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ABOUT ASIAN UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

The Asian Undergraduate Symposium (AUS) is a two-week programme organised by NUS College (NUSC) that brings together undergraduates from Singapore and Asian regions, with a special focus on ASEAN participants for cultural exchange, networking, and capacity development.

A part of the AUN Summer Camp Programme, AUS includes more than 300 participants: NUSC undergraduates, tertiary students from Singapore, undergraduates from the Asian University Network (AUN), other ASEAN states and from China, India, Japan and South Korea.

Initiated in 2015 as the Asian Undergraduate Summit, AUS aimed to build a platform for undergraduates across Asia from various disciplines to come together and engage in meaningful academic and intercultural exchange.

In 2023, AUS grew to become the Asian Undergraduate Symposium. In this form, the AUS programme runs on the I-4 Model – Inspire, Ideate, Intercultural and Implement – to empower participants to transform academic discourse into practical solutions for real-world challenges while building lasting networks across Asia.

For 2025, AUS will focus on the theme of 'Interconnected Communities' with three sub-themes: Environment & Sustainability, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, as well as Heritage & Culture. AUS is also excited to partner with the inaugural Regen Asia Summit (RAS) which will introduce participants to the broader concept of Regeneration and also give participants opportunities to engage and network with 100 impact leaders from around the world.

MESSAGE FROM NUS PRESIDENT, PROF TAN ENG CHYE



Welcome to the 10th Asian Undergraduate Symposium (AUS)!

NUS is delighted to welcome bright, curious undergraduates like you from across the ASEAN region and the rest of Asia to our campus, to engage and inspire each other to ideate and implement practical improvements to address real-world issues.

Youths hold the key to creating a better future. You bring vitality and energize the community - you are change catalysts, community builders, passionate innovators, workforce talents and more.

Southeast Asia is a young and dynamic region as it is home to more than 380 million youths; 61% of the population of ASEAN countries is below the age of 35. I see potential in galvanizing and mobilizing these young talents as a regional youth network to become a force for good. Youths across Southeast Asia can be encouraged to forge cross cultural networks, and to work together to appreciate and advance the common good.

The education mission at NUS endeavours to develop our students to be future-ready and resilient, through imparting critical life skills that help them thrive in life and at work, and to positively impact communities. NUS College, the co-organiser of AUS, is a champion of interdisciplinary and experiential learning. The College has been actively paving the way for its diverse student body to pursue passions and promote causes across boundaries which stretch their students and grow with one another as a community. I am delighted that through AUS, a wider group of students in Asia will have the opportunity to participate in NUS College's unique educational experience.

MESSAGE FROM NUS PRESIDENT, PROF TAN ENG CHYE

The theme of AUS 2025 is 'Interconnected Communities', an apt reminder of our shared humanity even in the face of growing geopolitical tensions and uncertainties. The symposium will delve into important global topics of Sustainability and Regeneration as well as Diversity, Equality and Inclusion. They will be discussed and explored across an exciting line-up of academic and industry expert panel sessions, learning journeys and interactive workshops.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the NUS College team and partner universities for your steadfast support and collaboration, in shaping AUS into an inclusive and diverse platform for leading academic and cultural exchange, student development and regional alliance. I would also like to thank our donors for your generous gifting in making the event possible.

To all our participants, take the opportunity to grow and stretch yourselves. Explore and engage with others, broaden your perspectives and build valuable connections. I wish you a wonderful and enriching symposium.

Professor Tan Eng Chye
President, National University of Singapore

MESSAGE FROM DEAN NUS COLLEGE, PROF SIMON CHESTERMAN



Whether you are from Singapore, ASEAN or the rest of Asia, welcome to the Asian Undergraduate Symposium (AUS) 2025! This year marks a special milestone as AUS celebrates its 10th anniversary and you have joined us at a pivotal moment in its journey. Over 2,000 undergraduates hailing from 90 partner universities and 17 countries in Asia have come through AUS to date and are all part of our growing regional network.

This year, I am delighted to welcome you to this unique collaborative and immersive learning platform, designed to inspire and spur each

other to address the challenges of today and tomorrow, nurturing you, our future leaders and advocates.

At NUS College, we cultivate courageous and passionate problem solvers, thinkers and changemakers who are ready to pursue solutions for the world from diverse perspectives. We break open conventional classroom boundaries to create an interdisciplinary, dynamic and transformative learning experience for our students that we are proud to extend this experience to you. We look forward to witnessing many a brilliant idea from you, seeded through AUS, which will continue to blossom and bear fruit in your communities.

This year's AUS deepens its focus on 'Interconnected Communities', empowering participants to explore further into pressing topics like Sustainability and Heritage and Culture, which is particularly crucial for coming generations. For a deeper dive into the concept of Regeneration, we have teamed up with the inaugural Regen Asia Summit (RAS) this year to equip our participants with practical know-how to nurture more resilient systems.

MESSAGE FROM DEAN NUS COLLEGE, PROF SIMON CHESTERMAN

Many of you have come fresh from RAS and have had the opportunity to network with 100 global impact leaders.

AUS 2025 is immersive and interconnected with expert panels and learning journeys as well as hands-on workshops and projects. Our speakers and mentors, which include several of our accomplished alumni, will share their experiences and insights to enrich and inspire you. We continue to leverage the Open Space Technology to facilitate deep engagement and creative problem-solving, offering a unique opportunity to translate ideas into impactful action.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to NUS President, and our network of university partners for their invaluable support. Not forgetting, the NUS College team, whose dedication and hard work have been crucial in ensuring that AUS is a vibrant and enriching experience.

