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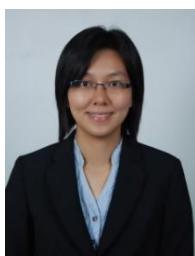
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An academic, he is a Fulbright Fellow and non-resident Senior Fellow at East West Institute (New York) with 13 essay awards (including first prize Chief of Defence Force essay competition) and 46 (including commissioned/forthcoming) publications. Charles also serve as Assistant Editor for Comparative Public Policy Series (Cambridge University Press), Editor-in-Chief of Asian Journal of Public Affairs, and sits on Editorial Boards of *POINTER* (SAF Journal) and International Relations and Diplomacy. He did his undergraduate and Research Masters in International Relations at London School of Economics and holds a Specialist Postgraduate Diploma from National Institute of Education. His research interests include Public-Business-Not-for-Profit Management, Corporate-Military-Public Sector Strategy, International Relations, Security Studies, East-Southeast Asian studies, American, Chinese and Singapore studies, Innovation and Thinking, Research Methods and Philosophy of Social Sciences.

A practitioner, he was Head Research Trainer at Ministry of Defence Training Captains and Majors in research work. He spearheaded two military start-ups, was Deputy Lead for Singapore's contingent in Afghanistan, and served as President's Honorary Aide-de-Camp for 6 years. Charles' 15-year civil-society leadership record from London to Singapore included spearheading five civil society start-ups, being the first Singaporean to run Commonwealth Youth Forum in Malta, spearheading inaugural international Youth Olympics community song album, two MINDEF-wide charity carnivals involving 4,000 and raising \$61,000, Global Social Innovators Forum, and recently the nation-wide SG100 (self-raised \$200,000 sponsorship from public-private-people sectors) for Singapore's youths to discuss vision and policy recommendations for SG100 nation-building, as President of Association for Public Affairs. He also served as a SPRING's Business Excellence assessor offering advice on strategic planning and organisational excellence to heads of public and private organisations, and is the youngest Singapore Scout Council member. He is a NIQCC and IETEX judge, and volunteers with Facilitator Network Singapore as a process facilitator.

The first Singaporean recipient of Goldman Sachs Global Leader and HSBC Youth Excellence Awardee, Charles consistently excelled internationally to be named World Economic Forum Global Shaper, CSIS Pacific-Forum Young Leader, Thai Institute of Justice Fellow, and inducted into Stars 'Next Generation Leader' and Dragon 100 (for Chinese young leaders) networks.



Deputy Editor-in-Chief –Si Ying Tan

Si Ying practiced as a medical social worker for three years prior to starting her PhD in Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. She was involved in front line practices in the hospital which involve case management, advocacy, and actively involved in conducting research projects examining social and economic needs of people living with HIV and AIDS. At the moment, her

research interests encompass the politics and policy implementation of healthcare, and policy evaluation of health and social interventions. She is particularly interested in knowing how to develop more capacity to use evidence to inform policy development in countries beyond the western liberal democracies. For her doctoral thesis, she is researching on health financing reform, with a focus on provider payment reform in developing countries.



Deputy Editor – Kidjie Saguin

Kidjie Saguin is an experienced policy researcher with extensive experience working on the areas of governance, corruption prevention and public service delivery. He has been involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of various policy reforms in the Philippines including citizen charters, social protection, local participatory budgeting and planning, K-12 adoption and performance-based management system. He has conducted research in a government think-tank (Development Academy of the Philippines), a global development social enterprise (Devex) and an international agency (United Nations Research Institute for Social Development). He is currently a PhD student broadly interested in social policy-making in local governments. He holds a Master in Public Policy (Social Policy) from the National University of Singapore and a BA in Public Administration (cum laude) from the University of the Philippines. He also holds a professional Certificate of Advanced Studies in Management of Development Projects from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology – Lausanne (EPFL).



