upper Hons) and a MSc from Singapore University, a PhD from Cambridge University, and has received numerous awards for leadership.



**Professor JIA Qingguo** is Dean of the School of International Studies of Peking University. He received his PhD from Cornell University in 1988. He has taught in the University of Vermont, Cornell University, University of California at San Diego, University of Sydney, as well as Peking University. He was also a Research Fellow at the Brookings Institution between 1985 and 1986 and 2001 and 2002. He is a member of the Standing Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and a member of the Standing Committee of the Central Committee of the China Democratic League. He is also the Vice President of the Chinese American Studies Association and Board Member of the China National Taiwan Studies Association. He is serving on the editorial board of more than a dozen established domestic and international academic journals. He has published extensively on US-China relations, relations between the Chinese mainland



and Taiwan, Chinese foreign policy and Chinese politics.

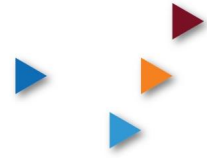


**Ambassador Bilahari KAUSIKAN** retired in June 2013 and is currently Ambassador-at-Large and Policy Adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Singapore. From 2001 to May 2013, he was first the Second Permanent Secretary and then Permanent Secretary of MFA. He had previously served in a variety of appointments, such as Director for Southeast Asia, Director for East Asia and the Pacific and as Deputy Secretary for Southeast Asia. Ambassador Kausikan had also served as the Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York and as Ambassador to the Russian Federation. He has been awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) and the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Meritorious Service Medal) by the government of Singapore. Ambassador Kausikan has also been awarded the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins with the rank of Gran Cruz by the President of the Republic of Chile and the Oman Civil Merit Order by the Sultan of Oman. Raffles Institution, the University of Singapore and Columbia University in New York all attempted to educate him.



**Professor Tommy KOH** is Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Centre for International Law and Rector of Tembusu College at the National University of Singapore (NUS). He is the Co-Chairman of the China-Singapore Forum, the India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue and the Japan-Singapore Symposium.

He was Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York for 13 years. He was Ambassador to the United States of America for six years. He was the Dean of the Faculty of Law of NUS. He was also the President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. He chaired the Preparatory Committee for and the Main Committee at the Earth Summit. He had served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. He was also Singapore's Chief Negotiator for the USA Singapore Free Trade Agreement. He has chaired two dispute panels for the World Trade Organization. In 1984, Yale University conferred on him an honorary degree of Doctor of Law. Prof Koh received the Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law in 1996 and was made a Champion of the Earth by the United



Nations Environment Programme in 2006. He also received the Great Negotiator Award 2014 from Harvard University on 10 April 2014.



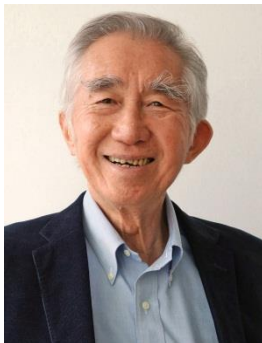
**Mr LEE Hsien Loong** has been Singapore's Prime Minister since 2004.

Mr Lee was first elected Member of Parliament in 1984, and has since been re-elected six times, most recently in 2011. He was elected to the Central Executive Committee of the People's Action Party in 1986, and became its Secretary-General in 2004.

Earlier, Mr Lee served in the Ministries of Trade and Industry and of Defence, and was Minister for Finance, Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and Deputy Prime Minister.

As Prime Minister, Mr Lee is focusing on building a competitive economy and an inclusive society. Mr Lee's Government is also strengthening Singapore's social safety nets through measures such as MediShield-Life, Workfare and ComCare. Mr Lee also chairs GIC Private Limited – Singapore's sovereign wealth fund – and the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council – an international panel to oversee Singapore's major effort in promoting R&D.

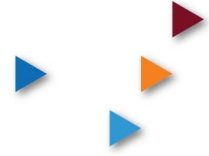
Mr Lee studied at the University of Cambridge, graduating with a BA in Mathematics and a Diploma in Computer Science. He also obtained a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School.



