Greetings from CIPE,

Welcome back, and in the case of the Class of 2022, welcome to your first semester. We are excited to see all of you here and looking forward to hearing about your summer adventures and helping you think through what lies ahead.

We hope you will want to hear what your fellow student have been up to, too. The CIPE travel fellowship always produces amazing stories of transformative experiences, in ways large and small. Join us on the 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Elm Common Lounge as 11 fellowship recipients recount their journeys and also consider the nature, positive and negative, of travel.

Summer is a time when many students have the chance to work on research projects, either with a faculty member or on their own. This year, the Summer Research Symposium will take place over three evenings, from September 4 to 6. Come support your friends and hear about their deep dives into an incredibly diverse range of topics from Alzheimer’s disease to religion in China.

Here at CIPE, we’ve had a busy and productive summer, too. Scroll down and you’ll see many talks and sessions that the team has put together and we encourage you to join us at those that look of interest. We would especially love to see you this afternoon at our first Fika, or coffee break, of the year. This is a monthly tradition at CIPE and one gifted to us by a student in the Class of 2017 from Sweden, where fikas are part of daily culture.

Of course, we have also been hard at work on putting together this year’s Week 7 projects. We’ll see the first years later this morning at the Week 7 fair and are excited to present the projects. Last semester, the Week 7 program was reviewed and one of the recommendations was to formalize the existing relationship of Week 7 to the Common Curriculum. We’ve done so by making the Week 7 experience an ungraded (CS/CU) module. In practice, this will not look very different from the past but simply recognizes Week 7’s contribution to a Yale-NUS education.
Finally, you'll likely meet some of our exchange students who have recently arrived. Please help make them feel at home here and also take advantage of their presence to get the inside scoop on their home institutions and what it might be like to study there. For sophomores and juniors who are thinking of studying abroad next semester, do plan to join us for the information session on the 21st at noon in TCT.

Cheers,
Dean Trisha Craig

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**For All Students**

**Social Impact Fika**
Part of CIPE's monthly tradition, this fika is a follow-up to Social Impact Bootcamp and is dedicated to exploring how one is to act when serving vulnerable populations. Please join us for tea and dialogue for as long or as short as you’d like. See you there!

Date: Wednesday, 15 August 2018  
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Venue: Elm Courtyard

**Leadership Certificate Welcome Dinner**
Learn more about the certificate as we prep and grab dinner together. Our instructor for Leadership Fundamentals and Leadership Camp, Dr. Jonathan Marshall (more about Dr. Marshall [here](#)), will close us off for the evening with a leadership exercise.

Date: Wednesday, 15 August 2018  
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Venue: Elm Buttery  
Register [by 10 Aug](#): Symplicity

**Knight-Hennessy Scholars Info-session**
Mike Bracco, Admission Committee member for the Knight-Hennessy scholarship will be on campus to share information about this scholarship. The Knight-Hennessy Scholars program is a graduate-level scholarship aimed at preparing the next generation of global leaders to address the increasingly complex challenges facing the world. Knight-Hennessy Scholars will annually select up to 100 high-achieving students with demonstrated leadership and civic commitment, who will receive full funding to pursue a graduate education at Stanford. Scholars may pursue studies at any of university’s seven internationally top-ranked graduate schools, and will be educated to navigate across business, government, academia, and the non-profit sectors.

Date: Monday, 20 August 2018  
Time: 12 noon - 1:00pm  
Venue: CIPE Conference Room  

**Travel Fellowship Sharing: Travel as a Medium for Learning**
11 travel fellows, pursuing 5 different travel projects across South East Asia, China, Japan, Estonia and the Trans-Siberian railroad come together for a sharing on the ways they learned through travel. For the first half of the session, we’ll hear about the questions our fellows set off asking: What does citizenship look like in a digital society? What does it mean to live and work in an ecovillage? How do stories change the way we encounter place, shared ethnic identity and the pursuit of spirituality? For the second half, we’ll open the floor for a group dialogue about the conflicts that arise in travel and how less advertised aspects of the summer can be valuable opportunities for growth.

If you’d like to read more about what our travel fellows got up to this summer, read our blog here: 
http://travelfellowship.commons.yale-nus.edu.sg

Date: Thursday, 23 August 2018
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Venue: Elm Common Lounge

**Life Skills Lunches**
Life Skills Lunches help you build practical tools to make your life more effective, fulfilling, and happy. Whether you’re looking for tips on managing your time, communicating effectively, finding a mentor, or help with other life questions, this fun lunchtime series will give you tools you can put to use today. We start with time management: if you think you don’t have time for this session, then you need this session! Where does all the time go? Are you spending time doing the things that are important to you? Time and task management skills allow people to live more productive and less stressful lives. We will explore tools that help...but more importantly, the habits and human practices which make the tools effective.

