

Programme Outline

Day o

Mon, 5 Sep 2022



Community Dialogue

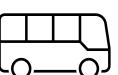
Day 1

Tue, 6 Sep 2022

- Opening Address by President Halimah Yacob
- Special Presentation: Perspectives on social cohesion
- 1st Plenary: How faith can bridge divides



Young Leaders Programme: Community Showcase



Community Exploration

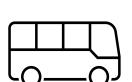
Day 2

Wed, 7 Sep 2022

- 2nd Plenary: How diversity can be harnessed for the common good
- 3rd Plenary: How technology can be leveraged to foster mutual trust
- Breakout Session 1



Young Leaders Programme: Fireside Chat – How social media fosters cohesion Youth Dialogue



Community Exploration

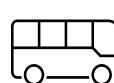
Day 3

Thu, 8 Sep 2022

- Breakout Session 2
- In Conversation with Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong
- Breakout Session 3
- Closing Address



Young Leaders Programme: Workshop by Faith in Leadership



Community Exploration





Special Presentation: Perspectives on social cohesion (Day 1)

Setting the stage for ICCS 2022, the keynote address will cover how differences in culture, beliefs, value systems and the many identities we have as individuals impact social cohesion.

1st Plenary: How faith can bridge divides (Day 1)

This Plenary seeks to critically examine the reasons for the rise and endurance of social polarisation due to ideological or religious beliefs. With a stronger understanding of these divides and the reasons behind them, we hope that some of the lessons gleaned can be applied to foster inter-religious peace and harmony in plural societies both across the region and well beyond.

2nd Plenary: How diversity can be harnessed for the common good (Day 2)

This Plenary seeks to discuss the issue of super-diversity and get a better understanding of intersectionality. It will discuss the tools for interactions with people of different and overlapping identities. An appreciation of the complex but important role of intersectionality in social cohesion would allow us to increase social capital, for people to form deep bonds despite differences towards creating common good.

3rd Plenary: How technology can be leveraged to foster mutual trust (Day 2)

This Plenary seeks to share different case studies, using them to discuss how to utilise digital space to foster shared identities while also minimising the formation of echo chambers, instead promoting respectful discussion across differences and mobilising communities for the greater good.



Synopses of Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session 1 (Day 2)

Delegates will choose <u>one</u> to attend

Faith 1: Religion, Resilience & Cohesion (International Perspective)

This breakout session looks at different faith-based strategies in identifying and safeguarding vulnerable individuals or communities from radicalisation, and building resilience against divisive, even extremist, religious narratives.

Identity 1: Languages, Identity and Belonging

This breakout group examines how languages shape our perceptions on reality and our understanding of linguistic identities. Identity and language are key in building one's sense of belonging. This breakout group can explore how the limits in languages, the evolution of vocabulary and use of colloquialism affect the way we see ourselves and build our sense of belonging, and how we differentiate ourselves from others.

Cohesion 1: Hate & Conspiracy Online

This breakout session further investigates issues raised during Plenary 3 around hate, prejudice, and conspiracy online, with a key focus on conspiracy theories.

Breakout Session 2 (Day 3)

Delegates will choose one to attend

Faith 2: Religion, Resilience & Cohesion (Regional Perspective)

This breakout session focuses on building dialogue on faith at a regional level. It seeks to understand how religious leaders and communities are working to develop cohesion beyond their traditions to build resilient societies and communities.

Identity 2: Diversity & Intersections (Public Policy & Common Space)

This breakout session discusses public policies across the world that have helped identify and safeguard vulnerable individuals and communities from radicalisation, and how common spaces have been found to build resilience against divisive, extremist and religious narratives in communities.

Cohesion 2: Connectivity and Connectedness

This breakout session examines good practices and case studies of people who have used online platforms to build connections between different groups and to strengthen social cohesion. The session will also be used to understand what social media companies have been doing to promote social cohesion.

Breakout Session 3 (Day 3)

Delegates will choose <u>one</u> to attend

Faith 3: Faith Overcoming COVID-19 Pandemic

This breakout session explores how traditions have evolved over this challenging global COVID-19 pandemic in relation to practice rituals and ways to worship.

Identity 3: Religion & Social Justice

This breakout session discusses some of the ways that religious identities inform social justice work, which in turn helps to deepen connections across various groups in society and promote socially cohesive bonds. Areas explored may include overcoming racial and ethnic prejudice, protecting vulnerable individuals and communities beset by a lack of environmental justice, and countering radical and extremist narratives. It will seek to demonstrate examples of good practice and provide practical steps for working towards social justice from within various religious worldviews and identities.