**Dr LIU Thai Ker** is an Architect-Planner. Since 1992, he has been Director of RSP Architects Planners & Engineers (Pte) Ltd, a consulting firm with projects in Singapore and a dozen countries.

He has been the Founding Chairman of the Centre for Liveable Cities since 2008.

Dr Liu has served as the Adjunct Professor of the School of Design and Environment and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. He is also the Adjunct Professor in the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University. He is a member of several

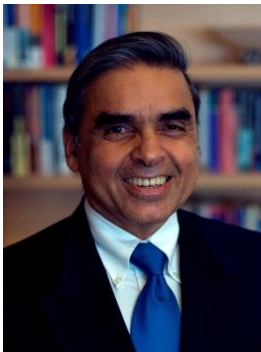


governmental bodies in Singapore, and planning advisor to over 30 cities in China.

As architect-planner and Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Housing & Development Board from 1969 to 1989, Dr Liu saw the completion of over half a million dwelling units. In 1989, he became the Chief Executive Officer & Chief Planner of Urban Redevelopment Authority for which he spearheaded the major revision of the Singapore Concept Plan 1991.

In the cultural arena, he served as Chairman of the National Arts Council from 1996 to 2005 and Chairman of Singapore Tyler Print Institute from 2000 to 2009.

He is also a recipient of several awards including the Gold Medal of the Singapore Institute of Architects in 2001 and the Medal of the City of Paris, France in 2001, The Business China Excellence Award, 2014.



**Professor Kishore MAHBUBANI** has had the good fortune of enjoying a career in government and, at the same time, in writing extensively on public issues. He was with the Singapore Foreign Service for 33 years (1971–2004) where he had postings in Cambodia, Malaysia, Washington DC and New York, where he served two postings as Singapore’s Ambassador to the UN and as President of the UN Security Council in January 2001 and May 2002. He was Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Ministry from 1993 to 1998. Currently, he is the Dean and Professor in the Practice of Public Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore. In the world of ideas, he has spoken and published globally. He is the author of *Can Asians Think?*, *Beyond The Age Of Innocence*, *The New Asian Hemisphere* and *The Great Convergence*. His latest book, *Can Singapore Survive?* was launched on 16 March 2015.



**Sir John MAJOR** entered Parliament in 1979, and Government in 1983. In Office, he served as Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Chancellor of the Exchequer; and Prime Minister.

Sir John is a Senior Adviser to Credit Suisse and holds various advisory board chairmanships including those of the Emerson Electric Company; Global Infrastructure Partners; and AECOM.

In 1999, HM The Queen appointed Sir John a Companion of Honour in recognition of his initiation of the Northern Ireland Peace Process. In 2005, HM The Queen appointed him a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. In 2012, he was awarded the Grand Cordon of The Order of The Rising Sun by the Emperor of Japan.

Sir John is President or Patron of a number of UK Charities. Most recently, he was appointed Chairman of The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, a Commonwealth-wide initiative established to create a lasting legacy to Her Majesty's 60 years as Sovereign.

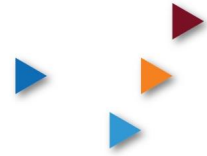


**Mr Ravi MENON** was appointed Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) in 2011. The MAS is responsible for conducting monetary policy, managing the official foreign reserves, regulating and supervising the financial sector, and developing Singapore as a financial centre.

Mr Menon was previously Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Trade & Industry (MTI) and Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Finance (MOF).

At MTI (2007-2011), Mr Menon led the ministry's work in economic strategy; industrial development; energy policies; research and development; international trade agreements; and regional economic integration. He chaired the APEC Senior Officials Meetings when Singapore hosted and chaired APEC in 2009.

At MOF (2003-2007), Mr Menon was responsible for fiscal policy and government reserves. He oversaw the preparation of the Annual Budget Statements; and led a review of the investment policy of the Singapore Government Investment Corporation.