As you engage with the symposium, embrace this opportunity to learn, connect and innovate. May you gain new perspectives, lifelong friendships and a renewed commitment to making a positive impact in your communities.

Professor Simon Chesterman
Dean, NUS College

MESSAGE FROM AUS 2025 ACADEMIC LEADS



To all delegates, a warm welcome to all of you to AUS 2025 in NUS.

In this 10th edition of AUS, we revisit the theme of 'Interconnected Communities' as it feels more pressing than ever. In a world where issues and challenges transcend borders—from climate change to social inequality—the solutions we craft need to be as interconnected as these challenging issues themselves.

Over the next two weeks, everyone will be immersed in a journey of discovery. You will work together with many others like you who

work together with many others like you who are deeply interested in making a positive impact on their local communities and are doing their best in their respective capacities to bring about positive change. In addition, you will also be working with one another, from various parts of Asia, to put together proposals that weave together (1) sustainability and regeneration, (2) diversity, equity, and inclusion, and (3) heritage and culture. Not only will this help everyone to understand our respective constraints better, we hope this will be a way to pull together the best ideas to help one another.

We truly hope this experience at AUS 2025 will illuminate how our diverse perspectives, when woven together, create solutions more powerful than any single thread—breaking down silos and building bridges—and may these connections regenerate not just our communities, but our collective hope for the future too. Let AUS serve as a catalyst for everyone to work together towards a better future!

Dr. Chan Kiat Hwa and Dr. Nurhidayahti Mohammad Miharja
Academic Leads, AUS 2025

MESSAGE FROM AUS 2025 STUDENT COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS



Dear Delegates,
Welcome to the Asian Undergraduate Symposium 2025! It is nothing short of a genuine honour for us, Hridayansh and Suchi, to serve as the Chairpersons of AUS 2025 and extend our warmest welcome to each and every one of you.

AUS has always been about what happens when students from completely different places, backgrounds, and experiences sit down at the same table. It is about the people you meet, the stories you exchange, and the small moments of connection that will stay with you long after these two weeks are over.

This year, we mark the tenth edition of this symposium under the theme Interconnected Communities. We will explore how cultures, values, and responsibilities overlap and shape the region we share. You will spend the week engaging with three key focus areas:

- Sustainability and Regeneration
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Heritage and Culture

Across discussions, field visits, and project work, you will have the chance to contribute, collaborate, and connect with one another. We hope AUS will challenge you, inspire you, and offer you the space to explore new ideas and perspectives alongside others. AUS is shaped by every person who walks through its doors, and these two weeks belong to all of you. We cannot wait to see the conversations, ideas, and connections that unfold.

Thank you for being part of AUS 2025. Let's make it a memorable one.

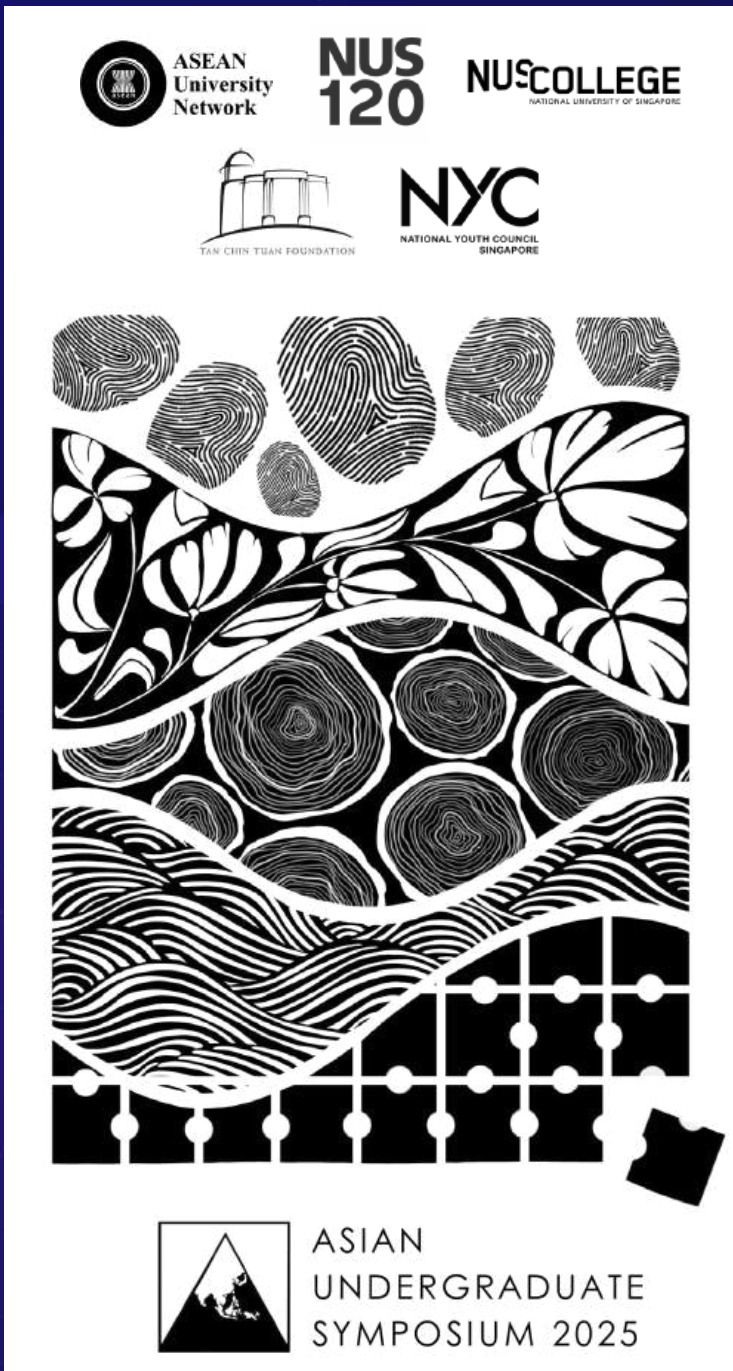
Suchi Shah and Hridayansh Khara
Student Council Co-chairs, AUS 2025

