

Annex A: Biography of Professor Joseph Liow



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Professor Joseph Liow joined the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore as the Wang Gungwu Professor in East Asian Affairs on 1 October 2025.

Prior to that, Prof Liow was the Tan Kah Kee Chair in Comparative and International Politics and Professor at the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

Prof Liow holds a PhD (2003) and MPhil (2001) in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, an MSc (1999) in Strategic Studies from NTU, and a BA (Hons) (1995) in Political Science from the University of Madison-Wisconsin.

He started his academic career as a researcher at NTU in 1997 and was appointed to an Assistant Professorship in 2003. He progressed through the ranks and was promoted to a full Professorship in 2012. During his 28-year academic career with NTU, he held several leadership roles over the years, with the more recent being Dean of the NTU S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (2014-2018) and Dean of NTU College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (2018-2025). He was also the inaugural Lee Kuan Yew Chair in Southeast Asia Studies at Brookings Institution, Washington DC. (2014-2016).

A recognised thought leader, Prof Liow's research interests encompass Muslim politics and social movements in Southeast Asia and the geopolitics and geoeconomics of the Asia-Pacific region. He is one of Singapore's most thoughtful and respected scholar-communicators on the region's geopolitics, and is highly sought-after for consultation by Singapore's ministries and agencies, visiting ambassadors, foreign policymakers, as well as a wide range of MNCs including Shell, BHP Billiton, Chevron etc.

Prof Liow is the author, co-author, or editor of 18 books, the most recent being *Navigating Uncertainty: Our Region in an Age of Flux* (World Scientific 2024), *Islam and Political Power in Indonesia and Malaysia* (Cambridge University Press Element Series 2022), and *Dictionary*

of the Modern Politics of Southeast Asia, fifth edition (Routledge, 2022).

As a regular columnist for The Straits Times, his commentaries on international affairs have also appeared in overseas media such as New York Times, Washington Post, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, National Interest, Nikkei Asian Review, Wall Street Journal, and South China Morning Post.

Prof Liow sits on the board of several peer-reviewed academic and policy journals, and is Singapore representative on the Experts and Eminent Persons Group of the ASEAN Regional Forum and the Trilateral Commission. He is also on the boards of the Social Science Research Council (Singapore), ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute and the National Arts Council, and appointed Chairman of the NUS Middle East Institute's Management Board from 1 September 2024.