

# **An Invitation to the Interdisciplinary Forum on Global Warming and Climate Change**



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**to the Interdisciplinary Forum on  
Global Warming & Climate Change**

**Date:** 26 September 2007, Wednesday (Mid-term break)

**Venue:** Lecture Theatre 13, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

**Time:** 0900 hrs – 1300 hrs

**Chaired by:** Associate Professor Victor R. Savage  
Department of Geography, National University of Singapore

**Special Guest:** Ambassador Vibeke Rovsing Lauritzen  
Embassy of Denmark, Singapore

**Attire:** Smart Casual

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## **PROGRAMME:**

0900 hrs	<b>Registration</b> (All participants to be seated by 0930 hrs)
0930 hrs	<b>Welcome Speech</b> Professor Alan Chan <i>Associate Provost (Undergraduate Education), Office of the Provost, NUS</i>
0940 hrs	<b>Speech by Special Guest: Ambassador of Denmark</b> Ambassador Vibeke Rovsing Lauritzen <i>Embassy of Denmark, Singapore</i>
1000 hrs	<b>Topic: Climate Change - Living in the Anthropocene</b> Associate Professor Jeffrey Philip, Obbard <i>Deputy Head (Research), Division of Environmental Science and Engineering &amp; Associate Director, NUS Tropical Marine Science Institute</i>
1030 hrs	<b>Topic: The Unspoken Root Cause of Global Warming</b> Dr Scott Valentine <i>Researcher, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy &amp; Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law</i>
1100 hrs	<b>Coffee Break</b>
1130 hrs	<b>Topic: Happy Planet Index and Sociology – (Un)Happy Planet Singapore: Culture, Lifestyle and Footprints</b> Assistant Professor Daniel PS Goh <i>Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences</i>
1200 hrs	<b>Topic: Changing the Moral Landscape - Alternative Perspectives on Current Environmental Problems</b> Associate Professor Cecilia Lim Teck Neo <i>Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences</i>
1230 hrs	<b>Question and Answer Session</b> Chair: Associate Professor Victor R. Savage <i>Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences</i>
1300 hrs	<b>End of Programme</b>

## **ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:**

### **Ambassador Vibeke Rovsing Lauritzen**

Mrs. Vibeke Rovsing Lauritzen is the Danish Ambassador to Singapore. She holds a Master of Political Science (Aarhus University, Denmark). Since 1990 she has been employed with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Past positions include Head of the Finance Department, Principal Private Secretary to the Danish Foreign Minister, and Head of Political Section in the Danish Mission to the United Nations, New York. Throughout her career she has been working with environmental issues, especially in relation to development assistance. At the Danish Mission to the United Nations in New York, she was responsible for environmental matters. Furthermore, she has been involved in the preparations for the 15th UN Climate conference (COP15), which is to be held in Copenhagen in 2009.

### **Associate Professor Obbard, Jeffrey Philip**

Jeff is currently an Associate Director in the Tropical Marine Science Institute, and Deputy Head for Research in the Division of Environmental Science & Engineering at the National University of Singapore. He graduated from a British University with a first class honours degree in Ecology, and this was followed by a PhD sponsored by the Water Research Centre in the United Kingdom. After graduation, Jeff worked for an international environmental consultancy company in the UK, Hong Kong and throughout Asia before joining NUS in 1997. He has published widely in the field of Environmental Science & Engineering, and was a recipient of the Mondialogo Engineering Award from the United Nations in 2005 for a sustainable development project in the Philippines. He was the recipient of the 'Outstanding Mentor Award from the Ministry of Education in 2006. He describes his job as a mission to train engineers to do wonderful work without harming the planet!

### **Dr Scott Valentine**

Dr. Scott Valentine has over 20 years of diverse international business experience – specializing in business development and organizational development. Past positions include Executive Vice-President of Vektor Multimedia in charge of Japanese operations (currently Sony-Vektor), Managing Director of Asia Pacific Development International, Dean of the British Education College in Tokyo (affiliated with the UK Northern Consortium), and Director of the British Council Training Centre in Taiwan. In academia, he has been an Assistant Professor in two MBA programs and has worked as a Research Fellow in Energy at the National University of Singapore. Scott's academic achievements include: DBA (SCUPS), MBA (Adelaide), MSc in Environmental Management (NUS), and MA in Advanced Japanese Studies (Sheffield). He is currently a research scholar at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and a founding Director of Advanced Clean Energy Solutions LLP.

### **Assistant Professor Daniel PS Goh**

Daniel PS Goh's research interests include state formation, postcolonialism, multiculturalism, religion and environmentalism. His doctoral dissertation approached the comparative-historical study of state formation in British Malaya and American Philippines from the angle of cultural studies and postcolonial theory. His current research involves similar theoretical extension into two topics, multiculturalism and Chinese religiosity in Malaysia and Singapore. He is also currently preparing a research proposal on the social ecology of global cities, with Singapore as

the main case study. He has published papers on environmentalism in Singapore in the *Asian Journal of Social Science* and in *Biodiversity and Human Livelihoods in Protected Areas: Case Studies from the Malay Archipelago* (Cambridge). He has held fellowships from Michigan's International Institute, Michigan's Rackham Graduate School and the National University of Singapore's Overseas Graduate Scholarship. Daniel is presently Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore. He holds a Bachelor of Social Science (Honors) and Master of Social Science from the National University of Singapore and completed his PhD in Sociology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2005.

### **Associate Professor Cecilia Lim**

Cecilia Lim is an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at NUS. She has obtained her Ph.D from Pittsburgh and works primarily on Descartes and early modern philosophy, but a secondary interest in environmental ethics. Her publications in the latter include a paper in *Environmental Ethics* and an invited article in the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy* (eds. J. Baird Callicott and Robert Frodeman). She has also taught a graduate course and co-supervised dissertations in this area. She has also received several teaching awards: University Annual Teaching Excellence Awards 2005/2006, 2004/2005 and 2003/2004.