AUS TEE-SHIRT DESIGN

This design unites the core themes of AUS through powerful natural metaphors. Fingerprints symbolize identity and the lasting impact we leave behind through heritage & culture. Flourishing greenery shows the intended outcome of our efforts towards protecting Mother Nature by committing to sustainability. Tree stumps represent regeneration, showing how endings become beginnings in nature, where a dying tree signifies the start of new ecosystems. Waves embody

diversity, equity, and inclusion, each unique and short-lived yet contributing to a greater whole in their own dynamic ways. Like puzzle pieces, we all play a vital role in building interconnected communities and shaping a better, more inclusive world.

See that puzzle piece on the bottom right? That's you!



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

	Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Date	Sunday (6/7)	Monday (7/7)	Tuesday (8/7)	Wednesday (9/7)	Thursday (10/7)	Friday (11/7)	Saturday (12/7)
0730 - 0830	<div>Registration of Participants Checking Into Rooms</div> <div>[Tembusu Multi-Purpose Hall]</div> <div>Note: Meals at own expense</div>	Breakfast & Check In	Breakfast & Check In	Breakfast & Check In	Breakfast & Check In	Breakfast & Check In	Breakfast & Check In
0830 - 0900		Gather, Unofficial Welcome by Student Council	Movement	Movement	Movement	From RAS to AUS: Towards Regenerative Action [Cinnamon Hall]	
0900 - 0930			Topic Lecture: Sustainability & Regeneration [Cinnamon Hall]	Topic Lecture: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion [Cinnamon Hall]	Topic Lecture: Heritage & Culture [Cinnamon Hall]		Marketplace of Ideas Individual Ideation followed by Idea pitching & consolidation [Cinnamon Hall]
0930 - 1000		Admin Brief [Elm Dining Hall]	Sustainability & Regeneration Panel [Cinnamon Hall]	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Panel [Cinnamon Hall]	Heritage & Culture Panel [Cinnamon Hall]		
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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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Date	Sunday (13/7)	Monday (14/7)	Tuesday (15/7)	Wednesday (16/7)	Thursday (17/7)	Friday (18/7)	Saturday (19/7)		
0730 - 0830	<div>PERSONAL TIME</div> <div>Note: No meals provided</div>	Breakfast & Check In	Breakfast & Check In	Breakfast & Check In	Breakfast & Check In	Breakfast & Check In	Selected Groups Presentation Prep [Assigned Classroom]		
0830 - 0900		Mentor Session 1 [Assigned Classrooms]	Mentor Session 3 [Assigned Classrooms]	Set Up for Presentation	Fireside Chat Preparation [Cinnamon Hall]	Cultural Night Prep Part 1 [Cinnamon Hall & Tembusu Hall]			
0900 - 0930				Project World Café Group Consolidation [Cinnamon Hall]	Participants to be seated by 0945			Formal Brunch & Closing [Cinnamon Hall]	
0930 - 1000					Fireside chat with Minister [Cinnamon Hall]				
1000 - 1030						Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
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1100 - 1130									
1130 - 1200		Mentor Session 2 [Assigned Classrooms]	Mentor Session 4 [Assigned Classrooms]	Submission of Project Board & Video [Classrooms]	Movement	Cultural Night Prep Part 2 [Cinnamon Hall & Tembusu Hall]	Check Out & Goodbye [Tembusu Multi-Purpose Hall]		
1200 - 1230					Graduate School Sharing [Elm Dining Hall]				
1230 - 1300					Movement		Final 3 Group Selection [Elm Dining Hall]	Cultural Night [Cinnamon Hall & Tembusu Multi-Purpose Hall] Dinner Included	
1300 - 1330					Project Viewing				
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ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Day 2: Sustainability and Regeneration



(Moderator)

Associate Professor Adrian Loo

Associate Professor Adrian Loo is a conservation biologist and Deputy Director, Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions. He held appointments in the National Parks Board, Singapore as Group Director for Wildlife Management and Senior Director for Community Projects, Group Director Conservation and Director, Terrestrial, National Biodiversity Centre. He led teams to reduce human-wildlife conflicts through science-based management, education and community stewardship. Working with international partners, he led efforts in fighting illegal wildlife trade through enforcement and wildlife forensics. He oversaw species recovery programmes and habitat enhancement projects in Singapore. He is the mentor for the CITES Global Youth Network engaging youth in the protection of endangered species from unsustainable trade and illegal wildlife trade.



Dr. Farrah Shameen

Dr. Farrah Shameen leads the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) as CEO since September 2023, promoting sustainable forest management and timber certification in Malaysia. Her focus is on MTCS credibility and global recognition, aiding market access for sustainable timber and value chains while ensuring stakeholders uphold sustainability. Previously, she gained deep insights into policymaking, environmental governance, and international cooperation as an Administrative and Diplomatic Officer in the Malaysian government. This role involved policy formulation, collaboration, and international negotiations.

