

Annex A – Inaugural Dean for NUS College



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Professor Simon Chesterman is Vice Provost (Educational Innovation)-designate at the National University of Singapore and Dean-designate of NUS College. He is also Senior Director of AI Governance at AI Singapore.

A prolific educator and strong advocate of interdisciplinary learning, Prof Chesterman has been a faculty member at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law (NUS Law) since 2007 and has served as its Dean since 2012 – a position he continues to hold while the global search for his successor is ongoing. As Dean, he greatly enhanced legal education and championed legal research in such areas as Maritime Law, Legal Theory and Artificial Intelligence, establishing NUS Law as a leading hub of legal research, and raising its international stature.

Educated in Melbourne, Beijing, Amsterdam, and Oxford, Prof Chesterman has taught at the Universities of Melbourne, Oxford, Southampton, Columbia, and Sciences Po. From 2006 to 2011, he was Global Professor and Director of the New York University School of Law Singapore Programme. Prior to joining NYU, he was a Senior Associate at the International Peace Academy and Director of UN Relations at the International Crisis Group in New York. He has previously worked for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Yugoslavia and interned at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Prof Chesterman is the author or editor of 21 books, including *We, the Robots? Regulating Artificial Intelligence and the Limits of the Law* (CUP, 2021); *Law and Practice of the United Nations* (with Ian Johnstone and David M. Malone, OUP, 2016); *One Nation Under Surveillance* (OUP, 2011); *You, the People* (OUP, 2004); and *Just War or Just Peace?* (OUP, 2001). He is also Editor of the *Asian Journal of International Law* and Co-President of the Law Schools Global League. He is a recognised authority on international law, whose work has opened up new areas of research on conceptions of public authority – including the rules and institutions of global governance, state-building and post-conflict reconstruction, the changing role of intelligence agencies, and the emerging role of artificial intelligence and big data.

Prof Chesterman also writes on legal education and higher education more generally, and is the author of four young adult fiction novels including the *Raising Arcadia* trilogy.