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CAPSULE BIOGRAPHY

Daniel Seah (谢进安) is an Associate Professor of Law (Education) at the Singapore Management University (SMU). He is a successful applicant of four research grants of over S\$2.7 million. He has received awards for teaching excellence and research in higher education pedagogy. Daniel's research engages the intersections of international and private laws with emerging technologies (e.g., misinformation; open-source governance and "open-washing"), and the pedagogies of neurodiverse learners and interdisciplinary curriculum design. He is the Educational Research Fellow in 2025 and will conduct a two-year study on fair grading and neurodiversity.

EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy, Faculty of Laws, University College London (UCL), United Kingdom (2018):**

Dissertation: "The ASEAN Character of Non-Intervention: a Study of the Relationship between General and Regional International Law".

Supervisors: Professor Alex Mills (UCL); Professor Catherine Redgwell (Oxford University); Professor Douglas Guilfoyle (UNSW Canberra).

Examiners: Professor Martins Paparinskis (UCL); Professor Hitoshi Nasu (United States Military Academy, West Point).

- **Master of Jurisprudence (LLM by research), Birmingham Law School, Birmingham University, United Kingdom (2008):**

Thesis: "Foreign Policy & International Law in Singapore" (50,000 words).

Supervisor: Professor Colin Warbrick, C.M.G. (Birmingham University).

Examiners: Professor Robert Cryer (Birmingham University); Professor Dapo Akande (Oxford University).

- **Bachelor of Laws, Durham University, Upper Second-Class Honors, United Kingdom (2001).**

EMPLOYMENT

- **Associate Professor of Law (Education)**, College of Integrative Studies, SMU (from July 2025).
- **Assistant Professor of Law (Education)**, College of Integrative Studies, SMU (January 2024 – June 2025).
- **Assistant Professor of Law (Education)**, College of Integrative Studies and Yong Pung How School of Law, SMU (Joint Appointment; January 2022 – December 2023).
- **Lecturer of Law**: School of Law, Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) (2017-2021).
- **Associate Lecturer (Business Law)**: Singapore Institute of Management Global Education (2016-2017).
- **Teaching Fellow (Public International Law & Constitutional Law)**: UCL Faculty of Laws (2012-2015).

- **Legal Counsel:** Pat Marine & Oilfield Services Pte Ltd, Singapore (2006 - 2011).
- **Pupillage:** KhattarWong & Partners (Withers KhattarWong), Singapore (2003-2004).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Advocate & Solicitor, Supreme Court of Singapore (admission: 29 May 2004).
- Member, Singapore Academy of Law (since 2004).

BOARD & GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

- Member, Programs & Services Committee, Ray of Hope (since May 2025).
- Independent Director, The TENG Company (March 2017- June 2025).
- Member, Governance Committee, HCA Hospice (January 2018- December 2021).

AWARDS

- SMU Educational Research Fellowship (2025-2027).
- SMU Core Curriculum Hall of Fame, 2025 (in recognition of teaching excellence across three consecutive years).¹
- SMU Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award, (Ethics & Social Responsibility), College of Integrative Studies, 2025.
- SMU-X Excellent Teacher Award, 2024 (university level).
- SMU Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award, (Digital Law & Technological Innovations), College of Integrative Studies, 2024.
- SMU Most Outstanding Teacher Award, Yong Pung How School of Law, 2023 (school level).
- SMU Core Curriculum Teaching Excellence Award (Big Questions), College of Integrative Studies, 2023.
- SMU Most Promising Teacher Award, Yong Pung How School of Law, 2022.
- SUSS Teaching Excellence Award, 2020 (university level).
- Excellent Paper Award, International Conference on Open and Innovative Education, 2018 (Hong Kong Metropolitan University).