A recipient of the Public Administration Medal (Gold), Mr Menon has served on a variety of boards in the public, private, and people sectors. On the international front, Mr Menon is a Member of the Financial Stability Board Steering Committee and chairs the International Monetary and Financial Committee Deputies (IMFC) process.

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.



**Mr Peter SCHWARTZ** is Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning for Salesforce.com. In this role he manages the organisation's ongoing strategic conversation and helps provide insight into the future.

Prior to joining Salesforce, Mr Schwartz was Co-founder and Chairman of Global Business Network and a partner of the Monitor Group – a family of professional services firms devoted to enhancing client competitiveness. Before co-founding his own firm he was head of scenario planning for Shell. An internationally renowned futurist and business strategist, Mr Schwartz specialises in scenario planning, working with corporations, governments, and institutions to create alternative perspectives of the future and develop robust strategies for a changing and uncertain world.

Mr Schwartz is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations – and in Singapore – the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council. He also sits on the boards of The Long Now Foundation and The Center for New American Security.

Mr Schwartz is a renowned author of numerous books. His first book, *The Art of the Long View* (Doubleday Currency, 1991) is considered a seminal publication on scenario planning and has been translated into multiple languages. He publishes and lectures widely; and served as a script consultant on the films "Minority Report," "Deep Impact," "Sneakers," and "War Games." He was also voted into the Futurists hall of fame by the Association of Professional Futurists in 2012.





**Mr THARMAN Shanmugaratnam** is Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in Singapore. He has been Minister for Finance since December 2007, and served for five years as Minister for Education from 2003.

Mr Tharman leads the national SkillsFuture initiative, which seeks to empower Singaporeans to learn at every age, and develop the skills of the future. He also leads the tripartite National Productivity Council.

Mr Tharman was appointed by his international peers as Chairman of the International Monetary and Financial Committee, the policy steering committee of the International Monetary Fund, from March 2011 to March 2015, and was its first Asian chair. He is a member of the Group of Thirty, also known as "The Consultative Group on International Economic and Monetary Affairs".

Besides his responsibilities in Government, Mr Tharman is Chairman of the Ong Teng Cheong Labour Leadership Institute; and Chairman of Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA), which seeks to uplift educational performance and aspirations in the Indian Singaporean community.

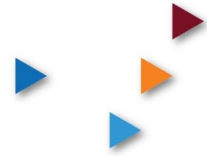
Mr Tharman serves as Member of Parliament for Jurong GRC. He was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Secretary-General of the People's Action Party in May 2011.

Much of his earlier professional life was spent at the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Singapore's central bank and integrated financial regulator, where he was chief executive before entering politics in 2001. Mr Tharman is currently also Chairman of the MAS.



**Dr Fareed ZAKARIA** is host of CNN's flagship international affairs programme Fareed Zakaria GPS, a contributing editor for *The Atlantic*, a *Washington Post* columnist, and a *New York Times* bestselling author. In 2007, *Foreign Policy* and *Prospect* magazines named him among the world's 100 leading public intellectuals.

Recipient of the Peabody Award, Fareed Zakaria GPS brings in-depth interviews with the Dalai Lama, heads of state including Barack Obama, Narendra Modi, King Abdullah II, Dmitry Medvedev, Moammar Gadhafi and Lula da Silva, as well as countless intellectuals, business leaders, politicians and journalists to more than 200



million homes in over 210 countries. Dr Zakaria's columns — on subjects from globalisation and emerging markets to the Middle East and America's role in the world — reach over 25 million readers weekly. In 2000 he received a National Magazine Award for his commentary.

He is the author of four books. Two of them, *The Future of Freedom* and *The Post-American World*, have been New York Times Bestsellers and translated into over 25 languages. His latest book, *In Defense of a Liberal Education*, highlights education as a driver of economic progress and he is a long-time advocate of expanded early childhood education.

Dr Zakaria received a BA from Yale College and a PhD from Harvard University and has received honorary degrees from Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Brown, The University of Miami, Oberlin College, among others.

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