



Doing Research on Class in Singapore

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Venue: Ventus Evans Room

Seminar chaired by

**Dr Vincent Chua, Assistant Professor,
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by 10 November 2016.**

All are welcome!

Light lunch will be provided.

Class has been said to be a key variable and by far the single most sociological of independent variables in sociology as a discipline. In this presentation, I will provide some context to the research on class in sociology and in Singapore before sharing some findings on class in Singapore. More specifically, I will address the following questions and findings:

1. Why study class?
2. What are the problems with capturing class?
3. What are the latest class models?
4. Some modest findings on class and social orientations from a 2011 Singapore survey, focusing on key topics like ingredients for success, social mobility, welfare provisions, and love, rather than filial piety, as a basis for intergenerational transfers.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr Tan Ern Ser received his PhD in Sociology from Cornell University, USA.

He has written on social stratification, welfare policy, ethnic relations, and politics and democracy. He is author of "Does Class Matter? Social Stratification and Orientations in Singapore" (2004). He completed a study on social stratification in Singapore in 2011, a sequel to his 2001 study on the same subject. He is co-principal investigator of Asian Barometer-Singapore (with Dr Gillian Koh), as well as the World Values Survey-Singapore (with UniSIM researchers).

Dr Tan has served as principal consultant to the National Orientations of Singaporeans (NOS) survey series I-IV, and a consultant to the National Survey of Senior Citizens 2005 and 2011, the Learning Needs of Senior Citizens 2008, as well as REACH (Reaching Everyone for Active Citizenry @ Home). He is also a Research Adviser to the Ministry of Social and Family Development and a member of the HDB (Housing Development Board) Research Advisory Panel. He was appointed a Justice of Peace in 2013.