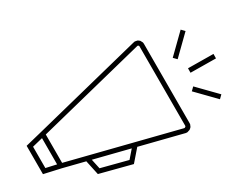


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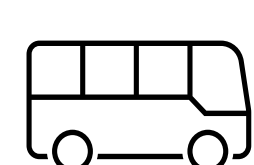
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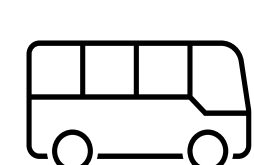
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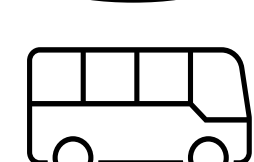
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- In Conversation with Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong
- Breakout Session 3
- Closing Address by Minister Edwin Tong




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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.

## **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary: How technology can be leveraged to foster mutual trust (Day 2)**



This session will ask: given that we know digital platforms can create echo chambers and be used for divisive ends, how can we employ them to promote social cohesion? People's identities are part of this, including their religious identities, but practical examples of how cohesion is built online, and with technologies such as social media, is central to this plenary. Looking from different global angles and focusing on areas such as community-building, preventing and countering violent extremism, and mapping global peacebuilding, this session will seek to show how online platforms may be beacons of cohesion and hope, rather than division and hatred.



### Breakout Session 1 (Day 2)

*Delegates will choose one 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 & 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 & 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 one 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.



### Opening Address

Day 1 Tue, 6 Sep 2022



**Mdm Halimah Yacob**  
President of the Republic of Singapore

Mdm Halimah Yacob began her career in 1978 as a legal officer with the National Trades Union Congress. She rose through the ranks to be the Executive Secretary of the United Workers of Electronics and the Director of the Women's Development Secretariat. She was also appointed its Deputy Secretary-General in 2007 for four years.

In 1999, Mdm Halimah became the first Singaporean to be elected to the Geneva-based International Labour Organisation and served for four terms. She was elected as a Member of Parliament (MP) in 2001 for Jurong Group Representation Constituency (GRC). Her final and fourth term as a MP was in the newly formed Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC. In 2011, she was appointed Minister of State for then Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, now known as the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

In 2013, Mdm Halimah was appointed as the ninth Speaker of Parliament and was the first woman to hold the position. Mdm Halimah is active in social causes and is Patron to more than 40 charitable and community organisations. She was sworn in as the eighth President of the Republic of Singapore on 14 September 2017.

### Special Address

Day 2 Wed, 7 Sep 2022



**Cardinal Pietro Parolin**  
Secretary of State, Holy See

On 31 August 2013 Pope Francis appointed him Secretary of State and he entered into office on 15 October. Created and proclaimed Cardinal by Pope Francis in the consistory of 22 February 2014, of the Title of Santi Simone e Giuda Taddeo a Torre Angela (Sts. Simon and Jude Thaddeus at Torre Angela).

On 26 June 2018, with Rescriptum ex Audentia Ss.mi, the Holy Father Francis decided to co-opt Cardinal Pietro Parolin in the Order of Bishops, equating him in all respects to the Cardinals who were given the Title of a suburbicarian Church.

Particularly expert in matters concerning the Middle East, and more generally in those regarding the geo-political situation of the Asian continent, he has worked specifically to build up and reinforce relations between the Holy See and Vietnam. He also contributed to reopening dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians, convinced of the need for a shared effort to "create the conditions for a true and just peace" in the Middle East.

### In Conversation with Deputy Prime Minister

Day 3 Thu, 8 Sep 2022



**Mr Lawrence Wong**  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Republic of Singapore

Mr Lawrence Wong is also a Member of Parliament for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC. He co-chairs the Multi-Ministry Taskforce on COVID-19, and is the Deputy Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore. He is also a member of the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC) Board, the Future Economy Council, the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council and the National Research Foundation Board, and co-chairs the Singapore-Shanghai Comprehensive Cooperation Council.

Mr Wong was elected a Member of Parliament in May 2011 and was re-elected in September 2015 and July 2020. He has held positions in the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Communications and Information, the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, the Ministry of National Development, and the Ministry of Education.