Her expertise extends to forestry administration and international wildlife trade regulation through her work with CITES. This experience navigating international agreements and national policies offers a unique perspective on sustainable forestry and standard setting.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Day 2: Sustainability and Regeneration



Ms. Sam Shu Qin

Sam is a marine conservationist dedicated to restoring coral reefs in Southeast Asia. Her work focuses on enhancing biodiversity on artificial structures, rehabilitating degraded reefs in urban marine environments, and collaborating with coastal communities on restoration initiatives. She is also the co-founder of Our Singapore Reefs, an initiative that raises awareness of Singapore's marine biodiversity while fostering community collaboration and engagement in marine science and conservation. Through her expertise in science communication, Sam inspires diverse audiences to take an active role in marine stewardship. She is also currently teaching in NUS College, working on interdisciplinary projects, and collaborating with communities in Indonesia on marine conservation with undergraduates.



Dr. Supatchaya Techachoochert

Supatchaya Techachoochert is an ecologist and climate action advocate dedicated to forest and biodiversity protection. With a PhD in Biology from Mahidol University, her research focused on conserving the endangered Giant Nuthatch. She currently leads the "Carbon Credit from Community Forests for Sustainability" project at Mae Fah Luang Foundation, supporting local communities in safeguarding forests while generating sustainable income through carbon markets. Her work spans ecosystem restoration, climate adaptation, and policy engagement. Passionate about inspiring young scientists, she advocates for nature-based solutions, emphasizing the vital role of biodiversity conservation in addressing global environmental challenges.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Day 3: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



(Moderator)

Associate Professor Eleanor Wong

Associate Professor Eleanor Wong, a graduate of NUS Faculty of Law, returned in 2002 to launch its Legal Skills Programme as Director. At the Law Faculty, she serves as a member of the Leadership Team, Co-Director of the Centre for Pro Bono and Clinical Legal Education, and Co-ordinator of the International Moot Programme. She holds positions as NUS Associate Provost (Special Projects) and Dean of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education. Concurrently, as Vice Dean (Residential Programmes & Enrichment) at NUS College, she oversees the residential program, ensuring an enriching experience, covering student life, pastoral care, and discipline. Additionally, she continues her links to industry as a Consultant with Helmsman LLC and is a published playwright and poet.



Dr. Bjorn Gomes

Dr. Bjorn Gomes is the Deputy Director of the Global Pathways Programme and one of the Pillar Heads of the Global Social Thought course at NUS College. He received his PhD in Political Science (Political Theory/International Relations) from Columbia University. His research focuses on the struggle for recognition in modern political thought, as well as subjects falling within the fields of political theory and international relations.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Day 3: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Mr. Narash Narasimman

Narasimman is the co-founder of Impart Ltd, a local charity that enables youths to foster ecosystems of care spanning across 3 arms namely Education, Mental Health Care, and Community. For the past 19 years, he has worked with children, adolescents, young adults and their families. His work ranges from running developmental programmes for youths in the community, to rehabilitating and reintegrating youths known to juvenile justice systems and statutory care.

Examples of his past work include pioneering a community-based aftercare program and community-based addiction management service – a testament to his expertise and experience in community-focused models of care. His recent work includes interweaves group therapy with traditional boxing and fitness training to bring a programme that marries the best of mind and body care.



Professor Bumsoo Kim

Professor Bumsoo Kim is a professor of College of Liberal Studies at Seoul National University (SNU) in Seoul, Korea. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago in 2006 and M.A. and B.A. in political science from Seoul National University. His research focuses on justice and equality, multiculturalism, human rights, and so on. He published many articles and books, including *What Is Fairness in Korean Society?* (2022) and *The Politics of Translation in Modern Japan* (2023). He is now serving as Director of the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies at SNU and as President of the Korean Political Science Association.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Day 4: Heritage and Culture



(Moderator)

Ms. Chang Yueh-Siang

Siang occupies a very interesting practice-and-teaching role in NUS, being both Associate University Curator at the NUS Museum, as well as Adjunct Lecturer at NUS College, teaching a course on heritage management and approaches, "Curating" Singapore: Museums, Heritage and Spaces. She also leads Impact Experience fieldwork projects to Penang, Bandung and islands in Indonesia, supervising student projects that pertain to living and intangible cultural heritages, always considering the interaction of heritage with urban development issues. While Siang has also had experiences working in national and international museums, she is currently paying attention to the question of how intangible knowledges and practices may be retained and expressed within their contexts.



Dr. Ng Keng-Khoon

Dr. Keng-Khoon Ng is a faculty at NUS College, National University of Singapore. His research areas include architecture, the politics of urban change in Southeast Asian cities, and topics relating to cultural heritage conservation. 'Bajautopia: Tales of Borneo's Sea Nomads' is his latest edited book in which he advocates the rights of undocumented indigenous Bajau Laut living in Malaysian Borneo and the architectural imaginations of their futures. At NUS College, he supervises student groups to undertake Impact Experience Projects, a 2-year capstone service-learning module, in Sabah Malaysia, focusing on the themes such as infrastructure improvement, waste management, and community-driven tourism.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Day 4: Heritage and Culture



Ms. Khoo Salma

Khoo Salma is a Penang-based writer, publisher and past President of the Penang Heritage Trust. She is co-founder of Areca Books, a small publishing house and bookshop, and custodian of the Sun Yat Sen Museum Penang, both located in the George Town World Heritage Site. She has written or co-written more than a dozen books, including *The Chulia in Penang*, which won a Book Prize at the International Conference of Asia Scholars (ICAS, 2015). More recently, she has spoken at the Khazanah Megatrends Forum, Kuala Lumpur (2023) and as a Miles Lewis Fellow at the University of Melbourne (2024).



