



# TRADE AND GEOPOLITICS: NAVIGATING THE WAVES OF UNCERTAINTY



**28 Aug 2025**

**3:00PM - 6:00PM**



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## Overview

Shifts in global trade policy towards more protectionist measures have had a profound impact on global trade across all regions. Geopolitics have significantly disrupted trade routes and supply chain logistics, led to increased uncertainty for export businesses and impacted the negotiations of shipping contracts worldwide.

The session will first give an overview on how shifting geopolitical dynamics are reshaping global trade patterns. This will be followed by a panel discussion that explores the realities of today's world, followed by a discussion on issues such as the applicability of force majeure and how Alternative Dispute Resolution, such as arbitration and mediation, contributes to the efficient resolution of disputes in these uncertain times.

## Programme

03:00PM - 03:30PM	Registration
03:30PM - 04:00PM	<b>Geopolitics and Global Trade: Navigating the New Global Order</b> by André de Silva, Asia-Pacific Lead, Accenture Strategy, Accenture
04:00PM - 05:00PM	Panel Discussion: <b>Trade and Geopolitics: Navigating the Waves of Uncertainty</b>  Moderated by: Su Yin Anand, Head, Strategy & Transformation, ASEAN, IBM
05:00PM - 06:00PM	Networking & Light Refreshments



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## Speakers



### André de Silva

**Asia-Pacific Lead, Macro Foresight, Accenture Strategy at Accenture**

Leads the Macro Foresight team across Asia Pacific as part of Accenture Strategy, based in Singapore, with a focus on macro strategy and risk across industries and geographies.

Prior to Accenture, held MD roles at HSBC in Hong Kong and London, with over 15 years of experience, previously leading Strategy Research, and expertise in macroeconomics, including global trade.

Holds an MPhil in Finance and Economics from the University of Cambridge, is a Chartered Financial Analyst, and has an MSc in Major Programme Management from the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School.

## Moderator



### Su Yin Anand

**Head, Strategy & Transformation, ASEAN**

Su Yin is a strategic leader with expertise across law, commerce, and technology. Following a successful litigation career in Singapore and Hong Kong, she transitioned into commercial roles in shipping and mining before joining IBM as a partner. As Strategy & Transformation Leader for IBM Consulting (ASEAN), she specialises in AI strategy and governance. Su Yin also serves as an Independent Director of Hafnia Limited and Senior Advisor to the Global Centre for Maritime Decarbonisation. Known for her analytical rigor and collaborative approach, she co-founded The Captain's Table Maritime Innovation Challenge and is passionate about aligning innovation with business impact.

## Panelists



### Winston Kwek

**Partner, Rajah & Tann**

Winston is a seasoned dispute resolution lawyer active in Singapore courts, international arbitration, and mediation. A Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime and Shipping Law, he is a Fellow of CIArb and SIArb. He taught Marine Insurance at NUS Law and is the Editor of Marine Insurance, Halsbury's Laws of Singapore. Recognised as one of Asia's Super 50 Disputes Lawyers (ALB 2023), Winston has extensive experience in marine insurance, ship sale and finance, casualties, shipbuilding, structured finance, commodities and charterparty disputes, and fraud cases, making him a leading expert in shipping law and related disputes.

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## Panelists



### Li Fangyi

**General Counsel, Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd**

Fangyi Li is the General Counsel at Pacific International Lines (PIL), the 12<sup>th</sup> largest shipping carrier in the world. She leads a team of high-functioning lawyers and professionals who handle the group's legal, compliance, insurance, and corporate entities management matters globally.

Starting her career as a lawyer with Allen & Gledhill LLP, she has experience working in the oil and gas and urban and infrastructure design sectors.

Fangyi is Vice-Chair of the World Shipping Council, Industry Structure Council and is also part of the Singapore War Risk Mutual Committee and the Members Board of NorthStandard.



### Daryll Ng

**Managing Partner of Stephenson Harwood Singapore and Partner at Virtus Law**

Daryll specialises in maritime and commercial dispute resolution. With almost 30 years of experience, he supports a diverse range of clients, including vessel owners, insurers, shipyards, and financial institutions. He is qualified in Singapore and the UK, allowing him to offer comprehensive legal solutions, whether in court, arbitration or mediation. Daryll is regularly involved in SIAC, SCMA, LMAA, and ad hoc arbitrations. He is a Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime and Shipping Law with Singapore Academy of Law and Singapore Mediation Centre. He is also a member of the Specialist Mediator Panel (Singapore) with the Singapore International Mediation Centre.



### Puja Varaprasad

**Senior Lawyer, Defence, Charterers & Traders**

Puja joined Gard in 2014 and is based in the Singapore office. She is currently a Senior Lawyer. Prior to joining Gard, she was a shipping and trade litigator in private practice and has 16 years of experience in maritime law and litigation.

Puja works closely with both Owner and Charterer/Trader clients globally on both contentious and non contentious matters. She has managed large arbitrations and High Court trials.

Puja is a member of Gard's specialist Sanctions Advisory team. She has advised both colleagues and members on sanctions risks and obligations.

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