

Warm greetings from the School of Science and Technology, Singapore University of Social Sciences.

It is our great pleasure to invite you to join us at the **Seah Choo Meng Public Lecture Series 2026:**

Date: Friday, 11 September 2026

Time: 1:00pm to 5:30pm

Venue: Flower Field Hall, Gardens by the Bay

This year's lecture, titled **"AI Frontiers: Transforming the Built Environment, Industry and International Arbitration"**, brings together distinguished thought leaders from the built environment, technology and legal sectors to examine how Artificial Intelligence is reshaping professional practice, encourage industry transformation and impact international arbitration. Our speakers include:

- **Mr Jonathan Cheng**, Chief Technology Officer at the Building and Construction Authority;
- **Mr Haresh Khoobchandani**, Vice President, APAC and Japan, Autodesk; and
- **Professor Colin Ong KC**, King's Counsel and Chartered Arbitrator.

The sessions will examine how AI is driving the next phase of digital transformation in the built environment, reinventing industry through intelligent technologies, and creating new opportunities and risks in international arbitration. The event will be especially relevant to industry professionals, students, alumni, public agencies, regulatory bodies and professional institutions seeking to better understand the impact of AI on future practice, governance and collaboration.

We warmly invite you to join us for an afternoon of thought leadership, professional exchange and networking with leaders, practitioners, students and stakeholders from across the built environment and professional community.

At the same time, we would like to extend our invitation to all members of the Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore.

Registration is free and places are limited on a first-come, first-served basis. Please refer to the attached EDM for more details.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Seah Choo Meng Public Lecture Series 2026.

Warm regards,

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AI Frontiers: Transforming the Built Environment Industry and International Arbitration



EVENT DETAILS

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-  1:00pm to 5:30pm
-  Flower Field Hall, Gardens by The Bay
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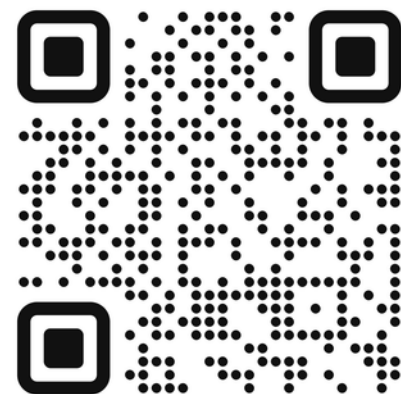
CPD POINTS (To be confirmed)

- Professional Engineers Board (PEB)
- Singapore Contractors Authority Limited (SCAL)
- Board of Architects (BOA)
- Singapore Institute of Valuers & Surveyors (SISV)
- Society of Project Managers (SPM)
- Law Society of Singapore

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

1:00 pm	Registration (Coffee and Tea provided)
2:15 pm	Opening Address
2:30 pm	Lecture by Speakers
3:15 pm	Networking Break (Beverages and Light Snacks provided)
4:00 pm	Lecture by Speakers (con't)
5:30 pm	Closing

EVENT REGISTRATION IS FREE



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Mr Jonathan Cheng
Chief Technology Officer
Building and Construction
Authority

Profile: Mr Jonathan Cheng is the Chief Technology Officer at the Building and Construction Authority (BCA). Jonathan has accumulated over 15 years of experience across various roles in policy development and research & innovation, including a stint at the National Research Foundation (NRF). He organises BCA's programmes and initiatives to drive greater adoption of Innovation & Technology (I&T) and enhance productivity and sustainability outcomes in transforming the local Built Environment (BE) sector.

Our Built Environment: Digitalisation was the Beginning

Synopsis: Singapore's built environment has spent the last decade going digital - digitising drawings, digitalising workflow and building data infrastructure across the industry. Digitalisation was not the destination; it is the foundation.

This session explores how BCA continues to leverage that base to make the next leap - from digitally-enabled to intelligently-driven. AI is not a technology trend to chase, but a strategic enabler for smarter planning, safer construction and more productive buildings and cities.

Looking ahead, Jonathan will share perspectives on emerging trends shaping our built environment, and importantly how industry players and institutes of higher learning can partner with one another for an AI-ready future.

Profile: Mr Haresh Khoobchandani is Vice President at Autodesk, leading the Asia Pacific and Japan regions, and a global board member of the Autodesk Foundation. With over 25 years of leadership experience, including 19 years at Microsoft, he is a recognised thought leader in digital transformation, leadership and innovation. An Adjunct Professor, certified executive coach, public speaker and bestselling author of Growth by Choice, Haresh has spoken at major platforms including Bloomberg, TEDx, Harvard College in Asia Program and the University of Malaya. He holds postgraduate qualifications from the University of Stirling, Harvard Business School and Oxford University, and is passionate about using technology, education and leadership to drive meaningful transformation.

The Future is Designed: AI and the Reinvention of Industry

Synopsis: AI is transforming every industry, but nowhere is the impact more profound than in the industries that build the world around us. From buildings and infrastructure to factories and supply chains, the future is being reshaped by technologies that connect data, people, and systems in entirely new ways.

As the physical and digital worlds converge, this session explores how intelligent technologies are redefining the relationship between design, engineering, sustainability, and economic resilience. Drawing from global industry trends and the rapid evolution of AI-powered workflows, this session will also examine how organizations and societies can navigate disruption while unlocking new opportunities for sustainable growth.



Mr Haresh Khoobchandani
Vice President, APAC and Japan
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Profile: Prof Colin Ong is a King's Counsel, Chartered Arbitrator and internationally recognised authority in arbitration, construction and litigation, with over 32 years of experience and involvement in more than 400 international commercial and investment arbitrations. He is the first ASEAN national lawyer appointed as English Queen's Counsel, and has served in leading roles across major arbitral institutions, including THAC, JIIART, VIAC, BICAM and the PRC Supreme People's Court International Commercial Expert Committee. A visiting professor at leading universities across Asia and beyond, he is also the author and editor of major arbitration publications and has acted in various landmark cases. Consistently recognised by leading legal directories, he is described as one of Asia's foremost arbitration practitioners, admired for his mastery of both civil and common law, strategic advocacy and thought leadership.

Generative Artificial Intelligence and its Impact on International Arbitration

Synopsis: This talk explores the growing impact of GenAI on international arbitration, highlighting both its transformative potential and emerging risks. While GenAI can enhance efficiency and reduce costs through support for document review, case analysis, drafting and case management, it also raises serious concerns around accuracy, confidentiality, accountability, bias, cybersecurity and professional responsibility. The session will examine how lawyers, arbitrators and expert witnesses are using GenAI, the ethical and legal challenges arising from AI-generated content, and the risks of hallucination, deepfakes and misuse of confidential information. Through recent court developments and practical examples, the talk will unpack how GenAI is reshaping arbitration practice and why clearer governance is urgently needed.



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