

## Virtual In-Country Workshop on International Trade Issues

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### Agenda

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Day 1	
8:40-9:00	<b>Registration and Entrance into the Zoom Room</b>
9:00-9:20	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>Dr. Phạm Lan Dung, Acting President, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam</p> <p>Representative from Temasek Foundation</p> <p>Dr. Alan Chong, Associate Professor &amp; Head of Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS</p>
9:20-10:40	<p><b>Session 1: Evolving Regional Architecture</b> <b>Speaker: Ms. Margaret Liang, Associate Trainer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Singapore &amp; Adjunct Senior Fellow at RSIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Overview of ASEAN FTAs with Third Countries to strengthen ASEAN's global competitiveness and its Cooperation with Dialogue Partners</li> <li>ii) Vietnam's Bilateral FTAs</li> <li>iii) Mega FTAs in Asia- Pacific: RCEP vs CPTPP (short overview)</li> </ul>
10:40-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:20	<p><b>Session 2: Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)</b> <b>Speaker: Ms. Margaret Liang</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) History of Negotiations: Strategic Objectives – Issues and Challenges</li> <li>ii) How does RCEP fit in Overall Regional Economic Landscape?</li> <li>iii) Overview of RCEP: Scope and Key Issues</li> <li>iv) Implications for ASEAN /Vietnam: Challenges and Benefits</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions/Answers</b></p>

<b>Day 2</b>	
8:40-9:00	<b>Registration and Entrance into the Zoom Room</b>
9:00-10:20	<p><b>Session 3: Where Does ASEAN Fit in the Overall Regional Architecture?</b>  <b>Speaker: Ms. Margaret Liang</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Challenges for ASEAN Cooperation in the matrix of FTAs</li> <li>ii) The Way Forward</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions/Answers</b></p>
10:20-10:40	Coffee Break
10:40-12:00	<p><b>Session 4: WTO Reform</b>  <b>Speaker: Ms. Margaret Liang</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Challenges Facing the WTO</li> </ul>
<b>Day 3</b>	
8:40-9:00	<b>Registration and Entrance into the Zoom Room</b>
9:00-10:20	<p><b>Session 5: The WTO Anti-Dumping Framework</b>  <b>Speaker: Ms. Margaret Liang</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Rules on Anti-Dumping (AD)</li> <li>ii) Principles of Anti-Dumping Mechanism</li> <li>iii) Procedural Elements for Anti-Dumping System</li> </ul>
10:20-10:40	Coffee Break
10:40-12:00	<p><b>Session 6: The WTO Anti-Dumping Framework (Continued)</b>  <b>Speaker: Ms. Margaret Liang</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Dumping Determinations</li> <li>ii) Dumping Margin Calculation</li> <li>iii) Different Methods of Calculating Margins of Dumping</li> <li>iv) Injury Determination and Causal Link</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions/Answers</b></p>
12:00-12:10	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b>  Dr. Su-Hyun Lee, Assistant professor, RSIS</p>

Note: All sessions will be conducted in English and simultaneously translated into Vietnamese.

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Margaret Liang** is Associate Trainer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Adjunct Senior Fellow of the Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University Singapore, and Senior Fellow of the MFA Diplomatic Academy. She was Adjunct Professor of the National University of Singapore Law Faculty (2008- 2013), Senior Fellow of the Ministry of Trade and Industry Trade Academy. (2013-2014), and Consultant to MFA (2004-2014). She served as Director (Trade Policy) of the Singapore Trade Development Board and subsequently as Director of the International Economics Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has served in Singapore Missions in Bonn and in Geneva. She was Singapore's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN/WTO in Geneva from 1999-2002. She has been actively involved in GATT/WTO negotiations since the launch of the Uruguay Round. From 1985-1992, she was Singapore's negotiator in the Uruguay Round, inter-alia, in the areas of Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Duty Measures, Safeguards, Dispute Settlement, GATT Articles and Government Procurement. Ms. Liang has served as Chair and panelist in several GATT/WTO dispute cases. She has contributed to major academic/WTO seminars and conducted WTO Trade Policy courses for Asian developing countries, such as in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Mongolia, Abu Dhabi, Oman, and Timor-Leste. She was the Academic Coordinator for the WTO Regional Trade Policy Course for Asia- Pacific, a joint cooperation between the WTO and the National University of Singapore from 2008-2010.

**Pham Lan Dung** is currently Acting President of the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV); Director-General, Foreign Service Training Center (FOSET); and Secretary General, Vietnam Society of International Law (VSIL). She served as Dean of International Law Faculty at DAV (2008 to 2015), Secretary of MOFA Research Program in International Law and International Organizations (2009-2012). She got her Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (2010-2014); Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston, MA, US, (2000 – 2002); Diploma in International Law, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Soviet Union, (1987 – 1993). Her most recent international research projects include “Legal and practical issues in maritime delimitation and joint development with China in the area outside the mouth of the Gulf of Tonkin” (2016); “The Philippines-China UNCLOS Annex VII Arbitration case and its implication for Vietnam” (2013) and “The role of maps in maritime and land disputes under international law” (2013).

**Alan Chong** is Associate Professor at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore. He has published widely on the notion of soft power and the role of ideas in constructing the international relations of Singapore and Asia. His publications have appeared in *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, *The Pacific Review*; *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*; *Asian Survey*; *East Asia: an International Quarterly*; *Politics, Religion and Ideology*; *the Review of International Studies*; *the Cambridge Review of International Affairs and Armed Forces and Society*. He is also the author of *Foreign Policy in Global Information Space: Actualizing Soft Power* (Palgrave, 2007) and editor of *International Security in the Asia Pacific: Transcending ASEAN towards Transitional Polycentrism* (Palgrave, 2018). He is currently working on several projects exploring the notion of “Asian international theory”. His interest in soft power has also led to inquiry into the sociological and philosophical foundations of international communication. In the latter area, he is currently working on a manuscript titled ‘The International Politics of Communication: Representing Community in a Globalizing World’. In tandem, he has pursued a fledgling interest in researching cyber security issues. He has frequently been interviewed in the Asian media and consulted in think tank networks in the region.

**Su-Hyun Lee** is Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Masters of Social Science in International Political Economy programme at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Lee primarily studies the issues of international and comparative political economy (IPE/CPE) with a focus on trade, labor, distributive, and redistributive politics. Her research focuses on explaining the impact of domestic political interests and interest groups on foreign economic policy and exploring the political and socioeconomic outcomes generated by countries' integration into the global economy. She is currently working on a book project that explores the political dynamics of US trade policy. Her other research projects examine the consequences of global economic integration, including the electoral effects of localized trade shocks, the skill-bias of tariff protection, and the political and economic consequences of Chinese aid and investment in developing countries. Her research publications have appeared in political science and international relations journals, including *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Studies*, *The Social Science Journal*, and *Revista Derechos en Acción*.