

Public Lecture

The Colour of Thailand's (un)Constitutional Reforms: Red, Yellow or Orange?

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to a Public Lecture by [Professor Andrew Harding](#).

Professor Andrew Harding, will speak on “**The Colour of Thailand's (un)Constitutional Reforms: Red, Yellow or Orange?**”

Synopsis of Lecture

Thailand's root-and-branch reform Constitution of 1997 was designed to entrench good governance, the rule of law and human rights, as well as providing for political stability, integrity among politicians, and removing the military from politics. It was dubbed 'the people's constitution'. Twelve years later, after widespread abuses of power, a military coup, two more constitutions, and worsening political polarisation, the project of 1997 appears to have unravelled completely. How did this situation occur? How are we to analyse the underlying state of constitutionalism in Thailand? Is there a constitutional way forward out of the continuing crisis? Does Thailand need a further constitutional reform?

Event Details

Date: 26 May 2009, Tuesday
Time: 11.00am to 1.00pm
(Registration starts at 10.30am)
Venue: Singapore Management University
School of Law
Level 1, Seminar Room 1-3
60 Stamford Road
Singapore 178900

Please [click here](#) for location map.

Programme

10.30am Registration
11.00am Presentation by Visiting Professor Andrew Harding
1.00pm End of Session

Registration

Free Admission. Click [here](#) for registration.

For enquiries, please contact Ms Melissa Chang at Tel: 6828-0943 or email melissachang@smu.edu.sg.

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

With warm wishes

Professor Michael Furmston
Dean, School of Law

Co-organised by:



Andrew Harding

M.A. (Oxon) 1974, LL.M. (NUS) 1984, Ph.D. (Monash) 1987

Professor of Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

University of Victoria, Canada

Capsule Biography

Professor Harding joined the Faculty of Law, University of Victoria in 2004 and works half-time with the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives as its Law Chair. He joins SMU as a Visiting Professor this term teaching Law and Development. He is a former Head of Department and Professor of Law in the Law School, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, and Chair of SOAS' Centre of South East Asian Studies.

Professor Harding previously taught at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, and as a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School. He is co-General Editor of the Hart Publishing book series entitled Constitutional Systems of the World. Professor Harding's interests include South East Asian legal studies, comparative public law, law and development, comparative law theory and environmental law.

Recent publications include *Access to Environmental Justice: A Comparative Study* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2007), *Constitutional Landmarks in Malaysia: the First 50 Years, 1957-2007* (LexisNexis, 2007) and *Comparative Law in the 21st Century* (Kluwer, 2002). His current research encompasses law, governance and constitutional reform in Thailand; the legal profession in Malaysia; new courts in Asia; and a comparative project on constitutional courts. During 2009 and 2010 he will be working on two books (on Malaysia and Thailand) for the series *Constitutional systems of the World*."