

SINGAPORE HISTORY: WHO WRITES THE SCRIPT?

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What were the forces that shaped the history of Singapore?

Who were the players?

What's the role of cross-factual histories and alternative interpretations in the documentation of our nation's past?

What are the implications and repercussions of alternative narratives on the study of the Singapore Story?

The National University of Singapore (NUS) History Society is pleased to present to you a forum entitled "*Singapore History: Who Writes the Script?*" The forum would revolve around the personalities, events and agendas that drove and shaped the history of Singapore. The repercussions of alternative narratives on the nation-building process in Singapore today will also be discussed at this forum.

The NUS History Society has invited a whole host of individuals to grace this occasion. They will be sharing their insights and experiences on issues such as:

- Singapore's decolonisation process
- Riots, fires, pullouts, trials – Crises for our emergent nation
- Operation Spectrum (21 May 1987). What happened?
- The socio-political landscape in 1950s Singapore

As part of the NUS History Seminar 2010, the Society will also take the opportunity to announce the winners of the National History Challenge 2010 at the end of the event.

Come find out more on 4 June 2010 (Friday), 2.30p.m – 5p.m.(latest) at **The Pod @ the National Library Board (NLB)**.

If you are keen on attending this forum, kindly email your interest (Full name, Email Address, Organisation; if any) to hissoc.nus@gmail.com by 2 June 2010 (Tuesday)

We look forward to seeing you at the forum!

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Knowing your speakers!

1. Associate Professor Yong Mun Cheong

As Head of the History Department at the National University of Singapore, A/P Yong Mun Cheong's years of experience in academia situated him as a prominent scholar in Southeast Asia. Having started out as a student of inter- and multi-disciplinary studies, he began focusing on Southeast Asian history and brought along with him perspectives beyond the historical field. His teaching areas include Southeast Asian History and he holds a firm research interest in exploring the global dimensions of Southeast Asian history and also the analysis and analytical skills in history. His previous publications explored the topic of the connection between Singapore and Indonesia during the Indonesian Revolution.

2. Assistant Professor (Adjunct) Loh Kah Seng

Dr. Loh Kah Seng is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Nanyang Technological University. He has published on little-studied subjects in the urban social history of Singapore and Malaysia, including *Making and Unmaking the Asylum: Leprosy and Modernity in Singapore and Malaysia* (2009). His recent work on the Bukit Ho Swee fire and the University Socialist Club is under review for publication, while he also explores the linkages between past and present in contemporary Singapore. He is currently working on a book on the British military withdrawal from Singapore in the late 1960s. He was previously a history teacher and still speaks to students about the challenges of researching the past.

3. Mr. Vincent Cheng

Vincent is a trained community organiser with a Masters in Theology (Social Ethics). At the time of his detention under the ISA in 1987, he was the executive secretary of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Church. After his release in 1990 up till today, he has been involved in natural health care.

