## Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) Review Seminar on “Ease of Doing Business Index, Income Growth Analysis and Competitiveness Analysis for Sub-national Economies of INDIA”

7 September 2015, Lobby of Oei Tiong Ham Building

Co-organised by
Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSSP), National University of Singapore (NUS) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

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**Moderator:**
Mr Dorjee Yuan Randong  
Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS

**Presenters:**
- Ms Sangiita Yoong Wei Cher  
  Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS  
- Mr Ranjan Lian Xiao  
  Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS  
- Associate Professor Gupta Tan Khee Giap  
  Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS

**Discussant:**
- Professor Biswajit Dhar  
  Professor, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

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**Session 3: The Role of Think-Tanks: Policy, Impact and Outcome**

**Moderator:**  
Associate Professor Gupta Tan Khee Giap  
Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS

**Presenter:**
- Dr James G. McGann  
  Senior Lecturer, International Studies, Lauder Institute for Management and International Studies & Director, Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program Wharton School and School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania

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**Moderator:**
Mr Ishaan Tan Beng Kai  
Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS

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  Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS  
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**Discussant:**
- Dr S Narayan  
  Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), NUS

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**Closing Remarks and the Way Forward**  
Dr Linda Low  
Senior Research Fellow, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS