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## **CAPSULE BIOGRAPHY**

Daniel Seah is an Assistant Professor of Law (Education) at the Singapore Management University (SMU). He is a successful applicant of three research grants of over S\$2.7 million. He has received awards for teaching excellence and research in higher education pedagogy. Daniel's teaching and research interests concern the intersections of law, technology, and society (e.g., ranking algorithms on social media and its effect on anti-fake news laws; Web 3.0 regulatory frameworks; copyright protection and Generative AI), and interdisciplinary learning (especially Universal Design for Learning and Technology-enhanced learning).

## **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 (by research), Birmingham Law School, Birmingham University, United Kingdom (2008):**

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

**Supervisor:** Professor Colin Warbrick CMG (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**

- **Assistant Professor of Law (Education),** College of Integrative Studies, SMU (since January 2024).
- **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 (SIM) 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).

## **LEGAL CONSULTATION EXPERIENCE**

- Independent Director, The TENG Company (since 2017).
- Member, Governance Committee, HCA Hospice (2018-2021).

## **AWARDS**

- 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 Jesser*”, (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).

## **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)(in press).

## **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:** “SMU’s Grading Practices for Neurodiverse Students: Faculty Perceptions, Time Extensions, and Fairness in Focus”.
- **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:**

- CIS 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).
- SUSS Working Committee on Proposed Strategies to Enhance E-Learning.

### **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/blog/podcast>

### **Leadership:**

- Lead Academic Advisor (led a team of seven faculty members to oversee the academic matters and pastoral care of over 300 students at the SUSS School of Law)(2019-2021).
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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**).

## **ONLINE COMMENTARIES**

- [“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.
  - “Implied Conferrals as Consequences of ASEAN’s International Legal Personality”, *Opinio Juris*, 17 July 2013.