

**SINGAPORE ECONOMIC POLICY FORUM 2017  
PREPARING SINGAPORE FOR THE FUTURE ECONOMY**

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NUS Department of Economics and Economic Society of Singapore  
20 October 2017 (Friday) the Regent Hotel (Royal Pavilion I-II, Lobby Level), Singapore**

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| 8.30 am – 9.00 am   | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 9.00 am – 9.30 am   | <b>Welcoming Remarks</b><br>Julian Wright<br>Professor and Head of Economics, National University of Singapore (NUS)  |
|                     | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>Euston Quah<br>Professor and Head of Economics, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)<br>President, Economic Society of Singapore  |
|                     | <b>Keynote Address</b><br>Guest of Honor, Minister S. Iswaran, Ministry of Trade and Industry (Industry)  |
| 9:30 am - 9:45 am   | <b>Outstanding Economics Teacher Award (OETA)</b><br>Minister S. Iswaran<br>Ministry of Trade and Industry (Industry)   |
| 9.45 am – 10.00 am  | <b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>   |
| 10:00 am – 10:20 am | <b>Sharing Economy: Fact and Fiction</b><br>Ivan Png<br>Distinguished Professor of Strategy & Policy and<br>Professor, Department of Economics, NUS   |
| 10:20 am – 10:50 am | <b>Digitization and the Impacts on Consumers in Singapore</b><br>Jimmy Koh<br>Managing Director, Group Wholesale Banking/ Sector Solutions Group<br>United Overseas Bank Limited<br>Council Member, ESS |
| 10:50 am – 11:20 am | <b>Game changer: Changing mindsets and nurturing entrepreneurialism</b><br>Alex Tan<br>Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies  |
| 11:20 am – 12:00 pm | <b>Panel Discussion</b><br>Moderator:<br>Tan Swee Liang<br>Associate Professor of Economics (Practice), Singapore Management University   |

- 12.00 pm – 12.40 pm **Understanding the downward trend in labor income shares**  
Wei Cheng Lian  
Economist, International Monetary Fund
- Moderator:  
Basant Kapur  
Professor and Deputy Head, Department of Economics, NUS
- 12:40 pm – 2:00 pm **Lunch**
- 2:00 pm – 2:40 pm **Challenges and Innovations in Fiscal Policies**  
Chia Ngee Choon  
Associate Professor and Deputy Head, Department of Economics, NUS
- 2:40 pm – 3:20 pm **Addressing the Regressive Nature of CPF Contributions Through Tax Reform**  
Walter Theseira  
Senior Lecturer, Economics, School of Business  
Singapore University of Social Science  
Honorary Secretary, ESS
- Panel Discussion**  
Moderator:  
Toh Mun Heng  
Associate Professor, Department of Strategy and Policy, NUS
- 3:20 pm - 3:40 pm **Tea/Coffee break**
- 3:40 pm – 4:20 pm **Enacting policies for an (even) cleaner local environment**  
Associate Professor Alberto Salvo  
Department of Economics, National University of Singapore
- Moderator:  
Yan Jubo  
Assistant Professor, Economics, Nanyang Technological University
- 4:20 pm – 5:00 pm **Economics of Diabetes and Why Singapore will struggle**  
Dr Jeremy Lim  
Partner & Head of Asia Pacific Region, Health & Life Sciences at Oliver Wyman
- Moderator:  
Ng Wai Chong  
Tsao Foundation
- 5.00 pm – 5.10 pm **Closing Remarks**  
Chia Ngee Choon  
Director, SCAPE, Department of Economics, NUS