Secretary – Lili Li

Lili Li is currently undertaking her PhD program at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. Her research interests are policy response to climate change, pollution control, environmental and energy policies. She was trained in environmental science before joining the PhD program. She obtained Bachelor's Degree in Science from Jilin University (China) in 2011, and then obtained her Master Degree in Science at Peking University (China) in 2014. Her master thesis was modelling nutrients flows from land to sea and assessing nutrient pollution management policies by the agent-based modelling approach.



Senior Editor - Nihit Goyal

Nihit is an Editor of the Asian Journal of Public Affairs (AJPA). He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP). Before joining the doctoral program, Nihit was working as a researcher at the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), an Indian think tank. He is primarily interested in the areas of energy policy, information technology, and sustainable development.

Nihit holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science from the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), a dual-degree Master of Public Affairs/Master in Public Policy from Sciences Po and the National University of Singapore (NUS), and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Cyber Laws from the NALSAR University of Law.



Senior Editor – Mariyam Raza Haider

Mariyam Raza Haider is currently a Li Ka Shing Scholar and Master of Public Policy candidate at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. She holds a Bachelors degree in Journalism from the University of Delhi. Prior to joining LKY School, she worked as a Security Analyst with Control Risks and International SOS, a joint venture between political risk and security analysis consultancies. Her work comprised analyzing corporate risks for clients and their business ventures across the globe. This included writing security reports on critical geopolitical situations affecting international business such as the Arab Spring (Egypt), Crimea (Ukrainian-Russian) crisis, or elections in South Asian countries and the Ebola situation in West African nations.

Previously, she has worked with a public policy think tank and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) dedicated to the development of women and environmental litigation. She has written research papers and co-produced/directed two documentaries as part of her undergraduate degree.

Mariyam brings with her more than two years of work experience in international media reportage and analysis. She is a William Dalrymple loyalist, avid traveller and a poet. In her spare time, she likes to explore historical sites and documents them on her blog.



Senior Editor - Matthew Reinert

Matthew Reinert is currently studying in the MPP program. He holds a B. Sci in General Biology from the University of Washington and an International Master's in Asia Pacific Studies from National Chengchi University (國立政治大學). His research focus is healthcare systems and healthcare systems with a particular focus on insurance and actuarially unsound health conditions. He is also interested in international relations and cross strait relations. Matthew has spent several years living in Taiwan where he worked, studied Chinese, and obtained his first master's. He is also very passionate about Chinese history during the Republic Period and systems design. He is very excited to be working as part of AJPA.



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Nisha is pursuing a Master of Public Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. A lawyer by training, she worked as a criminal and civil litigation associate with a leading Singapore law firm before joining a German think-tank and political consultancy, where she worked on development projects focusing on the promotion of democratic governance, the rule of law and human rights in Asia. Her research interests include foreign policy, good governance and human rights, with a special focus on the rights of refugees, women and children.



Editor – Anastasia Rogacheva

Anastasia Rogacheva is a PhD student at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, under the supervision of Professor Huang Jing. Her chief interests are political economy and security, especially how they relate to China's place in the world. Anastasia interned for the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development in Geneva, where she edited and co-authored numerous publications. She received a Master's in Chinese Studies from Oxford and a Bachelor's in International Relations from the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, where she was also a Research Assistant.



Editor – Dickson Yeo

Dickson is an international relations researcher who looks at the changing dynamics of power among elites in ASEAN and China. He aims to be an academic mediator and analyst of Beijing, Washington and ASEAN as the former embarks on its "one belt one road initiative". Educated in Singapore, the US and Japan, Dickson aims continue to be an avid seeker of regional perspectives. He specializes in digesting theoretical concepts for stakeholders while enabling them to respond to asymmetrical challenges in the regional market place. He excels at conducting literature reviews and gathering data from secondary sources to create hypotheses for research projects. Aside from creating case studies and finished reports for ministry stakeholders in Singapore, he has also generated journal articles, news media pieces and in-house bulletins with regards to energy security, industrial commodity supply and sustainable transportation issues.

