

Speakers Profile



Professor Lee Pey Woan

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Professor Lee Pey Woan is currently Dean and Professor of Law at Yong Pung How School of Law (YPHSL). She was previously Vice Provost (Faculty Matters) at the Office of the Provost (PVO) as well as Associate Dean (Undergraduate Teaching and Curriculum) at YPHSL and the Academic Director for Faculty Affairs at PVO. As Vice Provost (Faculty Matters), she was closely involved in the review and development of the University's academic governance policies.

Pey Woan teaches Corporate Law but her research interests encompass company, private and commercial law. She has published widely in local as well as leading international journals including the *Modern Law Review*, *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*, *Law Quarterly Review*, *Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly* as well as *Journal of Business Law*. She has also co-authored text books on Contract Law, Tort Law and Company Law. Her works have been cited by the Singapore Court of Appeal, the Singapore High Court and the Canadian Supreme Court. Pey Woan also serves the legal profession by periodically speaking at legal conferences.

Pey Woan graduated from King's College London and subsequently obtained the Bachelor of Civil Law from Oxford University. She is also an Advocate and Solicitor of the Singapore Supreme Court. In the past, she was appointed amicus curiae to the Singapore Court of Appeal and has also been called to the external Bar in England and Wales (Middle Temple).



The Honourable Justice Aidan Xu

Judge of the General Division of the High Court, Supreme Court, and Judge in Charge of Transformation and Innovation, Singapore Judiciary

Justice Aidan Xu was appointed Judicial Commissioner in 2014 and High Court Judge in 2017.

Justice Xu holds degrees in law and public management from the National University of Singapore (NUS), and obtained the BCL from Oxford University.

He began his working life as a Justices' Law Clerk in 1997. He then taught at the Faculty of Law, NUS, before re-joining the Singapore Legal Service, where he has held various appointments, including as Chief Prosecutor at the Attorney-General's Chambers. He has also been seconded to the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) twice. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2012.

Currently, he is the Judge in charge of Transformation and Innovation in the Judiciary, and is also Chair of the Promotion of Legal Technology Innovation Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law.



Associate Professor Dorcas Quek
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Dorcas is an Associate Professor of Law in the Singapore Management University's Yong Pung How School of Law. Dorcas has more than twenty years of experience as a mediator and in dispute resolution research. She is a mediator with Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC), Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC), Sage Mediation, Asian Development Bank and the UN Office of the Ombudsman. Dorcas has conducted negotiation and mediation training for SIMC, SMC and the Attorney-General's Chambers. She has also spoken at international events organised by International Chamber of Commerce, Asian Development Bank, UN Women, American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, and Law and Society Association. Dorcas' research explores the interaction between dispute resolution developments and access to justice. Her research has been published in international journals including the Civil Justice Quarterly and the Harvard Negotiation Law Review.



Professor Tania Sourdin
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Professor Tania Sourdin BA, LLB, LLM, PhD FAAL Professor Sourdin is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Newcastle. She is the author of more than 160 publications including books, articles and papers, that are focussed on justice reform issues. She has presented on a range of topics including justice innovation, AI and technology and law. She has had a number of projects that have explored the use of AI in the justice system since 2003 and the role of a human judge. Her book "Judges, Technology and AI" was published in 2021. She has recently focussed on regulation and AI with a number of articles that consider governance as well as risk assessment and she is retained by a number of professional organisations and often presents her work to judges and lawyers internationally and within Australia.

She is currently an expert advisor on the Victorian Law Reform Commission Artificial Intelligence in Victorian Courts and Tribunals project and has also been involved in the Human Rights Commission project on Neurotechnology and Human Rights. She has maintained a busy practice and undertakes work for both the Commonwealth and State governments as a mediator and adjudicator. Since 2014, she has also been the NBN Industry Dispute Resolution Advisor and a Visiting Professor at the University of Sydney.