Mr. Kwek Li Yong

Kwek Li Yong is one of Singapore's recognisable heritage researcher who is a strong advocate for a community-centric approach to arts and heritage. He is the Founder of My Community, a non-profit organisation which specialises in community-based research and documentation to preserve social memories and organises guided tour and neighbourhood festivals to celebrate the everyday people, places and practices in our communities. He has provided independent research and assessments on Dakota Crescent, Tanglin Halt and Pulau Ubin for government agencies including the National Heritage Board and Urban Redevelopment Authority. He holds a Master degree in Heritage and Museum Studies from The University of Sydney and is the author of many publications on community heritage and festivals.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Regeneration Workshop



Ms. Bernise Ang

Bernise Ang is Chief Alchemist at Zeroth Labs, establishing systems thinking and complexity science as core disciplines. In the firm's international development practice, she led UNDP Asia Pacific's first systems thinking research approach to advise the Bhutanese government on youth unemployment. Her academic engagements include co-developing the Complexity & Systems Thinking (CAST) summer programme for NUS Medicine, and the module "Systems Thinking for Wicked Problems" for Residential College 4, where she is a Fellow. Her research interests include the application of network science to stability and urban dynamics.

Bernise has spoken on urban innovation and systems thinking at Harvard Business School, SXSW, and the World Economic Forum. Previously, she worked in private equity specialising in REITs and co-founded Syinc, a youth nonprofit in Singapore. She is an Obama Scholar, an Asia 21 Young Leader, and a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Regeneration Workshop



Mr. Shaun Koh

Shaun Koh is Chief Strategist at Zeroth Labs, leading institutional engagements with corporate, higher education, and multilateral partners. He led development of an urban innovation framework for UNDP Asia Pacific, which has been rolled out in 14 country offices. His adjunct faculty experience includes teaching public service innovation at SMU's Master of Tri-Sector Collaboration, regeneration and sustainability at NUS College, and complexity science & systems thinking at the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine. He is also Chief Facilitator for the Regen Asia Summit 2025.

Shaun has guest lectured at the Civil Service College, training senior civil servants in Singapore. He also served as facilitator for a scenario planning project with Nagasaki University (Pandemic Futures and Nuclear Weapons Risks) and has trained emerging political leaders at Apolitical Academy Caucasus in strategic foresight. Shaun brings his background in computer engineering together with systems thinking methods to support corporate, government and multilateral partners to be future-ready.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Making A Difference



(Moderator)

Ms. Rachel Phoon

Rachel Phoon is the Head of Alumni Relations and Development at NUS College, with over 25 years of experience in the non-profit, healthcare, and education sectors. A passionate advocate for youth empowerment, she has built impactful partnerships supporting young people's growth. Rachel has held development roles in Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore, including at United World College of South East Asia and Yale-NUS College. She serves on the board of CARE Singapore, supporting at-risk youths, and was Co-Programme Lead at the 2023 Asian Undergraduate Symposium. Rachel is dedicated to helping young people thrive and become catalysts for positive change.



Mr. Ami Firdaus

Ami Firdaus is a Senior Associate in the Events and Programs team within the Milken Institute Asia Center, where he works on curation, development and execution of the Institute's key events and programs in Asia. He also holds an additional role in managing the Philanthropy program in Asia for the Institute. Prior to joining the Milken Institute, Ami began his career in theatre and the non-profit world of venture philanthropy at Ashoka. His career has since spanned across non-profit, public and private sectors, covering more ground in areas such as urban development, consulting, social entrepreneurship as a two-time founder, and sustainability programming. He holds a BA (Hons) in Anthropology with a focus on sustainable agro-industry from Yale-NUS College, and serves on the Executive Board of the Yale-NUS Club.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

— Making A Difference



Dr. Aaron Maniam

Aaron Maniam is Fellow of Practice and Director, Digital Transformation Education at the University of Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government. He works on how large, complex organisations like governments can (i) better use, regulate and enable digital technology in a range of domains, and (ii) plan more effectively for the long-term.

Previously a Singaporean civil servant, he held several policy leadership roles, including starting both the Centre for Strategic Futures, which examines long-range trends, and the Civil Service College Applied Simulation Training (CAST) Laboratory, which creates serious games to help policymakers grapple with wicked problems. He co-chaired the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on the Future of Technology Policy (2022-2024), and now co-chairs the GFC on GovTech and Digital Public Infrastructure. He is a Senior Fellow of the Centre for Future Generations, a Brussels-based think-and-do tank, and a member of the OECD's Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Futures. His PhD, also from Oxford's Blavatnik School, compared the digitalisation of tax and social policy agencies in Estonia, Zealand and Singapore.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Making A Difference



Ms. Jolene Lum

Jolene Lum is an entrepreneur-turned-investor with experience in sustainable food, agriculture, and emerging markets. She was a venture builder and was Founder/Group CEO of Urban Tiller, an urban farming supply chain startup, and co-founded ventures in alternative proteins, including a mycelium fermentation platform and an insect protein business for sustainable animal feed. At Temasek's Nurasa, she led the development of a food innovation centre at Biopolis and supported the scale-up of regional food tech companies. Now at Cento Ventures, Jolene invests in digital and financial technologies transforming Southeast Asia, with a passion for supporting ventures that redefine how the region grows and thrives. She graduated from Yale-NUS College in 2019.