He contributes to the labour movement as Chairman of the Singapore Labour Foundation as well as Advisor to the Union of Power and Gas Employees.

### Closing Address

Day 3 Thu, 8 Sep 2022



**Mr Edwin Tong**  
Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law, Republic of Singapore

Mr Edwin Tong SC was appointed Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law on 27 July 2020. Prior to this, he served as the Senior Minister of State at the Ministry of Law and the Ministry of Health from 1 July 2018 to 26 July 2020.

As the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, Mr Tong chairs the National Integration Council, the Singapore Cares Steering Committee, the National Youth Council, and the National Steering Committee on Racial and Religious Harmony, driving efforts to build a caring, cohesive and confident society in Singapore. Since November 2020, he also chairs the Chinese Community Liaison Group, which was set up to strengthen Government's relationship with Chinese community organisations and deepen the Government's understanding of the Chinese community.

At the Ministry of Law, he focuses on the development and promotion of Singapore's legal and dispute resolution sector. He also handles wide-ranging aspects of law reform, including intellectual property, corporate restructuring and insolvency, and legal aid.



### Special Presentation: Perspectives on social cohesion

Day 1 Tue, 6 Sep 2022



**Professor Lily Kong**  
President, Singapore Management University

An award-winning researcher and teacher, Professor Kong has received five international fellowship awards including the Commonwealth Fellowship Award and the Fulbright Fellowship Award. She has also won the Robert Stoddard Award from the Association of American Geographers for her contributions to the study of religion. Professor Kong was conferred the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 2006 and Public Service Star (Bintang Bakti Masyarakat) award in 2020.



**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 Katherine Marshall, a senior fellow at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, leads the center's work on religion and global development. She is also professor of the practice of development, conflict, and religion in the Walsh School of Foreign Service, teaching diverse courses notably on the ethics of development work and mentoring students at many levels. She helped to create and serves as the executive director of the World Faiths Development Dialogue, an NGO that works to enhance bridges among different sectors and institutions.



**Moderator**  
**Dr Farish Ahmad-Noor**  
Academic at the University of Malaya  
Adjunct at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Dr Farish Noor is a political scientist and historian of Southeast Asia, whose focus has been on the impact of colonialism in Asia. He has written extensively about the power of ideas and how colonisation was never simply a case of violent conquest but also subtle transformation and coercion. He is also a member of the United Nations Panel of Experts on Religion and Politics.

### Plenary 1: How faith can bridge divides

Day 1 Tue, 6 Sep 2022



**Dr Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati**  
Secretary-General, Global Interfaith Clean Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) Alliance  
President, Divine Shakti Foundation  
Co-President, Religions for Peace

Dr Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati is a renowned spiritual leader, author and social activist based in the Himalayas, India. She serves on the United Nations Advisory Council on Religion and on the steering committees of the International Partnership for Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) and the Moral Imperative to End Extreme Poverty, a campaign by the United Nations and World Bank.



**Lord John Alderdice**  
First Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Lord John Alderdice was the founding Chairman (now Emeritus Chairman) of the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building in Belfast and now heads up the Changing Character of War Centre at Pembroke College, University of Oxford. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, Director of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict, and founding Chairman of The Concord Foundation, an independent peace building organisation.



**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)

Imam Uzair Akbar is a well-known respected scholar, dynamic speaker, and prominent leader in the Muslim community of Australia. Imam Uzair has been gifted with a unique way of connecting to the common audience through his Islamic lectures, Tafseer, and sermons. His forte includes connecting with the youth and giving common life analogies that really strike into the heart of his listeners.



**Moderator**  
**Dr Kumar Ramakrishna**  
NTU Provost's Chair, National Security Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Dr Kumar Ramakrishna is a tenured Associate Professor, Provost's Chair in National Security Studies, Associate Dean in charge of Policy Studies, as well as Head of the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), in the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), in Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.