PUBLICATIONS

- “Data is the New Gold: A Singapore Perspective on the Duty of Care Concerning a Dataset’s Role in Contributing to Bias and AI Hallucinations”, (2023) *Journal of Digital Assets*, 68-87.
- “Making Sense of Proprietary Algorithms and User Behaviour on Social Media: *Arlene Foster v Christian Jessen*”, (2021) 26 *Communications Law*, 208-211 (Bloomsbury Publishing).
- “Using Kahoot in Law School: Differentiated Instruction for Working Adults with Diverse Learning Abilities” (2020) 14 *International Journal of Mobile Learning and Organisation*, 36-48 (Inderscience Publishers).
- “Problems Concerning the International Law-Making Practice of ASEAN: A Reply to Chen Zhida” (2016) 6 *Asian Journal of International Law*, 265-293 (Cambridge University Press).
- “The CFSP as an Aspect of Conducting Foreign Relations by the United Kingdom: With Special Reference to the Treaty of Amity & Cooperation in Southeast Asia” (2015) *International Review of Law*, 1(14,090 words) (Hamad bin Khalifa University Press).
- “The Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia: The Issue of Non-Intervention and its Accession by Australia and the USA”, (2012) 11 *Chinese Journal of International Law*, (785-822 (Oxford University Press).
- “The ASEAN Charter”, (2009) 58 *International & Comparative Law Quarterly*, 197-212 (Cambridge University Press).

¹ A Hall of Fame recipient is ineligible for teaching excellence awards for the next three years.

BOOK CHAPTER

“Cryptocourts for On-Chain Disputes: the Use of Soft Law Mechanisms to Promote Evidential Literacy in Game-Theoretic Dispute Resolution”, in *Handbook of Blockchain, Digital Finance, and Inclusion, Volume 3* (David Lee Kuo Chuen and Roger H Deng, eds.), (Singapore: Elsevier Academic Press, 2025), 135-146.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- **Principal Investigator:** SMU Technology Enhanced Learning Grant – “Universal Design for Interdisciplinary Learning: An Evaluation of the UDL TPACK Model’s Effectiveness for Diverse Student Profiles through a Virtual Reality Simulation of Defamation Laws in a 3D Environment” (S\$14,750)(2024-2025).
- **Co-Principal Investigator:** Ministry of Education Tertiary Education Research Fund, “The Future Is Interdisciplinary: Developing Lifelong Learning Through Singapore Management University’s Core Curriculum”(S\$165,790) (2025-2027).
- **Co-Principal Investigator:** National Council of Social Service (NCSS) Ngee Ann Kongsi 360 Panel Study of 1,000 Singapore households to measure time-use and well-being indicators (S\$2.227 million)(2020-2025).
- **Co-Principal Investigator:** NParks Social Research Study on the Management of Cats (S\$345,642.91)(2021-2023).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- **Principal Investigator:** “Faculty Perceptions of Fair Grading: Neurodiverse Exam Settings and Time-based Accommodations under SMU’s A-Grade Cap”
- **Principal Investigator:** “Future-proofing international copyright protection in an age of Generative AI: the subsequent practice of States under the 1969 Vienna Convention as treaty interpretations of authorial work without a human author with special reference to Singapore and Hong Kong”.

PEER REVIEW SERVICE

- *Asian Journal of International Law* (2025).
- *Journal of Current Southeast Asia* (2023 and 2024).
- *East Asia Forum Quarterly* (2024).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022 - Present (SMU):

- Digital Law and Technological Innovations.
- Ethics and Social Responsibility.
- Singapore - Imagining the Next 50 Years (SMU-X).
- Big Questions.

2017 – 2021 (SUSS):

- Emerging Technologies and the Law.
- Torts, Litigation and Evidence.
- Graduate Certificate in High Performing Charities (governance and fundraising) in conjunction with the Commissioner of Charities, Singapore.

2016-2017 (SIM):

- Business Law.

2012-2015 (UCL):

- Public International Law.
- UK Constitutional Law.

SERVICE

Moderator:

- SMU Ngee Ann Kongsi Annual Lecture, Her Excellency Kateryna Zelenko, the Ambassador of Ukraine, 21 October 2022.
- University Dialogue with Mr Tan Chuan Jin, Speaker of Parliament, ("Social Landscape in Singapore after the Covid-19 Pandemic"), SUSS, 17 March 2021.
- University Dialogue with Mr Bilahari Kausikan, former ambassador and Permanent Secretary, Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ("Human Rights and Asia"), SUSS, 19 October 2019.

