



Singapore-France Economic Forum

Les Rencontres Économiques in Singapore

“New Horizons for the World Economy”

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Second edition of Singapore-France Economic Forum *A High Level economic Forum that Explores Bilateral Economic Relations Between Europe and Asia*

The *Cercle des économistes*, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and the Economic Society of Singapore are organizing, with the support of the French Embassy in Singapore and the local authorities, the second edition of the *Rencontres Économiques in Singapore*. This event will officially conclude the Year of Innovation France-Singapore, decreed jointly at the highest level of the two states. The goal of this initiative is to develop a strategic partnership and to recognize innovation as a driver for transforming our economies and societies. France and Singapore have therefore decided to intensify their cooperation in research and innovation.

Inspired by *Les Rencontres Économiques d’Aix-en-Provence* in France, *Les Rencontres Économiques in Singapore* will take place on **les 14 et 15 march 2019 on the campus of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy with the central theme: « New Horizons for the World Economy ».**

The two-day forum brings together a panel of 40 esteemed speakers from varied backgrounds (academia, business leaders, policy makers) and offers an in-depth exploration of the bilateral economic relations between Europe and Asia through a series of insightful presentations, panel discussions, and open debates. to explore the economic relations between Europe and Asia, Key topics such as globalization, inequalities, innovation, the determinants of growth and regional integration.

The major question posed in these debates will be that of the necessary confidence of countries and peoples among themselves and in a model of globalization that benefits everyone. The speakers will then question the best tools and initiatives to take to achieve this.

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This international debate is complex but necessary and urgent. Finding original answers is therefore our ambition for this new edition of the Rencontres Économiques in Singapore. These topics will be discussed by high-level speakers, among them:

- Bertrand Badré, CEO BleuOrange
- Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Trade and Industry, Singapore
- Danny Quah, Dean and Li Ka Shing Professor in Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
- Kishore Mahbubani, Professor in the Practice of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
- Claire Waysand, Member of Le Cercle des économistes
- Manu Baskaran, Vice President of The Economic Society of Singapore
- Marc Abensour, Ambassador of France to Singapore
- Michel Sapin, Former Minister of Economy and Finance, France
- Muhamad Chatib Basri, Former Minister for Finance, Indonesia
- Philippe Martin, Membre Le Cercle des économistes
- Nicolas Colin, Co-Founder & Partner, The Family,
- Pascal Lamy, Former Managing Director, World Trade Organization
- Patrice Geoffron, Member of Le Cercle des économistes
- Rebecca Sta Maria, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat
- Edward Robinson, Chief Economist, Monetary Authority of Singapore
- Lim Kell Jay, Head of Grab Singapore

[Full program, speakers and registrations](#)

Organizing Partners' Quotes:

Danny Quah, Dean and Li Ka Shing Professor in Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, "This is an inflexion point in the history of the global economy: Will the world grow more collaborative and see more fruitful exchange of ideas and value across its geographies and peoples? More than ever before will our actions now determine the way forwards for the international community on these and related global policy challenges. Les Rencontre Économiques in Singapore represents a crucial step forwards for international cooperation and understanding on the vital economic challenges of our day."

Professor Jean-Hervé Lorenzi, President of Le Cercle des économistes, "During this time of incertitude, open economic discussions between keys actors from business or academic fields are essential. Les Rencontres Économiques d'Aix-en-Provence have been, for 19 years now, a major European moment of exchanges but it was important to bring those talks at a more international level, in Singapore. We believe that *Les Rencontres Économiques* in Singapore will help vitalize and deepen the relations between our two countries"

Professor Euston Quah, resident of the Economic Society of Singapore, said, "At ESS, one of our objectives is to raise awareness of and stimulate public interest in economics. In Singapore, we have to date very few good platforms that allow for in-depth discussions on economic issues, so Les Rencontres Économiques in Singapore further presents an excellent opportunity for us to do so. As the world is getting more complex, it is crucial that we exchange insights, share issues, think about the future, and work together in new opportunities. We hope that the forum will spark off more active discussions amongst Singaporeans, especially with the younger generation."

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Communications

For more information about Les Rencontres Économiques in Singapore (programme, speaker list, registration), please visit : www.singapore.rencontreseconomiques.com

To find the 1st edition of Les Rencontres Économiques in Singapore - November 2016 : www.lecercledeconomistes.fr/evenements/rencontres-economiques-in-singapore/

Simultaneous translation in French/English will be provided throughout all sessions, and videos of the discussions will be made available on the event website after the conference.

Interested participants may follow **#RESing2019** on twitter for live updates of the forum.

Les Rencontres Économiques in Singapore - Singapore-France Economic Forum is organized with the support of:

Amundi, Ardian, Ascott Limited, Bloomberg, CMA-CGM, GIC, LVMH and Société Générale, and our two academic partners : **l'ESSEC Business School** and **SUSS** (Singapore University of Social Sciences).

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About Le Cercle des économistes



Le Cercle des économistes was created with the ambitious aim of stimulating the economic debate. Thanks to the diversity of opinion of its 30 members, all academics who hold or have held a position in the private or public sector, and numerous activities developed in partnership with French media, the Cercle des économistes has rapidly become a key player in the economic arena. Among a number of events, Le Cercle des économistes has been organizing every year, in July «les Rencontres Économiques d'Aix-en-Provence», gathering more than 220 speakers from all over the world with a public of 3000 people.

Le Cercle des économistes can provide its expertise with its thirty members, its network of international academics, institutions and business leaders as well as its experience in the organization of high quality economic debates.

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About Economic Society of Singapore



The Economic Society of Singapore (ESS) is a non-profit organization of economists and other professionals interested in economics. ESS brings together members of the economics profession in academia, the government and business sectors and provides a platform for discussions on issues facing the Singapore economy and the region.

The primary objective of the Society is to raise public awareness, and stimulate public interest and debate, in economic issues. It does this by organizing conferences, talks, workshops and public lectures and by conducting studies on issues, either on its own or in partnership with other organizations.

The objectives of ESS are to raise public awareness on Economic issues and to stimulate public interest in Economics, to encourage discussion on Economic problems with special reference to Singapore and to issue a journal and other special publications.

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About Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore



Part of the National University of Singapore, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy was established in 2004 with the mission of educating and inspiring current and future generations of leaders to raise the standards of governance in Asia, improve the lives of its people and contribute to the transformation of the region. With over 2,800 alumni spanning 90 countries, the School's unique Asian focus allows students to form a network of future leaders and experience public policy education in a distinctively global environment.

In addition to Masters and PhD programmes, the LKYSPP offers high quality customised Executive Programmes that cater to the needs of time-constrained senior managers and professionals, with the aim of delivering creative solutions to real management and leadership challenges. The School has a number of research centres and institutes that contribute both to scholarly inquiry as well as policymaking, and frequently plays host to distinguished speakers and visiting scholars.

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