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Constitutional and Administrative Law: Cases, Materials and Commentary

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Overview

This webinar discusses challenges encountered in the teaching of constitutional and administrative law and the utility of casebooks as a pedagogical aid, in an age where public law scholarship is flourishing and litigation is burgeoning. Constitutionalism is a site where national history, custom, religion, social values and assumptions about government meet positive law, which underscores the importance of appreciating the constitution in context, in terms of universal principles of justice and autochthonous legal developments and local cultural and political imperatives such as the judicial identification with the 'green light' theory of administrative law. This webinar will examine some of the chief constitutional developments both within and beyond the courts, particularly those which have taken place since the 3rd edition (2010) of the casebook. This will include relational constitutionalism and the content of 'harmony' as a constitutional norm, basic structures doctrine, elections law, as well as leading cases which have impacted approaches towards what may be described as 'three waves' of constitutional interpretation in the young history of the Republic.

Programme

9.30AM	Participants to log in to Webinar
10.00AM	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Kevin Tan, <i>Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore</i>• Professor Thio Li-ann, <i>Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore</i>
10.40AM	Panel Discussion moderated by Professor Kevin Tan and Professor Thio Li-ann Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistant Professor Benjamin Joshua Ong, <i>School of Law, Singapore Management University</i>• Assistant Professor Kenny Chng, <i>School of Law, Singapore Management University</i>
11.20AM	Q&A
11.30AM	End

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Speakers



Adjunct Professor Kevin Y L Tan **Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore**

Kevin YL Tan specializes in Constitutional and Administrative Law, International Law and International Human Rights. He graduated with an LLB (Hons) from the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore and holds an LLM and JSD from the Yale Law School. He currently holds Adjunct Professorships at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS) as well as at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) where he teaches constitutional law, international law and international human rights.

He has published widely in his areas of specialization and has written and edited over 40 books on the law, history and politics of Singapore. Among his publications are: *Constitutional Law in Malaysia and Singapore*; *Managing Political Change in Singapore: The Elected Presidency* (Routledge, 1997); *Lee's Lieutenants: Singapore's Old Guard* (Allen & Unwin, 1999) (both with Lam Peng Er); *The Singapore Legal System* (Singapore University Press, 1999); *Essays in Singapore Legal History* (Marshall-Cavendish Academic, 2004); *Introduction to Singapore's Constitution* (Talisman); *The Constitution of Singapore: A Contextual Analysis* (Hart, 2015); *The Evolution of a Revolution: 40 Years of the Singapore Constitution* (with Thio Li-ann) (Routledge-Cavendish, 2009); and *50 Constitutional Moments That Defined a Nation* (Marshall-Cavendish, 2015) (with Thio Li-ann).

Kevin has been on the editorial board of several leading legal journals. From 1998-2000, he was also Chief Editor of the *Singapore Journal of International and Comparative Law* and from 2000-2003 was the journal's Adjunct Editor. He is currently Editor-in-Chief of the *Asian Yearbook of International Law* (since 2010); Executive Editor of the *Asian Journal of Comparative Law* (since 2016); and Editorial Board member of the *Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law* (since 2013). Kevin also serves on the Board of Governors of the Human Rights Resource Centre (HRRRC).



Professor Thio Li-ann **Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore**

Professor Thio Li-ann teaches and has published widely in the fields of public international law, human rights law, constitutional and administrative law. She is currently the Chief Editor for the *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*. She is also on the editorial board of the *Journal of East Asia and International Law*, *National Taiwan University Law Review* and on the advisory board of the *New Zealand Yearbook of International Law*, *Australian Journal of Asian Law* and *International Law & Human Rights Discourse*.

Li-ann is on the international advisory board of the *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law* (from 2015), the *University of Bologna Law Review* and *City University of Hong Kong Law Review*. She was formerly Chief Editor, *Singapore Journal of International & Comparative Law* (2000-2003), General Editor for *Asian Yearbook of International Law* and Editor for *International Journal of Constitutional Law*.

Li-ann has taught courses at the law faculties of Hong Kong University and the University of Melbourne. A leading Singapore constitutional scholar, she is the author of *A Treatise on Singapore Constitutional Law* (Academy Publishing, 2012). She also co-authored *Constitutional Law in Malaysia and Singapore* (Lexis Nexis, 2010, 3rd ed.), co-edited *Evolution of a Revolution: 40 Years of the Singapore Constitution* (Routledge-Cavendish, 2009), and is co-editor of a book series with Hart Publishing on *Constitutionalism in Asia* (from 2017), all with Adjunct Professor Kevin Y.L. Tan. She was an expert witness before the Australian Federal Court and academic freedom consultant to the University of Warwick (2005).

Panellists



Assistant Professor Benjamin Joshua Ong
School of Law, Singapore Management University

Benjamin Joshua Ong is an Assistant Professor of Law at Singapore Management University, where he teaches constitutional and administrative law. He holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts (Jurisprudence) (First Class Honours) and Bachelor of Civil Law from the University of Oxford, and has been called to the Singapore Bar. His research focuses on constitutional law and administrative law in Singapore and other Commonwealth jurisdictions. His most recent research covers topics such as ouster clauses and the regulation of Town Councils; ongoing projects concern the freedom of religion and the regulation of public assemblies. His work has been published in journals such as the Statute Law Review, the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal, and the Singapore Academy of Law Journal.



Assistant Professor Kenny Chng
School of Law, Singapore Management University

Kenny Chng is an Assistant Professor and Lee Kong Chian Fellow at the SMU School of Law. Kenny joined SMU as a Lecturer of Law in 2016 and was later awarded the MOE-START Overseas Postgraduate Scholarship to pursue his LL.M. studies at Harvard Law School. Kenny's main areas of interest are in Legal Theory, Public Law, and the Conflict of Laws. He has published in leading international and local academic journals, and was awarded the Lee Kong Chian Fellowship in 2020 in recognition of research excellence. Kenny has taught Legal Theory & Philosophy, Constitutional & Administrative Law, Contract Law and Business Law at SMU, and has received multiple teaching awards at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels for teaching excellence. Kenny is an executive committee member of the Singapore Chapter of the International Society of Public Law (ICON-S).

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