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Navigators Training: Speakers and Organisers



Speakers & Trainers

By alphabetical order

Mr Anand CHANDRASEKAR

Leadership
Solutions Specialist,
Societal
Advancement Lead
(APAC)

Center for Creative
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Anand has 15 years of experience in research and faculty roles in organisational behaviour and leadership development. At the Center of Creative Leadership (CCL) he expands CCL's Societal Advancement agenda to deliver leadership development to youth in APAC. He has also worked on a number of research studies and reports at CCL. Prior to CCL, Anand was a graduate student at Nanyang Technological University and worked with the Center for Cultural Intelligence. Anand holds a Doctorate degree in International Management from the University of Hawai'i, a Master's degree from Nanyang Technological University and a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from University of Madras.

Mr Michael KLEMM

Founder & Managing
Director

Singapore Education
Network

Germany



Michael is an education professional with extensive experience in international education, employability, education technology and entrepreneurship. He founded and currently heads the Singapore Education Network since Jan 2020, which also manages the EdTech Marketplace Asia. Michael is also a Venture Partner - Higher Education & EdTech for Education Consultancy 'EDT & Partners'. He is Advisory Board Member with Edtech Start-up Akadasia and mentors EdTech Startups in accelerators Eduspaze and 500Global. Before, having worked for Training Institute NTUC LearningHub, the National University of Singapore and Minerva University in several countries across Asia (Singapore, India, Thailand), he has gained substantial expertise in the education sector.

Ms Geraldine LAM

CEO

Social Impact
Catalyst

Singapore



Geraldine is the current Chief Executive Officer of Social Impact Catalyst (SIC). Outside of SIC, Geraldine also has a wealth of experience in the finance sector. She is the financial advisor at Siemens Bank Singapore Branch GmbH and advises C-suites in financing solutions to support business growth. She has multiple years of experience in finance and treasury in various multinationals, public accounting firms and private equity industry and holds a Chartered Accountant (CA) and Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

Mr Henrik PAP

Innovation Manager
Org Development
Consultant

Hungary



With a passion for leadership development and design thinking, Henrik brings a solution-focused approach to every project he undertakes. His methodology involves empathetic listening to identify the root of the problem and motivate people to experiment with early-stage solutions, and test them with real customers. In the last 10 years, Henrik has held various positions, including innovation manager, co-founder of an NGO, leadership development trainer, and business mentor. He has organised corporate innovation programmes and learning and development sessions for companies such as Aegon, Mastercard, and Deutsche Telekom. He has also supported the transformation from NGO to social enterprise of Konnekt Association and has extensive experience working with international incubation programs such as UNICEF-GenU Limited, Social Impact Award, Academy for Women Entrepreneurs, and NESsT

Ms Liana TANG

Second Director
Digital Strategy
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Singapore



Having served for over 15 years in the Singapore Public Service, Liana's experience spans policy, planning, communications, and engagement across various domains such as culture, heritage, digital, and marriage and parenthood policies. Her current role in the Digital Strategy Office (DSO) covers Futures and Strategy in the digital domain, exploring the emerging issues and plausible futures in digital, translating insights into strategy to inform and transform Singapore's Smart Nation ambitions. Prior to joining DSO, Liana led the Centre for Strategic Futures at the Prime Minister's Office Strategy Group where she spent over 5 years building foresight capabilities across the Public Service, better preparing Singapore for the future through projects such as the National Scenarios exercises.

Dr Paul WANG

Head of Country
Business
Development

Head of NEC APAC
FUTURE Academy

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Singapore



Paul is currently the Head of Country Business Development for NEC Asia Pacific and also leads the NEC APAC Future Academy to develop new capabilities in NEC's digitalization drive. Prior to re-joining NEC, Paul was involved in 2 start-ups in Singapore: one as a Founder and another as a CTO. Before embarking on his start-up debut, Paul was the CTO and Head of Strategy & Management for the Global Safety Division, NEC Corporation. Paul also spearheaded NEC's participation in the Singapore Safety and Security Industry Programme Office (SSIPO) Safe City Test-bed in 2013. Notably, Paul spent more than 10 years in the Singapore healthcare systems and even won two Innovation Awards given out by the Prime Minister's Office because of his drive towards process-technology interplay.

ASEF GOVERNORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Angela ROBINSON

Deputy Head of
Mission, High
Commission of
Australia to
Singapore

ASEF's Governor
from Australia



Ms Angela Robinson is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Prior to taking up her position as Deputy High Commissioner in Singapore, she was the DFAT Spokesperson and Assistant Secretary of the Communications and Parliamentary Branch. She was promoted to First Assistant Secretary in 2021. Ms Robinson has served as Deputy Head of Mission in Dili and Baghdad, and has been posted to Geneva. She has previously worked for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the former Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. Ms Robinson is admitted as a lawyer to the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.

