

## NUS Real Estate Breakfast Roundtable Discussion

25<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
7 Straits View, Marina One East Tower  
Level 12, Singapore 018936

***“The impact of US-China trade tensions and inflation on global real estate markets”***

### PROGRAMME

9.00am	Arrival Breakfast, coffee & tea
9.30am	Chairman's Opening Remarks Dr. Seek Ngee Huat Chairman NUS Institute of Real Estate and Urban Studies
9.35am	Speech / Presentation Ms. Megan Greene Global Chief Economist Manulife
9.55am	Roundtable Interactive Discussions and Comments Moderated by A/Prof. Sing Tien Foo Director, NUS Institute of Real Estate and Urban Studies
10.40am	Closing / Round-up
10.45am	Adjourn

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## Profiles

### **Dr. Seek Ngee Huat**

#### **Chairman, NUS Institute of Real Estate and Urban Studies**



Seek Ngee Huat is Chairman of the Institute of Real Estate and Urban Studies at the National University of Singapore (NUS), where he is also Practice Professor of Real Estate. He is Chairman of GLP IM Holdings Ltd and a board member of Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Canada and the Centre for Liveable Cities. He is also a senior advisor to Frasers Property Ltd and the Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board. He was previously the Chairman of Global Logistic Properties Ltd, Chairman of ULI Asia Pacific, President of GIC Real Estate Pte Ltd and board director of GIC Private Limited. Before joining GIC, he was a Senior Partner at Jones Lang Wootton in Sydney.

Dr. Seek served on the Advisory Councils of Guanghua School of Management, Peking University and Fundacao Dom Cabral in Brazil and was a member of the real estate advisory boards of Cambridge University and Harvard University. His other industry appointments included being a board director of the Pension Real Estate Association (US), the founding Chairman of the Property Council of Australia Property Index Committee and a member of the Land Sub-committee of the 2009 Singapore Government Economic Strategy Committee.

Dr. Seek was conferred the Singapore Public Administration Gold Medal in 2007, the NUS Outstanding Service Award in 2015 and the NUS Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 2011. He holds a BSc (Estate Management), University of Singapore; MSc (Business Administration), University of British Columbia; and a PhD (Urban Research), Australian National University.

### **Ms. Megan E. Greene**

#### **Global Chief Economist, Manulife**



Megan E. Greene is a managing director and Global Chief Economist and joined Manulife in 2014. She is responsible for forecasting global macroeconomic and financial trends and analysing the potential opportunities and impacts to support the firm's investment teams around the world.

Currently based in Boston, U.S., Megan conducts regular meetings with officials from central banks, economists and business leaders to garner a strong reading of the U.S. economy, global macroeconomic developments and global monetary policies which impact businesses. Previously, Megan ran her own London-based economics consulting practice, Maverick Intelligence, serving clients who leveraged her analysis of economic, political, policy and social developments and the impact these were likely to have on the global economy. Prior to Maverick, she was director of European Economics at the internationally renowned Roubini Global Economics, an independent global economic and market strategy consultancy and think-tank. She was also formerly the euro crisis expert at the Economist Intelligence Unit, conducting economic analysis on Greece, Ireland, Italy and Germany in the depths of the euro crisis.

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Currently dividing her time between Boston and London, Megan also advises businesses on the broader global picture. By analysing all aspects of the political, social and economic situation, Megan delivers insights into the likely impact of market shifts, resource ownership, currency movements and political unrest, the effect on national governments and how the rest of the world will respond. Megan is a regular studio guest on international radio and television channels (BBC, Sky, CNBC and Bloomberg TV) offering her insight into the fast-moving developments of the global, US and Eurozone economies and politics, She also writes a regular column in the Financial Times.

Megan sits on the advisory board of the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at the Kennedy School, Harvard University. She is also on the board of the National Association for Business Economists (NABE), Econofact (a website that compiles economics articles written by academics in an easily digestible format to combat fake news) and Rethinking Macro (a research initiative to make economics policy-relevant again). Additionally, she is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Megan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Economy from Princeton University and a Master of Science in European Studies from Oxford University, Nuffield College.

**A/Prof. Sing Tien Foo**  
**Director, NUS Institute of Real Estate and Urban Studies**



Tien Foo is Dean's Chair Associate Professor and Director at the Institute of Real Estate and Urban Studies. He currently serves as the President-Elect of the Asian Real Estate Society (AsRES) (2018-Present), and is a board member of AsRES (since 2000) and the Global Chinese Real Estate Congress (GCREC) (since 2008).

At the national level, Tien Foo serves as a member on the panel of assessors under the Appeal Board (Land Acquisition), Ministry of Law, Singapore (since 2010), and the Professional Development Committee (or formerly known as Examination and Professional Development Committee) of the Council for Estate Agencies (CEA), Ministry of National Development (Since October 2014). He is also the co-founder and principal investigator for Singapore's NUS-REDAS Real Estate Sentiment Index. He serves as the Honorary Advisor of PropTech Association of Singapore (SPTA) (2018).

Tien Foo obtained his Doctor of Philosophy degree from University of Cambridge, U.K. under the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust scholarship and the Overseas Research Students award. He also holds a Master of Philosophy degree in Land Economy from the University of Cambridge, UK and a Bachelor of Science degree with 1st Class Honours in Estate Management from the National University of Singapore.