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

Day 2 Wed, 7 Sep 2022



**Mr André Azoulay**

Adviser to H.M. King Mohammed VI Morocco  
President of the Executive Committee, Foundation for the 3 Cultures and 3 Religions (Sevilla)  
Founding President of the Essaouira-Mogador Foundation  
President of the Moroccan National Foundation for Sciences Engineering

Mr André Azoulay is an ardent ambassador of Morocco throughout the world. He is a strong advocate for peace and dialogue between the Arab Muslim World and Jewish Communities in Europe, USA, Morocco as well as the global Arab and Jewish diasporas. He is also well-known for contributions to the peace process in the Middle East and for the many interfaith cross-cultural initiatives he spearheaded.



**Professor Ashiwa Yoshiko**

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

Professor Ashiwa Yoshiko's research interests include religion, arts, culture and values, modernity, globalisation, and social movements mainly in Asia, especially Sri Lanka, China and Japan. She is co-editor of Making Religion, Making the State: The Politics of Religion in Modern China (2009, with David Wank).



**Dr Iyad Abumoghli**

Founder and Director of the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Faith for Earth Initiative

With more than 35 years of experience with international organisations, the private sector and scientific institutions, Dr Abumoghli's expertise focus on strategic planning, sustainable development, natural resources management, interfaith collaboration and knowledge and innovation. He is also the Lead Principal Advisor on Engaging with Faith-Based Organisations at UNEP.



**Moderator**

**Assistant Professor Jack Meng-Tat Chia**

Assistant Professor of History and Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
National University of Singapore

Associate Professor Jack Meng-Tat Chia specialises in Buddhism in maritime Southeast Asia and has broader research interests in migration, diasporas, transnationalism, pilgrimage and religious diplomacy. He is also an associate of the Religion and Globalisation Cluster at the Asia Research Institute and co-chairs the Theravada Studies Group of the Association for Asian Studies.

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

Day 2 Wed, 7 Sep 2022



**Mr Jasvir Singh**

Founding Chair of City Sikhs, United Kingdom

Mr Jasvir Singh is a prolific community activist and a leading figure within the British Sikh and British South Asian communities. City Sikhs is one of the main Sikh organisations in the UK and provides a voice for over 10,000 members across the country. He is also the former Co-Chair of the Faiths Forum for London that encourages and promotes interfaith social initiatives.



**Professor Patrice Brodeur**

Associate Professor, Institute of Religious Studies, University of Montreal (Canada)

Professor Patrice Brodeur's expertise includes contemporary Islamic thought and interreligious dialogues. He is also Senior Adviser, International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID), Vienna and has lectured academically to a variety of audiences and conducted trainings on different forms of dialogue in over fifty countries around the world.



**Dr Shashi Jayakumar**

Head of the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) at  
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)

Dr Shashi Jayakumar's research and publications span a range of interests, including extremism, disinformation, social resilience, cyber and Singapore politics. He is also Singapore's representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR).



**Moderator**

**Dr Terri-Anne Teo**

Lecturer in the Politics of Race and Ethnicity  
Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Dr Terri-Anne Teo holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Bristol, United Kingdom. Her research and teaching areas include race, citizenship, multiculturalism and migration. She has published in peer-reviewed journals, with her most recent publications in Journal of Intercultural Studies (2022), Ethnicities (2021) and Citizenship Studies (2021) addressing themes of ethnic and gender politics, citizenship and contestations, and multiculturalism. She is also the author of Civic Multiculturalism in Singapore: Revisiting Citizenship (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019) and co-editor of Postcolonial Governmentalities: Rationalities, Violences and Contestations (Rowman and Littlefield, 2020).



### Breakout Session 1

Day 2 Wed, 7 Sep 2022

#### Faith 1 – Religion, Resilience & Cohesion (International Perspective)



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

Venerable Chi Kwang Sunim, an Australian Buddhist Nun for over forty years, lived and trained twenty years in South Korean. In 1998, after cultivating knowledge in textual studies and meditative experience, she returned to live in Australia and established a Buddhist Temple in Kinglake, Victoria. Here she serves a local and multicultural Buddhist community. Chi Kwang Sunim has co-founded several Buddhist organisations, chaired the Australian Sangha Association (ASA) and the Buddhist Council.