Cohesion 3: Youth Work Initiatives

This breakout session looks explicitly at the work of youth leaders in social cohesion across Asia.





Special Presentation: Perspectives on cohesive societies



Professor Katherine Marshall
Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs
Professor of the Practice of Development, Conflict, and Religion

Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University



Professor Lily Kong President, Singapore Management University



Moderator

Dr Farish A. Noor

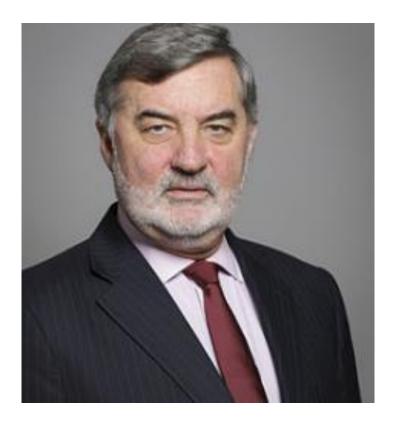
Academic at the University of Malaya

Adjunct at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University

Plenary 1: How faith can bridge divides



Dr Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati Secretary-General, Global Interfaith Clean Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) Alliance



Lord John Alderdice First Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly



Professor Suwanna Satha-Anand
Professor Emerita in Buddhist and Chinese Ethics at the Philosophy Department,
Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University
Secretary General of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies
Former President, Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand



Imam Uzair Akbar
Imam, Holland Park Mosque
President, Council of Imams Queensland (CIQ)
Head, Shariah Advisory Board with Amanah Islamic Finance Australia (AIFA)
Director, Centre of Excellence (Australian Youth Welfare Trust)
Director, ISHP Youth Club
Member of the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC)



Moderator

Dr Kumar Ramakrishna
Associate Professor, Provost's Chair in National Security Studies





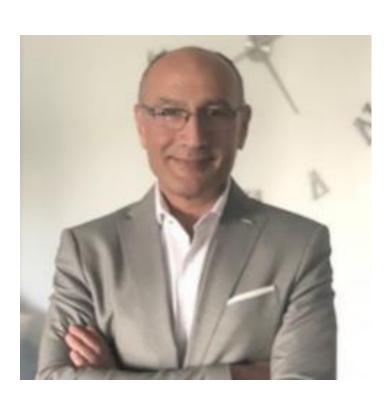
Plenary 2: How diversity can be harnessed for the common good



Mr André Azoulay
Senior Adviser to King Mohammed VI of Morocco
President, Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures
President of the Executive Committee, Foundation for the Three Cultures and Three Religions
Founding Member, C-100 Davos Forum for the Dialogue of Civilisations and Religions



Professor Ashiwa Yoshiko
Professor of Anthropology and Global Studies
Founding Director of Institute for the Study of Peace and Reconciliation
Hitotsubashi University



Dr Iyad AbumoghliDirector of the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Faith for Earth Initiative

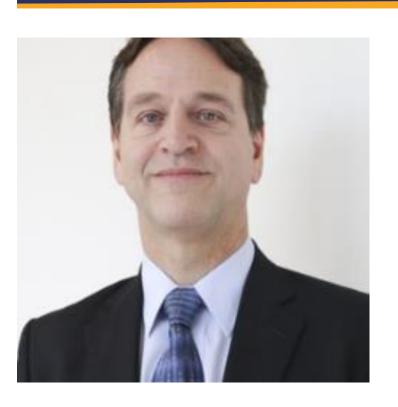


Moderator
Professor Paul Hedges
Associate Professor in Interreligious Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies
Nanyang Technological University

Plenary 3: How technology can be leveraged to foster mutual trust



Mr Jasvir Singh Co-Chair of Faith Forums for London



Professor Patrice Brodeur
Associate Professor, Institute of Religious Studies, University of Montreal (Canada)
Senior Adviser, International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID), Vienna



Dr Shashi JayakumarSenior Fellow, Head of Centre of Excellence for National Security Executive Coordinator of Future Issues and Technology



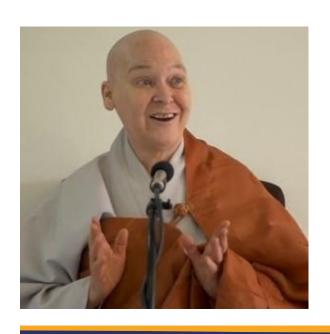
Associate Professor Jack Meng-Tat Chia
Assistant Professor of History and Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National University of Singapore





Breakout Session 1

Faith 1 - Religion, Resilience & Cohesion (International Perspective)