Editor – Isha Dayal



Isha Dayal is a PhD Candidate at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS). Prior to this she was Research Associate at Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi, associated with projects on India-Pakistan Trade Normalization supported by DFID and Japan Project supported by Sasakawa Peace Foundation. Her research interests include trade policy and international economy, with focus on trade facilitation, transit and connectivity, regional integration, and international aid flows, and has worked on several research articles and papers on these themes. Previously, Isha has been a consultant with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India, and Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC Ltd), New Delhi. She has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Miranda House, University of Delhi; and a MSc. Degree in Economic Development and Policy Analysis from the University Of Nottingham, United Kingdom.



Editor-Maitreyee Mukherjee

With a background in bio-sciences and environmental management, Maitreyee's research interest lies chiefly in water related policy research. Her prior work, under the capacity of Research Associate at Institute of Water Policy, LKYSPP, included projects in urban water management, water pricing and environmental sustainability in water resource development projects. In addition to her research exposure, she is also a trained teacher

and has taught middle school children for few years. Her interest in discussion and sharing of new research ideas or development inspires her to be actively associated with like-minded people in AJPA as well as other research communities.

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Ritu Bhandari is a MPP Junior at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS and is the Editor at the Asian Journal of Public Affairs. Prior to joining school, she was working at a free market public policy think tank in New Delhi, India where she was involved in extensive data based research on the education policies in India. She conducted comprehensive secondary research and travelled to various parts of India while carrying out primary research for various projects of the Institute. Before working, while pursuing her under graduation in political science, she volunteered to teach kids in an orphanage for two years. Her research interests include economics in public policy, role of education in growth and development, and she believes in the power of evidence-based policy making to create a large-scale impact. She loves to read and travel.



Editor - Ruijie Cheng

Ruijie Cheng is a PhD student with Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS. Her research focuses on International Trade and Finance, Development Economics, International Political Economy and Public Finance. Prior to her PhD studies, she worked as a research associate with NYU Centre on US-China Relations and assisted the director with two book projects and worked on trade, FDI, ODA and technology transfers among China, US and Southeast Asia as well as on regional organizations among TPP, CICA, SCO, EAS and ARF. She had done a research internship with Human Development Report Office (HDRO), UNDP Headquarters in New York and participated in data processing, editing and translating for UNDP annual publication *Human Development Report 2014* and worked on a chapter on financial stability. She had also interned at Asia Society New York Office and supported grant proposals for global initiatives and maintained database. She had experience in planning social policy research project in rural China and was actively involved in the cause of NGO development. Ruijie obtained her Master's Degree in International Relations from New York University in 2014 and Bachelor's in Economics from Communication University of China in 2012. You can contact her contact: *ruijie_cheng[at]u.nus.edu*.



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Editor – Shruti Gogia

Shruti Gogia is pursuing Master in Public Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS. Prior to joining school, she was working as a special educator in a not for profit organization in India. Specifically, she was using Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy in an intensive 1:1 student – teacher program designed for children with Autism. Having received a master's degree in Psychology from Delhi University, India, her primary interests include exploring education innovations in Asian countries to facilitate an inclusive education policy.



Editor – Shruti Singh

Shruti Singh is currently pursuing Masters in Public Administration at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. Prior to this she was working as a consultant to the Ministry of Human Resource Development in India. Shruti believes in using communication and design for social impact and has worked in social advocacy and political campaigns. Her research interests and advocacy work focus on education, gender equality and social policy.

Shruti collaborated with NGO's and civil societies to organize Delhi Rising (part of the global movement 'One Billion Rising') in 2013 & 2014 and used creative mediums such as music, dance, theatre and art to raise awareness about gender inequality and call for action to stop violence on women.

She holds an MA in Fashion Entrepreneurship from London College of Fashion (University of Arts, UK) and BA in Design from National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, India. Her entrepreneurial venture focussed on developing board games under an independent brand "Creative Disorder". She also enjoyed developing strategy for communication design as a creative consultant for several start-ups and Delhi based social initiatives focused on gender related issues.



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