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COMBATING ENERGY POVERTY IN ASIA-PACIFIC WITH RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES

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About the Speaker

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Ms Malavika is a Research Fellow at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation (CAG) at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, and her area of study is energy security, sustainable development and energy governance. Most recently she has been working on evaluating multilateral aid efforts to reduce energy poverty in Asia Pacific. Malavika is a former consultant with McKinsey & Company, where she managed assignments in the area of climate change. These included helping a European government to develop carbon budgets going up to the next few decades, developing perhaps the first global cross-sectoral abatement cost curve for greenhouse gases, and working with NGOs to devise prototype carbon abatement agreements. Malavika holds an MBA from INSEAD and a Bachelors degree in Economics (Honours) from St. Stephens College, Delhi University, India.

About the Seminar

For the 1.4 billion people who lack access to electricity, renewable energy technologies (RETs) like photovoltaics, small wind turbines, and small-scale hydropower often present a more economically feasible and environmentally friendly solution than grid expansion in providing them energy services. While multilateral and bilateral institutions have significant experience in promoting these RETs for rural development efforts, their results have been mixed. The presentation draws upon fieldwork conducted in four Asia-Pacific countries (China, Laos, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea) where the World Bank has designed programs to support the growth of renewable energy adoption as well as RET industries. The findings point towards best practices that are market-driven, targeted, and entail clear coordination across all involved stakeholders.

You are cordially invited to the Seminar.

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