Mr. Mervin Junus

Mervin Junus is a passionate community builder who designs gatherings that spark connection, conversation, and change. He chaired the Asian Undergraduate Summit 2021, convening student leaders from across Asia, and helped shape The Birthday Fellowship, a programme nurturing emerging changemakers in Singapore. Mervin has been part of international efforts like TEDxWeekendSingapore and worked with organisations such as Friendzone to deepen youth engagement. He's also organising a big birthday party for Singapore this year!

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

— Making A Difference



Ms. Shane Yan

Shane Yan is co-founder of Growthbeans, a social enterprise that provides coaching-infused products, consulting and services to enable social connections, self-discovery and social skills : inclusivity, wellbeing and employability. Shane is on a mission to create a social circular economy to enable the 3 UN SDG goals of reducing inequality, enabling good health and wellbeing and creating decent jobs and economic growth in society. What drives Shane Yan is her love for experimentation, designing experiences and connecting people and ideas to enable greater impact and a more cohesive society. She actively converts research into applications that can positively impact society, and to help individuals become the best person they can be. Over the last 10 years, she has worked with 1000s of people in community, government, MNCs and SMEs to enable them to self-discover and achieve their goals. Shane is an IHRP-Certified Professional and a co-opted exco member of the SGTech Singapore Enterprise Chapter to support the Talent pillar amongst SMEs. As a coach, Shane is also the author of an experiential self awareness book called Wide Asleep Sound Awake and previously worked in Mercer, a global HR consulting firm.

AUS LEAD PROFILE



Mr. Nigel Kaw

AUS Lead & Programme Designer

Nigel leads the Growth Mentoring Team in NUS College. As a coach, facilitator trainer and mentor, Nigel's work has always sought to do three things: to educate others so as to broaden perspectives; to create and hold space for necessary – but not always easy – conversations; and for these conversations to move participants, their organisations and/or society forward.

Previously a Singaporean civil servant, Nigel has held various positions particularly in education and was a co-founder and facilitator trainer of South East Community Development Council's Explorations into Faith Programme, a pioneering effort to create safe spaces for interfaith dialogue. In 2019, Nigel co designed and co led the Young Leaders' Programme for the inaugural International Conference on Cohesive Societies (ICCS), an international platform for interfaith and multicultural dialogue, demonstrating that unity could flourish even in a divided world. Nigel is also particularly pleased to have recently co-edited and contributed to the highly successful book, *Creating & Holding Spaces: A Field Guide for Facilitation* in 2024.

Nigel is an experienced otaku, dive master, dragon slayer and superhero nerd.

LEARNING JOURNEY AUS 2025

(8-10 JULY)

Artably Artably's Power-to-Change: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	How can we reimagine PowerPoint as a creative and inclusive tool? Join Amin, the 'Accidental Artist-in-Residence' from Artably, on a creative journey that explores his passion for art & design. In this session, he'll reflect on his practice and share how he pushes the boundaries of accessibility & inclusion with PowerPoint—an everyday presentation tool—into a joyful, inclusive platform for creativity and play, accessible to all, regardless of age or ability. Let's celebrate the power of diversity, equity & inclusion together—one shape at a time!
Green Nudge Green Nudge's Green or Greenwashing? - A Consumer Reality Check	Sustainability is trending—but so is greenwashing. In a world where every product claims to be “eco-friendly,” how do we know what’s real and what’s just a marketing flex? In this session, we unpack how everyday purchases in Asia are shaped by clever marketing, loose claims, and consumer pressure to “do good.” Using regional examples from fashion to food, we invite you to critically examine what makes a product truly sustainable. Whether you are a curious buyer or a changemaker-in-the-making, walk away with a new mindset and tools to shop smarter and (hopefully) not fall for the green trap.
The Black Sampan The Black Sampan's Introduction to the Orang Laut: Community, Cultural Heritage, and Ethical Engagement	Explore the historical and contemporary identities of the Orang Laut community in Singapore, and learn how cultural beliefs and practices are sustained today. The session also introduces ethical approaches to community-based research, including oral history methods and respectful engagement with lived experiences.