Committees:

- SMU Faculty Advisory Committee for Teaching and Learning.
- SMU College of Integrative Studies Admissions Committee for Deferred Declaration of Degree.
- SUSS Working Committee on Hybrid Classroom Infrastructure (2021).
- SUSS Working Committee on Immersive Technologies in Pedagogy (2021).
- SUSS Working Committee on Developing a Theory-Practice Link Framework in the University Curriculum (2020-2021).

Invited Host and Speaker:

- Episode One ("Power Learn to The Future")
 - Episode Two ("Rethink Singapore's Narrative")
 - Episode Three ("Sustainability Makes Cents")
 - Episode Four ("The Case for Online Learning")
- <https://www.suss.edu.sg/news-events/articles-audio/podcasts/-page-5->

Leadership:

- SMU Basket Coordinator (Ethics and Social/Corporate Responsibility).
- Faculty Representative: Quality Assurance Framework for Universities External Panel Review (QAFU) by the Singapore Ministry of Education (2019).
- LLB Electives Program Lead (2018-2019).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- "The Role of Rehabilitative and Retributive Punishments in Singapore's Legal System", Youth Policy Makers Conference, 12 December 2022 (**invited**).
- "Charities Lean Forward: Build your Charity's Social Media Presence", Commissioner of Charities 7th Webinar Series, 12 November 2021 (**invited**).
- "Surveillance Society: Effective Protection against Misinformation", ALSA (Asian Law Schools) Conference on "Law, Technology and Change", (Singapore: Singapore Management University Centre for AI and Data Governance), 8 October 2021 (**conference**).
- "Designing Lesson Plans for Adult Learners in a Law School", Learning Academy Festival 2021 (Temasek Polytechnic Learning Academy), 23 September 2021 (**invited**).

- “Determining Video-Based Fake News: An Evidence-Based Framework to Improve Legal Assessments of a Reasonable Person’s Exposure to Misinformation”, 18th ASLI (Asian Law Institute) Conference on “Law, Technology, and Diversity in Asia” (Indonesia, 15-17 September 2021) (**conference**).
- “Protecting the Freedom of Expression and Public Order in the Age of Misinformation: using Explainable Artificial Intelligence in Human Rights Due Diligence”, Asser Institute, Conference on “Artificial Intelligence, The New Frontier of Business and Human Rights”, (The Hague, 8 September 2021) (**conference**).
- “Improving a Learner’s Engagement during Synchronous Classes”, Institute for Adult Learning (Singapore), 29 April 2021 (**invited**).
- “Digital Disinformation and its Implications for the Geneva Convention’s Rules on Non-International Armed Conflict”, 70th Anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, 25 September 2019 (Singapore)(**invited**).
- “Effective Pedagogies to Train Public-Spirited Lawyers in Singapore: Lessons from Teaching Negligence in Law School”, 16th ASLI (Asian Law Institute) Conference, 12 June 2019 (Singapore)(**conference**).
- “The Role of Good Teaching in Digital Education: Using Kahoot! to Bridge Learning Gaps in Law School”, Symposium on Open and Innovative Education, 17-19 October 2018 (Beijing)(**invited**).
- “Using ‘Kahoot’ in Law School: Differentiated Instruction for Working Adults with Diverse Learning Abilities”, International Conference on Open and Innovative Education, 4-6 July 2018 (Hong Kong)(**conference**).

MEDIA COVERAGE & COMMENTARIES

- [“GoTo, Indonesia’s Onetime Tech Darling, Banks on Fintech for its Second Wind”](#), Fortune, 16 June 2025.
- [“How Can We Measure Interdisciplinary Learning”](#) (with Elvin Lim), *Times Higher Education*, 23 April 2023.
- [“Code is Law and Law is Code - Can Blockchain Be Without Ethics?”](#) (with David Lee), *Business Times* (Singapore), 26 November 2020.
 - [“专家：即使政府援引假信息法令辟谣 受害者可起诉造谣者讨公道”](#) (Expert Views: Why POFMA and Defamation Laws Can Be Used Together to Serve Different Purposes), *Lianhe Zaobao* (i.e., Singapore’s Chinese Daily), 19 October 2020.
- “Help is Sweet for Arts Groups”, *Straits Times* (Singapore), 2 February 2020.
- [“Making Digital Technology More Accessible in Fight against Diabetes”](#), *Today Online* (Singapore), 19 January 2019.