Dr Adriana Banozic
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Dr. Adriana Banozic is a neuroscientist and AI governance expert who currently serves as Expert Advisor to the UN Digital Public Infrastructure Safeguards and teaches at Singapore Management University's School of Law and School of Computing Science. Her work examines how digital systems embedded in public services can earn and sustain societal trust. She previously led AI governance initiatives at Singapore's Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) and currently serves as Expert Advisor to the UN Digital Public Infrastructure Safeguards Workgroup. Her research focuses on the cognitive and behavioral aspects of human-AI interaction in high-stakes settings, particularly in healthcare and judicial contexts. She holds a PhD in Neuroscience and an MPA from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.



Assistant Professor Lim How Khang
Assistant Professor of Law and
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Lim How Khang is Assistant Professor of Law and Computer Science (Practice) at Singapore Management University, with joint appointments in the Yong Pung How School of Law and the School of Computing and Information Systems. He directs the BSc (Computing & Law) programme (Singapore's first undergraduate degree integrating both disciplines). He previously served as founding Director of the Centre for Computational Law, which received a \$15 million grant from the National Research Foundation to develop technologies for computational contracts and statutes. His research spans computational law, natural language processing, and legal technology, with particular interest in how AI systems interact with legal institutions and access to justice. He teaches courses including Digital Innovation for Access to Justice. He holds law and computer science degrees from NUS and Monash University.



Professor Shahla Ali
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Shahla Ali is Professor of Law and Associate Dean (International) at The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law and Director of the LLM Program in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution. Her work centers on questions of governance, sustainable development and cross-border dispute resolution in the Asia Pacific region. She serves as a bilingual arbitrator (English/Chinese) with HKIAC, LCIA, CIETAC, KCAB and SIAC.

Shahla has been engaged in dispute resolution reform at the regional and global levels including with USAID, IFC/World Bank, ADB, AIIB and the United Nations on issues pertaining to access to justice, peace process negotiation training, financial dispute resolution and land use conflict resolution. She has served on the UN Funds and Programs Ombuds roster, the IFC/CAO Asian community mediation team, the Academic Council of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, UNCITRAL Working Group II, the International Task Force on Mixed Mode Dispute Resolution, IBA's Investor-State Mediation Rules drafting committee and is chair of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) Non-Proliferation and Arms Control group. Regionally, she has served as a member of the Department of Justice's (HK) Mediation Regulatory Framework Sub-Committee, the HK Financial Dispute Resolution Appointments Committee, HKIAC's Women in International Arbitration Committee, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) China Committee, and the Executive Committee of the Asia-Pacific Mediation Forum.



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Lionel Leo is a Partner at WongPartnership, practising in commercial litigation, international arbitration and insolvency law. He regularly acts as lead counsel for financial institutions and multinational corporations in complex, high-value and cross-border disputes before the Singapore courts.

Lionel is the inaugural recipient of the Joseph Grimberg Outstanding Young Advocate Award and has been recommended in various legal publications, including *Legal 500*, *IFLR1000*, *Lexology Index* and *Benchmark Litigation*, for his work in commercial litigation and insolvency law.

He has contributed chapters to *Singapore Civil Procedure* and *Halsbury's Laws of Singapore: Civil Procedure*, and is a co-author of *The Law of Evidence in Singapore*. Lionel has taught as an adjunct faculty at the Singapore Management University, including courses on *Evidence Law* and *Pre-Trial Practice in Civil Litigation*. He is also a member of the Singapore Academy of Law's Publishing Advisory Panel.

Lionel holds First Class Honours from the National University of Singapore and a BCL from the University of Oxford, and previously served as a Justices' Law Clerk and Assistant Registrar at the Supreme Court of Singapore.



Professor Chen Siyuan

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Siyuan is a Professor of Law in the Singapore Management University's Yong Pung How School of Law and also directs the university's International Moots Programme. His main research and teaching areas are in evidence law and criminal procedure. His works include seven books and more than 50 journal publications. Some of his works have been cited by the Singapore Court of Appeal, Singapore International Commercial Court, Supreme Court of India, and UK Law Commission. A former Professorial Fellow with the Attorney-General's Chambers, Siyuan also acts as a consultant and has been the legal advisor to Singapore Athletics Association since 2020.