Venerable Chi Kwang Sunim Abbess of The Seon (Zen) Centre



Swami SamachittanandaPresident, Ramakrishna Mission



Moderator

Dr Mohamed bin Ali

Assistant Professor, Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University

Identity 1 - Languages, Identity & Belonging



Professor Ghil'ad Zuckermann

Professor of Linguistics & Endangered Languages, University of Adelaide



Moderator

Professor Tan Ying Ying

Associate Professor, Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, School of Humanities Nanyang Technological University

Cohesion 1 – Hate & Conspiracy Online



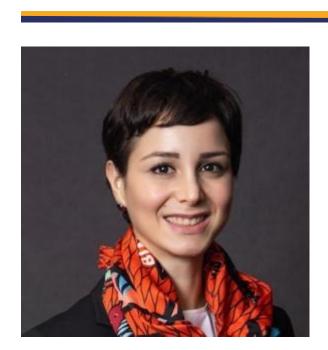
Father Philip Larrey

Chair of Logic and Epistemology, Pontifical Lateran University, The Vatican



Mr Fritjof Knier

Project Manager, Integreat



Moderator

Dr Gulizar Haciyakupoglu

Research Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University





Moderator

Breakout Session 2

Faith 2 - Religion, Resilience & Cohesion (Regional Perspective)



Master Benjamin Tan Xianda Leader of Taoist Federation (Singapore) Prayer and Blessing Group



Mr Dicky SofjanIndonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS)
Graduate School of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Indonesia



Professor Tan See Seng
President and CEO of International Students Inc
Research Advisor at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies and
Senior Associate at Centre for Liberal Arts and Sciences, Nanyang Technological University

Identity 2 – Diversity & Intersections (Public Policy & Common Space)



Professor Mohd Tajuddin bin Mohd RasdiProfessor of Islamic Architecture, UCSI University



Mr Krish Raval OBE
Founder Director, Faith in Leadership



Mr Shane Pereira
Research Associate, IPS Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies
National University of Singapore

Cohesion 2 – Connectivity & Connectedness



Dr Yang Mee EngExecutive Director, ASEAN Foundation



Ms Teresa Tan Head of Public Policy, Singapore and SEA, TikTok



Moderator

Ms Teo Yi-Ling

Senior Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security

S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University



Speakers

Breakout Session 3

Faith 3 – Faith Overcoming COVID-19 Pandemic



Dr Mohammad Hannan Hassan

Deputy Mufti, Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis)



Reverend Dr Edmund Fong

Lecturer, Trinity Theological College, Singapore Lecturer in Systematic Theology (Christology and the reception of salvation) Lecturer in Presbyterianism Dean of Students



Moderator

Master Chung Kwang Tong

Board Member, Character & Leadership Academy

Identity 3 - Religion & Social Justice



Mr Somboon Chungprampree

Executive Secretary, International Network of Engaged Buddhists (INEB)



Sister Julia Walsh

Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

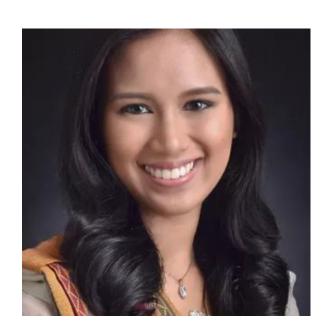


Moderator

Dr Mathew Mathews

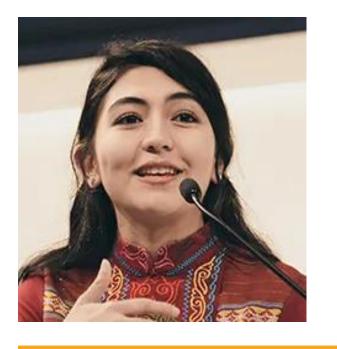
Head, Research Associate, IPS Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies National University of Singapore

Cohesion 3 – Youth Work Initiatives



Ms Arizza Ann Nocum

Founder, KRIS



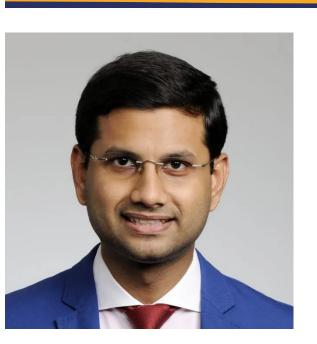
Ms Farahnaz Ali Ghodsinia

Peace Ambassador to the Office of the Philippine Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process



Mr Shukul Raaj Kumar

Chairperson, Inter-Religious Organisation Youth Committee



Moderator

Mr Abbas Ali Mohamed Irshad

Founder, Roses of Peace