Date and Time——
8 February 2018
1830 to 2000

Venue——
Lecture Room
LR423, 4th Floor SDE 3,
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Broadening
and Deepening
Our Design
Thinking

In Conversation With
Mr Janadas Devan
Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore

This is the fourth in a series on “Broadening and deepening
our design thinking.” The session will take the form of a
conversation with a special guest speaker, Mr Janadas Devan,
Director of the Institute of Policy Studies, who will converse
with Prof Tay Kheng Soon on how some of Singapore’s key
institutions came about and how these brought Singapore
to its developed stage. This session will be on Thursday,
8th February 2018 at 6.30pm to 8pm at LR423. It is most
important for tutors and students to know how the NTUC
became a major pillar of Singapore’s economic and social
institutions. How besides tripartism ntuc created Comfort
taxis, Income insurance, Fairprice super markets etc.
Understanding the formation of Singapore’s success is a must
to think about how we might go forward from here.

About the Speaker

Janadas Devan, Director of the Institute of Policy Studies since July 2011 and
Chief of Government Communications since July 2012, was educated at the
National University of Singapore and Cornell University in the United States.
He taught English in various institutions in Singapore and the US, and later
wrote for a range of publications in the region, before joining the Straits
Times in 1997.

He served as the paper’s leader writer for many years, writing unsigned
editorials on a wide variety of subjects. He wrote a weekly column on
politics and economics, in which he covered international and domestic
developments. He also wrote a column on language for The Sunday Times.
In 2008, he became the editor of the paper’s opinion pages, and in 2010,
became the paper’s Associate Editor. He also did a weekly radio broadcast,
“Call from America”, for Radio Singapore International, from 2000 to 2008,
on American life and society.

He left The Straits Times in July 2012 on being appointed the Government’s
Chief of Communications at the Ministry of Communications and
Information. In November 2015, he was also appointed Deputy Secretary
in the Prime Minister’s Office and received the Gold Public Administration
Medal in 2017.