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S R Nathan Distinguished Lecture 2022

by
General (Ret.) David H. Petraeus

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Conducted via Zoom and in person

Orchard Hotel Ballroom
Level 3, Ballroom 1
442 Orchard Rd, Singapore 238879

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Time	Events
11.00am	Start of Event Welcome Note <i>Mr Bilahari Kausikan</i> <i>Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore</i>
11.05am	Conversation between DPM Lawrence Wong and General Petraeus Moderated by: Mr Bilahari Kausikan <i>Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore</i>
11.45am	Question and Answer Session Moderated by: Mr Bilahari Kausikan <i>Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore</i>
12.30pm	End of session

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About the Speaker(s)



General (Ret.) David H. Petraeus served over 37 years in the US military, culminating his career with six consecutive commands – five were in combat, including command of the Surge in Iraq, the US Central Command and coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Following his retirement from the military and after the US Senate's confirmation by a vote of 94-0, he served as director of the CIA during a period of significant achievements in the global war on terror, established important digital initiatives and made significant investments in the agency's most important asset – its human capital.

General Petraeus is a Partner and Chairman of the KKR Global Institute, which he established in 2013. He is also a member of the board of directors of Optiv and OneStream, a venture investor in some 20 start-ups and has engaged in a variety of academic endeavours.

He graduated with distinction from the US Military Academy and is the only person in the US Army's history to be the top graduate of both the demanding US Army Ranger School and the US Army's Command and General Staff College. He also earned a PhD from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs.

General Petraeus taught international relations and economics at the US Military Academy in the mid-1980s, was a visiting professor of public policy at the Honors College of the City University of New York from 2013 through 2016 and for six years, he was a Judge Widney professor at the University of Southern California and a senior fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at Yale University's Jackson Institute, Co-chairman of the Global Advisory Council of the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Senior Vice President of the Royal United Services Institute, a member of the Trilateral Commission as well as a member of the boards of the Atlantic Council, the Institute for the Study of War and over a dozen veterans' service organisations.

Over the past 15 years, General Petraeus was named one of America's 25 Best Leaders by US News and World Report, a runner-up for Time magazine's Person of the Year, the Daily Telegraph Man of the Year, a Time 100 selectee, Princeton University's Madison Medalist and one of Foreign Policy magazine's top 100 public intellectuals in three different years. He has also earned numerous honours, awards and decorations, including four Defense Distinguished Service Medals, the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, two NATO Meritorious Service Medals, the Combat Action Badge, the Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist and Air Assault Badges. In addition, General Petraeus has been decorated by 13 foreign countries.



Mr Lawrence Wong is the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance. He is also a Member of Parliament for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC. He co-chairs the Multi-Ministry Taskforce on COVID-19, and is the Deputy Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). He is also a member of the GIC Board, the Future Economy Council, the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council and the National Research Foundation Board, and co-chairs the Singapore-Shanghai Comprehensive Cooperation Council.

In addition, he contributes to the labour movement as Chairman of the Singapore Labour Foundation, as well as Advisor to the Union of Power and Gas Employees, and the Building Construction and Timber Industries Employees' Union.

Mr Wong was first elected as a Member of Parliament in May 2011. He has held positions in the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Communications and Information, the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, the Ministry of National Development, and the Ministry of Education.

Prior to entering politics, Mr Wong was a civil servant. He was previously the Chief Executive of the Energy Market Authority and the Principal Private Secretary to Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

Mr Wong was educated at Tanjong Katong Secondary School and Victoria Junior College. He obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. He also holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School.



[Moderator] Mr Bilahari Kausikan is Chairman of the Middle East Institute (NUS). He has spent his entire career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During his 37 years in the ministry, he served in a variety of appointments at home and abroad, including as ambassador to the Russian Federation, permanent representative to the United Nations in New York and as the permanent secretary to the ministry. Mr Kausikan studied at the Raffles Institution, the University of Singapore and Columbia University in New York.