**Swami Samachittananda**  
President, Ramakrishna Mission

Swami Samachittananda is the President of Ramakrishna Mission Singapore, a branch of the Ramakrishna Order of India, worldwide spiritual and welfare organisation. Like the other branches in Asia-Oceania, North & South America, Europe and Africa, the Centre is a self-sustaining unit that looks to the Ramakrishna Order for spiritual guidance.



#### 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, Singapore

Dr Mohamed bin Ali studied Islamic law at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, International Relations at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, and the University of Exeter in United Kingdom where he completed his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Arab and Islamic Studies. He has published widely on Islamic law, Islamist ideology, religious extremism and terrorism, inter-religious relations and rehabilitation of Muslim extremists.

#### Identity 1 – Languages, Identity & Belonging



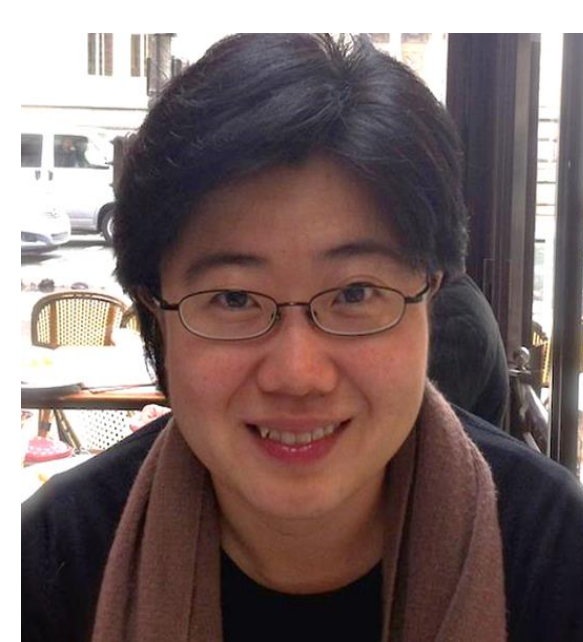
**Professor Ghil'ad Zuckermann**  
Professor of Linguistics & Endangered Languages, University of Adelaide

Professor Ghil'ad Zuckermann (DPhil Oxford; PhD Cambridge, titular; MA Tel Aviv, summa cum laude) is Chair of Linguistics and Endangered Languages at the University of Adelaide, Australia. Since the beginning of 2017 he has been the President of the Australian Association for Jewish Studies.



**Reverend Terry Kee**  
President of Inter-Religious Organisation (*effective 21 August 2022*)

Reverend Terry Kee was Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Singapore, President of the National Council of Churches from 2012-2014 and 2018-2020, a council Member of Inter Religious Organisation since 2012 and a Missionary to Thailand from 1996-2005.



#### Moderator

**Professor Tan Ying Ying**

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

Professor Tan Ying Ying works on issues pertaining to language use and perception in bilingual and multilingual communities within the frameworks of sociophonetics and sociolinguistics. Her initial research focused on the phonetic and prosodic features of Singapore English, inquiring into what these features can say about Singapore English as a legitimate variety of English that has some form of global status and recognition.

#### Cohesion 1 – Hate & Conspiracy Online



**Father Philip Larrey**  
Chair of Logic and Epistemology, Pontifical Lateran University, The Vatican

Father Philip Larrey is currently Dean of the Philosophy Department. His publications deal with the philosophy of knowledge and critical thinking. For years he has been following the philosophical implications of the rapid development of artificial intelligence. He has also published several books concerning the effects of the new digital era on society.



**Mr Fritjof Knier**  
Project Manager, Integreat

Mr Fitjof Knier's multilingual interaction platform, Integreat, provides understandable information for refugees and migrants arriving in a city. It has been implemented in collaboration with over 80 of Germany's 400 municipal governments throughout the country and most recently launched in Lesvos, Greece as well.