LEARNING JOURNEY AUS 2025







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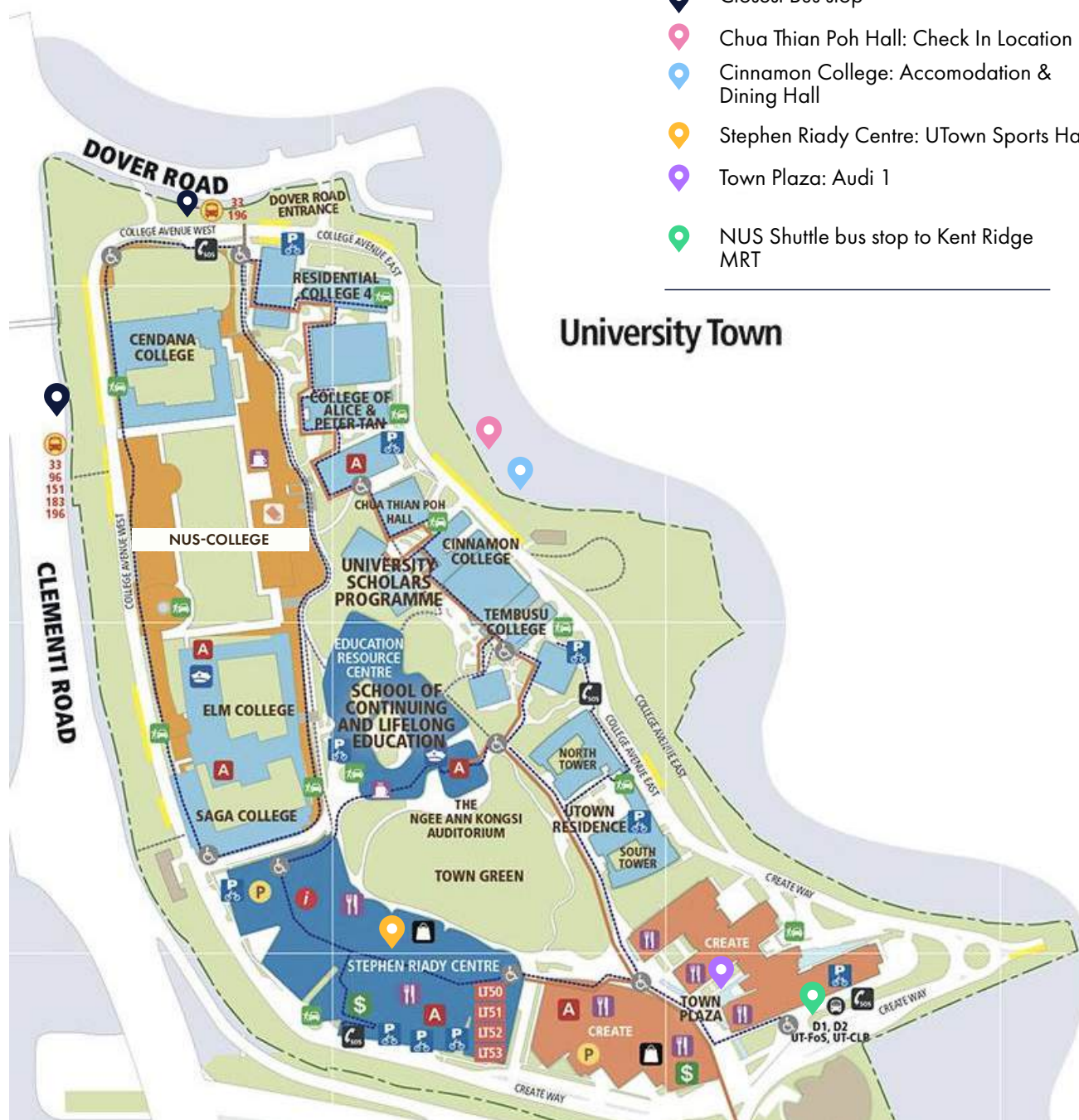
SG Assist Care: A Responsibility No One Should Shoulder Alone	Discover how small, community-driven actions can transform spaces into more inclusive and supportive environments.
Living Soil A Soilful Approach	Discover how a community-oriented, care based approach can be taken to educate people on how humans and the environment interact, and how these impacts show up in the world and our everyday lives.
This Connect Healing the Cracks	Discover how an organization promotes awareness of mental wellbeing and personal discovery through an exploration of art.
My Community Behind the Scenes of a Heritage Tour	Understanding the makings of a heritage tour from research to befriending residents
My Community Behind the Scenes of Participatory Design	Promoting participation from stakeholders to co-design and co-curate community projects

MAP OF UNIVERSITY TOWN

Kent Ridge Campus

Legend

-  Closest Bus stop
-  Chua Thian Poh Hall: Check In Location
-  Cinnamon College: Accomodation & Dining Hall
-  Stephen Riady Centre: UTown Sports Hall
-  Town Plaza: Audi 1
-  NUS Shuttle bus stop to Kent Ridge MRT



DIRECTORY



University Town (UTown)

Education Resource Centre

AUDITORIUM

The Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium (NAK-AUD)	Level 2
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DISCUSSION / STUDY SPACES

Collaborative Commons	Level 1
Ian & Peony Ferguson Study	Roof deck
Mac Commons 	Level 1
PC Commons 	Level 1
The Study	Level 2

MULTIMEDIA HUB

Conference Suite	Level 1
Presentation Space	Level 1
Visualisation Suite, including Recording Space	Level 1
Xchange (for audio/visual support)	Level 1

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING AND LIFELONG EDUCATION (SCALE)

School of Continuing and Lifelong Education	Level 2, 02-16
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SEMINAR ROOMS

Active Learning Room (ERC-ALR)	Level 2
Global Learning Room (ERC-GLR)	Level 2
Seminar Room 1 (ERC-SR1)	Level 2
Seminar Room 2 (ERC-SR2)	Level 2
Seminar Room 3 (ERC-SR3)	Level 2
Seminar Room 4 (ERC-SR4)	Level 2
Seminar Room 5 (ERC-SR5)	Level 2
Seminar Room 8 (ERC-SR8)	Level 2
Seminar Room 9 / Chartered Asset Management SR (ERC-SR9CAM)	Level 2
Seminar Room 10 (ERC-SR10)	Level 2
Seminar Room 11 (ERC-SR11)	Level 2

OTHERS

Conference Room	Level 2
Faculty Lounge	Level 2
Learning Café (Starbucks)	Lower 1
Radio Pulze	Lower 1
Security Post (+65 6601 1907)	Level 1
VIP Lounge	Roof deck

