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Dr Tan Mei Jin Melisa is Head, Government Scientific Advisors Office at the National Research Foundation, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore.

Dr Tan has served in various capacities, including administrative, finance, policy, and research roles, with the Singapore Public Service, non-profit, and social sectors since 2006. She has worked in health-related agencies (Singapore General Hospital, Health Promotion Board, and Ministry of Health) and educational institutions (INSEAD Asia Campus and National University of Singapore) based in Singapore. She was a member of the Executive Committee of Engineering Good (2014-2016), Secretary of International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Singapore Chapter (2017-2018), and Associate Editor of the Journal of Migration and Health (2022-2024). She is currently a member of the ISPOR Singapore Chapter and Population Association of Singapore.

Dr Tan has conducted research on health policy and health systems in Asia with a focus on Singapore and the global context. Her specific areas of expertise include governance and policy in the context of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and COVID-19. She has published two book chapters on NCDs and tuberculosis control in edited books launched by the Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and European Respiratory Society respectively. She has also published several articles on health policy and systems, NCDs, and COVID-19 in journals such as The Lancet, British Medical Journal and Nature Medicine. She has conducted peer reviews of manuscripts for journals.

Dr Tan graduated with a Diploma in Electronics, Computer, and Communication Engineering from Singapore Polytechnic, an Advanced Diploma in Accounting and Business from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Accounting from Oxford Brookes University, and a Master of Science in International Political Economy from Nanyang Technological University. She obtained her PhD in Public Health with a concentration in Health Policy and Systems Research focusing on governance and policy from the National University of Singapore.

Dr Tan enjoys thinking, reading, writing, walking; exploring cultures, history, and nature; and learning new skills beyond her formal training.

RESEARCH AREAS

Governance, Health Policy, Health Systems, Policy Analysis, Public Health, and Public Policy

MEDIA COVERAGE

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