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Appointment of the 6th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore

The **Institute of Policy Studies (IPS)** is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Tan Tai Yong, President of Yale-NUS College and Professor of Humanities (History) at the college, as its 6th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore, for the period from 1 August 2018 to 31 May 2019.

As S R Nathan Fellow, Professor Tan will pursue research related to public policy and governance in Singapore. He will also deliver a series of IPS-Nathan Lectures at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Thereafter, Professor Tan's lectures will be compiled and published in a book.

The IPS-Nathan Lectures are free and open to all. 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 of Professor Tan's lectures will be published on the IPS website in due course.

A biographical note on Professor Tan 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 Tan Tai Yong



Professor Tan Tai Yong is President and Professor of Humanities (History) at Yale-NUS College.

Prior to becoming president in July 2017, he served as the College's Executive Vice President (Academic Affairs) from 2014 to 2017, overseeing the academic and co-curricular aspects of the liberal arts experience at Yale-NUS College, including all faculty matters and academic affairs. Professor Tan has contributed to the academic programme of the College from the beginning, serving as Co-Chair of the joint Yale and NUS committee that hired the inaugural faculty members in the humanities and shaped the common curriculum in 2011.

A graduate of NUS, Professor Tan completed his doctorate at Cambridge University. He has been a faculty member of the NUS Department of History since 1992 and served the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences as Sub-Dean (1994–1999), Head of the History Department (2000–2003), Vice-Dean (2001–2003), and Dean (2004–2009). Professor Tan was previously the Vice-Provost (Student Life) (2010–2014) at NUS, overseeing student matters, University Town and the Residential Colleges, the Centre for English Language and Communication, as well as the Office of Student Affairs and the Halls of Residence. He was the Founding Director of the Institute of South Asian Studies, an autonomous university-level research institute in NUS, serving from 2004 to 2015. He received Teaching Excellence Awards in 1992 and 2000.

Professor Tan is Honorary Chairman of the National Museum of Singapore. He serves on the National Heritage Board as Chairman of the National Collection Advisory Panel and as member of the Academic Research Panel. Professor Tan was appointed to the Singapore Social Sciences Research Council in 2016. He is a member of the Singapore Bicentennial Advisory Panel.

Professor Tan served as a Nominated Member of Parliament from 2014 to 2015. He was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) at the 2009 National Day Awards.

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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