Town Plaza

AUDITORIUM

UTown Auditorium 1 (UT AUD 1)	Level 1
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FOOD & BEVERAGE OUTLETS

Cheers Convenience Store	Level 1
Hwang's Korean Restaurant	Level 1
Koufu Foodcourt	Level 1
Sapore Italiano	Level 1
Spice Table	Level 1
SUBWAY	Level 1
The Royals Bistro	Level 1

SEMINAR ROOMS

Active Learning Room / Seminar Room 11 (TP-SR11)	Level 2
Global Learning Room / Seminar Room 12 (TP-GLR)	Level 2
Seminar Room 1 (TP-SR1)	Level 2
Seminar Room 2 (TP-SR2)	Level 2
Seminar Room 3 (TP-SR3)	Level 2
Seminar Room 4 (TP-SR4)	Level 2
Seminar Room 5 (TP-SR5)	Level 2
Seminar Room 6 (TP-SR6)	Level 2
Seminar Room 7 (TP-SR7)	Level 2
Seminar Room 8 / Khoo Teck Quee & Tan Phek Wan Seminar Room (TP-SR8)	Level 2
Seminar Room 9 (TP-SR9)	Level 2
Seminar Room 10 (TP-SR10)	Level 2

Stephen Riady Centre

AUDITORIUM

UTown Auditorium 2 (UT AUD 2)	Level 1
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DANCE STUDIO / ATELIERS

Dance Atelier 1	Level 3
Dance Studio	Level 1
Function Hall / Dance Atelier 2	Level 3

LECTURE THEATRES

LT 50 (UTSRC-LT50)	Level 1
LT 51 (UTSRC-LT51)	Level 1
LT 52 (UTSRC-LT52)	Level 2
LT 53 (UTSRC-LT53)	Level 2

MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS HALLS

Sports Hall 1	Level 1
Sports Hall 2	Level 1

PRACTICE ROOMS / STUDIOS

Anteroom, comprising a mixture of practice rooms & studios	Level 2
Practice Room 1	Level 3
Practice Room 2	Level 3

RETAIL & DINING OUTLETS

Bookhaven	Level 1
Butter My Buns (within Bookhaven)	Level 1
FairPrice Xpress	Level 1
Flavours@UTown (food court)	Level 2
Fortune Village	Level 1
Guardian	Level 1
Hair Infinity	Level 1
Liang Seng Sports	Level 1
Pizza Hut Express	Level 1

SEMINAR ROOMS

Global Learning Room (UTSRC-GLR)	Level 1
Seminar Room 1 (UTSRC-SR1)	Level 1
Seminar Room 2 (UTSRC-SR2)	Level 1
Seminar Room 3 (UTSRC-SR3)	Level 1
Seminar Room 4 (UTSRC-SR4)	Level 1
Seminar Room 5 (UTSRC-SR5)	Level 1
Seminar Room 6 (UTSRC-SR6)	Level 1
Seminar Room 7 (UTSRC-SR7)	Level 2
Seminar Room 8 (UTSRC-SR8)	Level 2
Seminar Room 9 (UTSRC-SR9)	Level 2

Between Cinnamon College (USP) and College of Alice & Peter Tan

AUDITORIUM

UTown Auditorium 3 (UT AUD 3)	B1-01
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USEFUL INFORMATION

Wifi info	<p>Guest login:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Connect to "NUS_Guest" wireless network2. Select "Event Login" at the login page3. Enter the Wi-Fi PIN: OFHJX44. Event Name: AUS 2025 <p>For NUS student please login using your NUS ID and password</p>
Nearest MRT	<p>Clementi MRT Station (EW 23) Kent Ridge Station (CC 24)</p>
Nearest Bus stop	<p>See map</p>
Nearest supermarket on campus	<p>See map & directory</p>
Nearest supermarket off campus	<p>NTUC FairPrice (Open 24 hours) 451 Clementi Ave 3, #01-307, Singapore 120451</p> <p><u>How to get there:</u> From NUS, take bus no. 96 or 183, alight at bus stop or Clementi MRT Station, from there it is a 5mins walk.</p>
Nearest eating places on campus	<p>See map & directory</p>
Nearest eating places off campus	<p>Clementi Central has a variety of hawker centers, fast food outlets and eating places which are open on weekdays and weekends, including at night, with some places open 24 hours.</p> <p><u>How to get there:</u> From NUS, take bus no. 96 or 183, alight at bus stop or Clementi MRT Station.</p>
Nearest Prayer Room	<p>Stephen Riady Centre (SRC) Located on Level 2 at Staircase 5 landing, beside Flavours @UTown food court.</p> <p>Enter the stairwell near the lifts which are opposite the toilets. (Map Directions)</p>

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Campus Security	+65 6874 1616
Nearest 24hr clinic	<p>Central 24-HR Clinic (Clementi)</p> <p>Address: Blk 450 Clementi Ave 3, #01-291, Singapore 120450</p> <p>Tel: +65 6773 2925</p> <p>How to get there: From NUS, take bus no. 96 or 183, alight at bus stop or Clementi MRT Station, from there it is a 3mins walk.</p>
Police	999
Ambulance & Fire Department	995
AUS Emergency contact	+65 8625 8239

CODE OF CONDUCT

All AUS participants are expected to abide by the NUS Code of Student Conduct which can be found here.

<https://studentconduct.nus.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/NUS-Code-of-Student-Conduct.pdf>

<https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/graduate/acceptance-record#NUSCodeofStudentConduct>