#### Moderator

**Dr Gulizar Hacıyakupoglu**

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

Dr Gulizar Hacıyakupoglu's research concerns online harms, trust and advocacy. She is also the co-editor of a forthcoming edited volume titled Gender and Security in Digital Space: Navigating Access, Harassment, and Disinformation.



Breakout Session 2

Day 3

Thu, 8 Sep 2022

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



Master Benjamin Tan Xianda

Singapore Taoist Federation

Master Benjamin Tan was initiated into Taoism ZhengYi Sect in 2013, ordained as a Luo generation ZhengYi Taoist priest in TianShi Mansion Mount Longhu (Jiangxi China) in 2018. He has represented the Taoist Federation (Singapore) at prayers, engagements, conferences, seminars and interfaith work. In addition, he is a leader of the Taoist Federation (Singapore) Prayer and Blessing Group, Council Member of Inter Religious Organisation representing Taoism, mentor to 3rd batch of Ambassador of Roses of Peace and Eunost IRCC Chairman.



Mr Dicky Sofjan

Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS)

Graduate School of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Indonesia

Dicky Sofjan is a Core Doctoral Faculty in the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS) based in the Graduate School of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) in Yogyakarta. His main research interest mostly covers the nexus between religion and politics in Indonesia, Southeast Asia and the Middle East. He has been involved in many interfaith initiatives and programmes with the Indonesian Ministries of Religious and Foreign Affairs as well as with the White House, European Union and others.



Moderator

Professor Tan See Seng

President and CEO of International Students Inc.

Research Advisor at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) and

Senior Associate at Centre for Liberal Arts and Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Professor Tan is President and CEO of International Students Inc., a faith-based non-profit organisation that works with international students in over 1,100 universities across the United States. He is concurrently Research Advisor at RSIS and Senior Associate at the Centre for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, both at Nanyang Technological University.

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



Professor Mohamad Tajuddin Mohamad Rasdi

Professor of Islamic Architecture, UCSI University

Professor Mohamad Tajuddin Mohamad Rasdi is a prolific writer and speaker in architecture, politics, social issues, religious matters and education. He was educated in the USA at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee where he obtained his Masters and Bachelor of Science in Architecture. He was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Professor Tajuddin has authored and published 56 books to date on architecture concerning Islam, the mosque, housing, community building and planning of administrative centres.



Mr Krish Raval OBE

Founder Director, Faith in Leadership

Krish Raval is the Founder Director of Faith in Leadership, Britain's principal leadership development organisation for religious and lay leaders across the main faith communities. Based at St Benet's Hall, University of Oxford, Krish supports and mentors Faith in Leadership's extraordinary alumni network and has worked across the globe to this end. Krish read law at the Universities of Cambridge and Sheffield and has worked as a leadership consultant for several Fortune 500 companies.



Moderator

Mr Shane Pereira

Research Associate, IPS Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies

National University of Singapore

Shane Pereira is Research Associate at IPS Social Lab in the Institute of Policy Studies. He specialises in applied ethnography and social research methods, and holds qualifications in Sociology and social research methods, which he taught for the last 11 years in both the National University of Singapore and King's College London.

Cohesion 2 – Connectivity & Connectedness



Dr Yang Mee Eng

Executive Director, ASEAN Foundation

Dr Yang worked in private and government sectors for over 26 years.. She was most recently the Senior Vice President at Alphacap. There, she assisted SME companies and led the development and execution of Bloconomic Expo 2019, a platform aimed at creating a vast network of blockchain entrepreneurs and developers in the fast-evolving blockchain companies. Prior to that, she was the CEO of Gameview, the largest mobile game publisher in Malaysia, where she oversaw more than 50 staff members in their three offices in Malaysia, China and Thailand.



Ms Teresa Tan

Head of Public Policy, Singapore and Southeast Asia, TikTok

Ms Teresa Tan is the Head of Public Policy, Singapore and Southeast Asia at TikTok. Through Money FM 89.3 podcasts, she has spoken about the significance of TikTok's involvement in addressing mental health issues in Singapore and how social media can be a force for good.