Ambassador Colette TAQUET

Ambassador of the
Kingdom of Belgium
to Singapore

ASEF's Governor
from Belgium



Prior to her accreditation to Singapore, Ambassador Colette Taquet was Director in the General Directorate of European Affairs in the Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs (FPSFA). She had worked on issues such as the reform of legislation on migration and asylum legislation, COVID-19 crisis management, matters related to the security and free movement of people in the European Union, as well as legislation on the fight against online terrorist content, the protection of whistle blowers and recognition of e-evidence. Ambassador Taquet has held several positions at the Belgian FPSFA, including as Belgium's Ambassador to Cyprus, Lebanon, as well as Poland and Lithuania. Ambassador Taquet has a degree in Political Science and a specialisation in International Law from Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Ambassador Michaela FROŇKOVÁ

Ambassador of the
Czech Republic to
Singapore

ASEF's Governor
from Czech Republic



Ambassador Michaela Froňková is a career diplomat with over 20 years of experience in the foreign service. She is the first resident Czech Ambassador to Singapore, following the reopening of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in August 2020. Prior to her accreditation to Singapore, Ambassador Froňková served as the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Lebanon (2016 – 2020) and previously, to Morocco (2012 – 2016). Ambassador Froňková has held several positions at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as adviser of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Deputy Director of the Western Europe Department. She has also served postings as Minister-Counsellor at the Czech Embassy in Canada, an exchange diplomat at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and First Secretary at the Czech Embassy in France, amongst others. Ambassador Froňková obtained her PhD in medical rehabilitation, and a Certificate of Studies in European Law from Charles

Ambassador Judit PACH

Ambassador of Hungary to Singapore

ASEF's Governor from Hungary



University. She also holds a Certificate of European Studies from the International Center of European Studies (in Nice and Prague).

Ambassador Judit Pach has been active in the international field for over 15 years. She earned her first degree from the Faculty of Economic Diplomacy and International Management of the Budapest Business School, and shortly after finished her studies at the Institute of Modern Languages at the Université March Bloch de Strasbourg, from which she graduated as an interpreter. From 2005 to 2011, Ambassador Pach served as the Chief of Press and Spokesperson of the President of Hungary. In 2011, she was appointed Chief of the Cabinet to the Minister of State for Development Policy at the Hungarian Ministry for National Development. Following the restructuring of the government in 2012, she headed the newly established International Communication Office at the Office of the Prime Minister until 2014. Prior to her accreditation to Singapore, she was the Ambassador of Hungary to Indonesia, East Timor and ASEAN. In recognition of her achievements over her career, Ambassador Pach received awards from the Hungarian Minister for National Development and the Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

High Commissioner Rukhsana AFZAAL

High Commissioner of Pakistan to Singapore

ASEF's Governor from Pakistan



High Commissioner Rukhsana Afzaal joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan in 1994. Prior to her current appointment, Afzaal was the Director General (Middle East) from 2017 to 2019. Earlier in her career, she was Section Officer (United Nations Division) from 1996 to 1997, Section Officer (Iran and Turkey) from 2001 to 2002, Deputy Director (Japan and Korea) from 2002 to 2005, Director (India) from 2012 to 2013, and Director (Organisation and Career Planning) from 2013 to 2014. Afzaal also served as a Minister in the Embassy of Pakistan in Germany from 2014 to 2017 and Counsellor in Warsaw, Poland from 2009 to 2012. Earlier in her career, she was a First Secretary in the High Commission of Pakistan in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 2006 to 2009, and Third Secretary in the Embassy of Pakistan in Ankara, Turkey from 1998 to 2001. Afzaal graduated from the University of Peshawar in 1991 with a Master in Political Science.

**Ms Jenny
EGERMARK**

Chargé d’Affaires
Embassy of Sweden
in Singapore

ASEF’s Governor
from Sweden



Ms Jenny Egermark has been the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Sweden in Singapore since 2020. She was previously posted at the Embassy of Sweden in Switzerland, as a Deputy Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden, and in the Permanent Representation of Sweden at the Council of Europe. In addition, she is a Board Member to the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Singapore. Ms Egermark studied at Universite de Bourgogne and Uppsala University.

**Mr Joel Henri
BRUNNER**

Science Counselor

Embassy of
Switzerland in
Singapore



Mr Joel Henri Brunner has been the Science Counselor at the Embassy of Switzerland in Singapore since 2021. Previously he worked for the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in Luxembourg, and has experience in Business Development, Project management, and Consultancy for logistics.

Mr Brunner has a Master’s degree in International Affairs and Governance from the University of St. Gallen.

ORGANISERS

Ms Réka TÓZSA

Director
Education
Department

Asia-Europe
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Réka, a Hungarian national, joined ASEF in 2017 and became Director of Education Department in June 2022. In this capacity she coordinates the youth, secondary school teacher and higher education policy projects of ASEF, which include high level forums, policy dialogues, and capacity building trainings.

Prior to joining ASEF, Reka was the Head of International Office at the University of Public Service in Hungary, and a government official, appointed to Chief of Cabinet of the Deputy State Secretary for Higher Education and to staff member of the Hungarian EU Presidency.

**Ms Freya
CHOW-PAUL**

Youth Project Lead
Education
Department

Asia-Europe
Foundation (ASEF)



Freya, a British national with Singaporean heritage, joined the Education Department in 2019. She leads ASEF’s Youth Projects, aiming to bring young people, aged 18-30, together from Asia and Europe for Global Citizenship Education, Leadership capacity building, and Intercultural Understanding. Freya graduated from the University of Sussex, England, with a Bachelor’s degree in International Relations and Development. During her studies, Freya undertook exchanges in Taipei at the National Taiwan University, and in Malmö, Sweden, Through her studies, she focused on peace and conflict studies, as well as education in development.

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