



3rd Singapore Heritage Science Conference “The Treasure of Human Experiences”

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Conference Chairs

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Assistant Professor CHEONG Siew Ann  
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8:15am - Registration

9:00am - Welcome speech by Chair of School of Art, Design and Media,  
Nanyang Technological University  
Vibeke SORENSEN

Opening speech by Dean, College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences,  
Nanyang Technological University  
Alan CHAN

Chair: Brenda YEOH - Professor, Department of Geography, Dean of the Faculty  
of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore and NHB  
Chairperson for the Heritage Advisory Panel

9:30am - Keynote address by WANG Gungwu  
National University of Singapore University Professor and Emeritus Professor of  
Australian National University  
*Heritage and History*

10:15am - Keynote Q&A

10:30am - Coffee break

11:00am - **Panel 1: The Complexity of Intangible Heritage Appreciation**

Chair: Helga NOWOTNY - Professor, Chair, ERA Council Forum Austria, Former  
President European Research Council

Speakers: Joseph TAINTER  
Professor of Sustainability in the Department of Environment and Society, Utah  
State University, United States  
*Innovation, Complexity and Cultural Heritage*

Susan MCINTYRE-TAMWOY  
Associate Director, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd and Adjunct Senior Research Fellow,  
James Cook University, Australia  
*Transborder ICH and the Challenges for Implementation of the Convention*

Stefano BERTOCCI  
Professor of the Faculty of Architecture, University of Florence, Italy  
*3D Digital Survey and Documentation: Complex Interactions between Tangible  
and Intangible Properties of Architectural Heritage*

12:30pm - Lunch

1:30pm - **Reconvene Panel 1**

Speakers: Sheila R. RONIS  
Chair and Professor of the Department of Management and Director of the  
Center for Complex and Strategic Decisions, Walsh College, United States  
*Singapore Story: A Heritage Visionario in 2035*

Kevin TAN  
President, International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), Singapore  
*Protecting Intangible Cultural Heritage in Singapore: Identity and Identification*

Speakers: CHEONG Siew Ann and Andrea NANETTI  
Conference Chairs  
*Sustainable Heritage Impact Factor Theory (SHIFT): A Framework for Qualitative and Quantitative Assessment of Cultural Heritage*

3:00pm - Panel 1 Q&A

3:15pm - Tea break

3:45pm - **Panel 2: Intangible Heritage: Policy, Participation and Planning**

Chair: Michael J K WALSH  
Associate Chair (Research), School of Art, Design and Media, Nanyang Technological University

Speakers: LIU Tik-sang  
Associate Professor, Division of Humanities and Director of South China Research Center, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
*The Making of Intangible Cultural Heritage: The Hong Kong Experience*

Meridel RUBENSTEIN  
Visiting Associate Professor, School of Art, Design and Media, Nanyang Technological University  
*Eden in Iraq: A Confluence of Nature and Culture, Design and Ecology. Helping to Rebuild Communities in the S. Iraq Marshes*

Vivienne WEE  
Anthropologist and Managing Director, Ethnographica Private Limited, Singapore  
*Local Custodians of Pulau Ubin's Intangible Cultural Heritage*

5:45pm - Panel 2 Q&A

6:00pm - Performance by Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts Company  
*My Heritage (Traditional Malay Dance Performance & Interactive Programme)*

**Dance Items**

1. Welcome dance – Warisan Seni
2. Early days – Kampong life
3. Tikar mengkuang
4. Zapin Telok belangah dance
5. Sarong demonstration
6. Hand gesture in Malay dance
7. Malay Contemporary act
8. Finale – Joget dance

6:45pm - Cocktail reception

8:30pm

9:00am - **Panel 3: Choreography: Legacy, Transmission, Transformation**

Chair: MEI Qing  
Professor, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Department of Architecture, Tongji University, Shanghai & Consultant Expert, WHITRAP-UNESCO Shanghai, China

Speakers: Som Binte MOHAMED SAID  
Artistic Director, Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts Ltd, Singapore  
*Moving Forward with Tradition*

Janet PILLAI  
Founder, Arts-ED Penang and independent project consultant, Malaysia  
*Transitions and Transformations : What ICH Means to the Next Generation*

Caren CARINO  
Vice Dean/Principal Lecturer (Dance), Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore  
*Expressing Cultural Heritage through Contemporary Dance: Case Studies of Four Choreographers in Singapore*

10:30am - Coffee break

11:00am - **Reconvene Panel 3**

Speakers: Harold THWAITES  
Professor and Advisor to the Faculty of Arts at Sunway University, Malaysia  
*Performing Heritage: Digital Transformations of the Cultural Imaginary*

Pedro MEMELSDORFF  
Professor, Schola Cantorum Basel and University of Barcelona, Spain  
*Microcosmos*

Kalamandalam M.P.S. Namboodiri  
Kathakali Actor  
*Evolution, Methods and Contemporary Challenges in Actor Training - Kathakali Dance Drama*

12:30pm - Panel 3 Q&A

12:45pm - Lunch

1:45pm - **Panel 4: Cuisine: Legacy, Transmission, Transformation**

Chair: ZHOU Min  
Professor, Head, Sociology Division, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University

Speakers: Anna JURICIC  
Sociologist, Life Consultant, Mentor in Personal Development and Transformation, Italy  
*The Powerful Impact of Food, Thoughts and Emotions on our Wellbeing*

- Speakers: Dimitris MANIATAKIS  
Chairman of the Maniatakeion Foundation, Greece  
Andrea NANETTI  
Conference Chair  
*The UNESCO Mediterranean Diet Adventure. An Insight Perspective by the Maniatakeion Foundation as a Founding Member and Technical Advisor of the Greek Emblematic Community*
- 2:45pm - Coffee break
- 3:15pm - **Reconvene Panel 4**
- Speakers: Daniel CHIA  
President, Slow Food Singapore  
*Singapore's Food Heritage: Eat it, Share it, Save it?*
- Leslie TAY  
Doctor, Author, Blogger, Photographer and Speaker  
*ieat's Guide to Singapore's Greatest Hawker Food!*
- 4:15pm - Panel 4 Q&A
- 4:30pm - Closing remarks by the conference chairs, CHEONG Siew Ann and Andrea NANETTI
- 4:40pm - End of conference