Moderator

Ms Teo Yi-Ling

Senior Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security

S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Teo Yi-Ling is a Senior Fellow with the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) at RSIS. She is part of the Cyber and Homeland Defence Programme of CENS, and engaged in researching strategies of national cybersecurity resilience, data protection and governance regimes, online regulation regimes, and ethics and governance related to artificial intelligence and disruptive technology, with a view to informing policy responses for Singapore's national security.



### Breakout Session 3

Day 3 Thu, 8 Sep 2022

#### Faith 3 – Faith Overcoming COVID-19 Pandemic



**Dr Mohammad Hannan Hassan**  
Deputy Mufti, Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS)

Dr Mohammad Hannan Hassan specialises in History and Philosophy of Islamic Higher Education, Muslim-Jewish relations, interfaith relations, and history and philosophy of Islamic law in the Malay Archipelago.



**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

Reverend Dr Edmund Fong is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore. Edmund joined the pastoral team of Adam Road Presbyterian Church in 2009. Edmund continues to participate actively in the pastoral and teaching ministries at Adam Road Presbyterian Church.



**Moderator**  
**Master Chung Kwang Tong**  
Board Member, Character & Leadership Academy

Master Chung is a Taoist priest of the Quan Zhen Long-men (Dragon Gate) Tradition. He is also a Deputy Executive Director at the Character and Leadership Academy, and sits on several public and people advisory committees.

#### Identity 3 – Religion & Social Justice



**Mr Somboon Chungprampree**  
Executive Secretary, International Network of Engaged Buddhists (INEB)

Somboon Chungprampree (Moo), is a Thai social activist working for Peace and Justice in Asia. He is a civic leader and serves on the Board of a number of international and national foundations.



**Sister Julia Walsh**  
Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

Sister Julia Walsh is a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration and part of her congregation's formation team, serving women who are discerning their vocation. Along with another Franciscan Sister, she co-founded The Fireplace, an intentional community and house of hospitality on Chicago's southside that offers spiritual support to artists and activists.



**Moderator**  
**Dr Mathew Mathews**  
Head, Research Associate, IPS Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies  
National University of Singapore

Dr Mathew Mathews is Head of IPS Social Lab, a centre for social indicator research and a Principal Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore. In addition to other projects, Mathews is currently leading a study on Religious Spaces and Practices in Singapore. This project utilises a large scale survey to understand the religious profiles and worship patterns of Singapore residents and non-residents.

#### Cohesion 3 – Youth Work Initiatives



**Ms Arizza Ann Nocum**  
Founder, KRIS

Arizza Ann Nocum is the Co-Founder and President of KRIS, a non-profit organisation that utilises education as a pathway to peace in the Philippines. KRIS has built libraries and provided scholarships for young people victimised by conflict and poverty. Today, KRIS educates, empowers, and inspires young peace-builders through summits, training programmes, and offline and online information campaigns.



**Ms Farahnaz Ali Ghodsinia**  
Peace Ambassador to the Office of the Philippine Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process

Farahnaz Ali Ghodsinia was born and raised in the Philippines. Farah graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of the Philippines-Diliman with a degree in Broadcast Communications. Currently she is working to pursue her graduate studies while serving as the Peace Ambassador to the Office of the Philippine Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process.



**Mr Shukul Raaj Kumar**  
Chairperson, Inter-Religious Organisation Youth Committee

Shukul Raaj Kumar is currently the Chairperson of the Inter-Religious Organisation Youth Committee. A Certified Scrum Master, he is also the Vice-Chairperson leading the Programmes team in Hindu Youth Network, that falls under the auspices of Hindu Endowment Board. He will also be doing his Masters in International Relations in August 2022 from the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) in Nanyang Technological University.



**Moderator**  
**Mr Abbas Ali Mohamed Irshad**  
Founder, Roses of Peace

Abbas Ali Mohamed Irshad is tackling the issue of apathy towards religious harmony among young people in Singapore with his inter-faith nonprofit group Roses of Peace. He encourages them to engage in difficult conversations about religion, a crucial topic in multi-ethnic Singapore, and other issues they face such as the rising cost of living and the mismatch between skills and job opportunities.