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Appointment of the 2015/16 S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore

The **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)** is pleased to announce that Mr Bilahari Kausikan, Ambassador-at-Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will be appointed the 2015/16 S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore.

As an S R Nathan Fellow, Mr Kausikan, 60, will pursue research related to public policy and governance in Singapore, and give a series of *IPS-Nathan Lectures* over the course of the 2015/2016 academic year.

The *IPS-Nathan Lectures* are free and open to all. They will be held at the National University of Singapore (NUS) and will enrich the already vibrant intellectual and cultural life on campus, by advancing public understanding and discussion of issues of national interest. Details of Mr Kausikan's lectures will be available on the [IPS website](#) and in the [monthly IPS e-newsletter](#) from August 2015.

The 2014/15 S R Nathan Fellow, Mr Ho Kwon Ping, Executive Chairman of Banyan Tree Holdings Limited, was appointed in July 2014. Mr Ho has since delivered a series of well-attended lectures and IPS would like to thank him for his contribution to promoting greater discourse on Singapore issues. Mr Ho's lectures will be compiled into a book and published by IPS later this year.

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 contribution of Mr Nathan – Singapore's sixth and longest-serving President – to public service and the advancement of Singapore. With generous support from individual and corporate donors, the Institute raised S\$3 million (excluding the matching government grant) to endow the annual 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.

More information on the S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore can be found [here](#).

Bio of Mr Bilahari Kausikan



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.

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. For more information about IPS, visit www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/ips/

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