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Commencement of the 7th IPS-Nathan Lectures — *World in Transition: Singapore's Future*

The **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)** is pleased to announce the commencement of the lecture series by its 7th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore, Professor Chan Heng Chee, Ambassador-at-Large with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Chair of the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology and Design.

As S R Nathan Fellow, Professor Chan will deliver a series of three lectures, titled *World in Transition: Singapore's Future*. The details of the lectures are as follows:

Lecture I — Disruption. Democracy Falters. Capitalism Flounders. World Order Unravels. (18 June 2020, 6pm)

Lecture II — The US-China Rivalry: Inevitable War or Avoidable War? (1 July 2020, 6pm)

Lecture III — Singapore in a Time of Flux: Optimism from the Jaws of Gloom (15 July 2020, 6pm)

The IPS-Nathan Lectures are free and open to all. Typically held at NUS, they enrich the vibrant intellectual and cultural life on campus, and advance understanding and discourse on issues of national interest among the general public. Details on how to attend Professor Chan's lectures, which will be livestreamed on Facebook due to the Covid-19 situation, will be published on the IPS website in due course.

A biographical note on Professor Chan is provided herewith.

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 contributions of Mr S R Nathan—Singapore's sixth and longest serving President—to public service and the development of Singapore. With generous support from individual and corporate donors, the Institute raised around S\$5.9 million (including a matching government grant) to endow the 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.

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About Professor Chan Heng Chee



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Professor Chan Heng Chee is Ambassador-at-Large with the Singapore Foreign Ministry. She chairs the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities in the Singapore University of Technology and Design, and is Chairman, Board of Trustees of ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. She is a Member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights. She is also Deputy Chairman of the Social Science Research Council, a Member of the Science of Cities Committee, and a member of the Advisory Council on the Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") and Data, Ministry of Communications and Information.

Professor Chan is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the National University of Singapore and a Member of the Yale-NUS Governing Board.

She was elected the Global Co-Chair of the Asia Society in December 2017 and is a Council Member of the Asia Society Policy Institute.

Previously, she was Singapore's Ambassador to the United States and Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations with concurrent accreditation as High Commissioner to Canada and Ambassador to Mexico.

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.

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