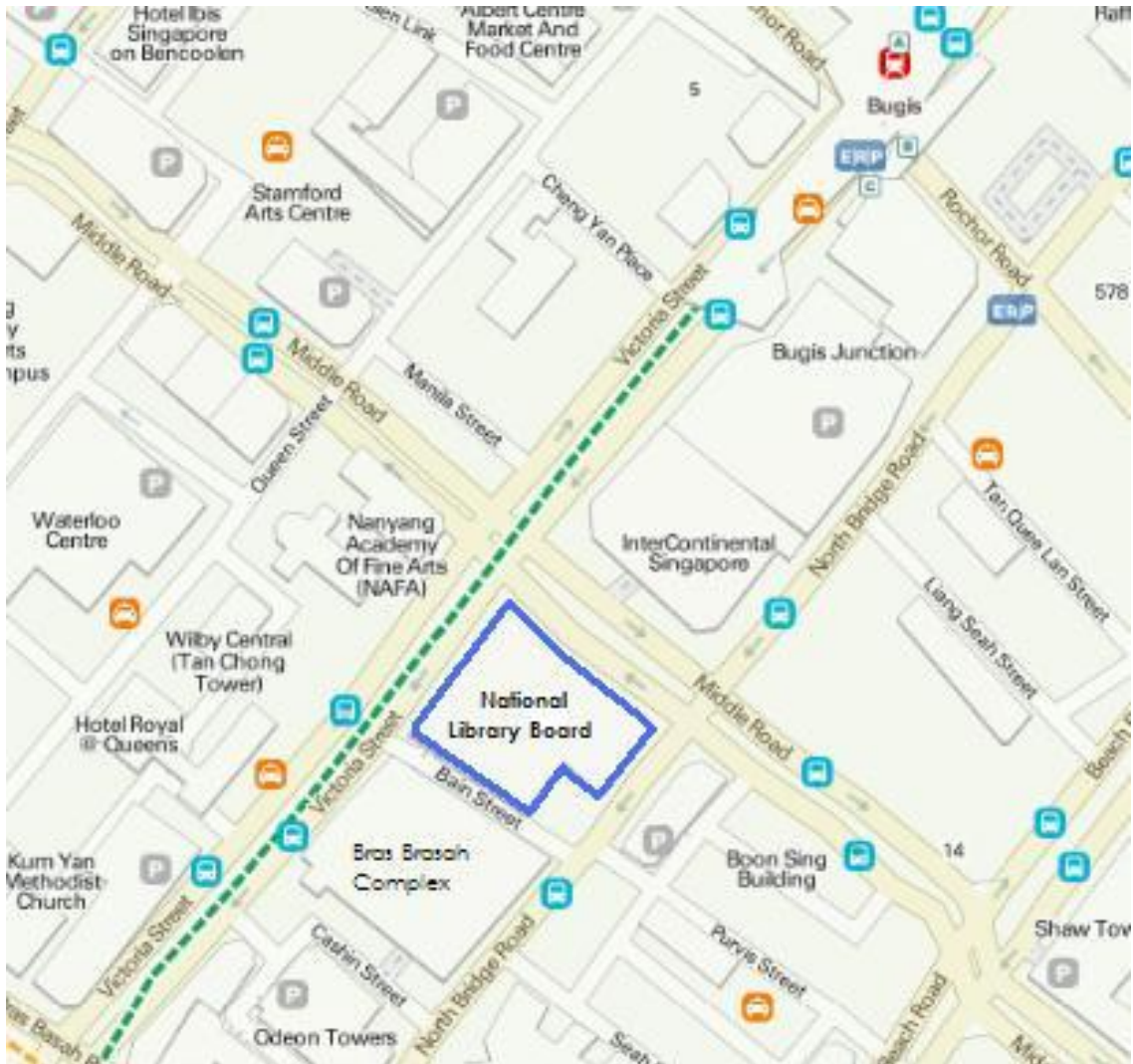
SPECIAL GUEST

Mrs Jean Marshall nee Gray

Born and brought up in UK, Mrs. Jean Marshall went to the London School of Economics 1942-45. After a taking a degree in Economics and Sociology, she trained as a Medical Social Worker and worked in London. In 1953 she was appointed by the Red Cross to work in Malaya with the mobile medical teams which had been set up in the New Villages. Between the years 1953 to 1954, she was in West Pahang and from 1955 to 1957 in government hospitals in the Kuala Lumpur area. From 1957 – 1961, she was a Lecturer at the University of Singapore teaching the first generation of locally-trained Singaporean and Malaysian medical social workers.

Married to Mr. David Marshall in 1961, she left full-time work and brought up four children in Singapore. In 1978, Mr. Marshall was appointed Singapore's Ambassador in Paris. In 1993, they returned to Singapore where he died in 1995. Mrs. Marshall now does commentaries on new books on Southeast Asia for a local bookshop and still lives a fairly busy life.

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