Life Skills Lunch 1: Time and Task Management
Date: Wednesday, 29 August 2018
Time: 12:00 noon - 1:30pm (with flexible arrival/departure times; take the survey at bit.ly/CIPELunchSkills_Productivity to lock in a time)
Venue: Classroom 15

**Goldman Sachs Firmwide Presentation**
At Goldman Sachs, your skills and experiences will create a world of possibilities for our clients. From the latest IPO and market insights to investments in clean energy and infrastructure, each one of our teams contributes to innovations that drive progress around the world. You’ll work alongside industry experts and strategic thinkers at all levels, gaining hands-on experience, unlike anywhere else. All at a place where your ideas matter and your personal and professional growth are front of mind. Come embrace the opportunity to move industries, make markets and empower communities. Please see attached flyer. Dresscode is Business Attire. Dinner will be provided.

To Register:
As space is limited, this event is invitation only.
Please register through the steps below by **11:59PM, 27 August 2018**.

1. Go to my GS Events portal
2. Select “Register for Events”
3. Choose Singapore for country and filter
4. Select “2019 SINGAPORE FIRMWIDE PRESENTATION | YALE-NUS COLLEGE” and register
5. Select “Back to dashboard” to ensure you complete any outstanding tasks in your event inbox

Date: Wednesday, 29 August 2018
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm (Registration begins at 6:30pm)
Venue: Performance Hall & Foyer

**Lunchtime Talk with Singapore’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)**
Are you keen to explore a meaningful career in Foreign Service? Do you have a desire to serve Singapore and contribute to our national interests? Join the MFA team for a cozy session to learn more about the Ministry’s work and what it’s like to be a Foreign Service Officer (FSO). There will also be a short sharing on the application process for both internships and graduate positions. Singapore citizens are welcome to join us! Dress code is Business Attire. Lunch will be provided.

Date: Thursday, 30 August 2018
Time: 12:00 noon - 1:30pm
Venue: Saga Rector’s Commons
Register: [Symplicity](#)

**Breaking into Banking (Advanced Interview Skills)**
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Venue: Classroom 15
Register: [Symplicity](#)

**Rapid Resume Reviews**
CIPE Career Services will be in the Elm Dining Hall during lunchtime every Friday to provide feedback on student resumes. Bring a hard copy of your resume to strengthen it before submitting for future applications! RSVP is not required.

Date: Friday, 31 August, 7, 14 & 21 September
Time: 12:00 noon - 1:00pm
Venue: Elm Dining Hall

**Sharing Session with JLT: Job Trends – Working in the Asia Region**
Many of us identify ourselves as global citizens, having had the privilege of traveling to or living in numerous countries and experiencing a myriad of cultures. Likewise, when recruiting, international companies like JLT often look for candidates from diverse backgrounds who have interesting ideas and experiences to share. We are pleased to invite the JLT team for a lunchtime sharing session to speak about the opportunities available in Asia, why they chose to develop their careers in this region and answer any questions you may have about your career plans. Learn about how JLT, a risk management advisory, which started in Hong Kong became a global MNC, its views on regional emerging markets and the increasing importance of risk management in this region. Dress code is Business Attire and lunch will be provided.
Summer Research Symposium 2018
Join the Summer Research Symposium 2018 and support 40 of your classmates who undertook research projects from May-August 2018. Their work explores topics from thermal conductivity in graphene to neurodegeneration in Alzheimer’s disease; from the ecology of stick insects in Borneo to urban development phenomena in Singapore and China. In addition, special activities will feature guest speakers and present further opportunities to pursue research at Yale-NUS and beyond.

The Symposium takes place over three evenings, with different presentations and activities on every evening. For more information about the topics and presenters, see the attached schedule.

Info Session on Concurrent Degree Programme with Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
This Concurrent Degree Programme (CDP) aims to equip students with fundamental competencies to tackle public policy analysis and issues in a complex global context. Students who complete this successfully will receive both a Bachelor’s Degree and a Master’s in Public Policy. Join us to learn more about eligibility requirements, application process and deadlines directly from the Admissions team. For more details about this CDP, please head here or speak with Yock Theng (vocktheng.tan@yale-nus.edu.sg).

Writing Killer Resumes & Cover Letters
Do you know the secrets to writing killer resumes and cover letters? Writing a document that effectively communicates your relevant experiences to date can be challenging, but it is a skill that can be mastered. This workshop is a pre-requisite for anyone interested in applying to CIPE-coordinated internships. Please bring along a copy of your current resume draft to the session.

StoryTelling Workshop: Using Your Personal Stories to Create an Impact
In this highly practical and interactive workshop, participants will dig deep into their life experiences for stories that can be used to highlight their abilities in a compelling and articulate way. You will discover how to structure a story so it has a greater impact and learn methods for polishing your narrative so you are ready to shine in your interviews. Storytelling is a necessary skill to have as you apply to jobs, graduate school, fellowships and more. Join us for this special workshop with Singapore’s leading storyteller, Ms. Sheila Wee.

Date: Saturday, 8 September 2018  
Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm  
Venue: Classroom 15  
Register: Symplicity

Lunchtime Talk with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)
Join us for an exclusive lunch event with the GlaxoSmithKline team and you’ll be surprised to discover the types of roles, internship and graduate opportunities (e.g. Future Leaders Programme) available within this healthcare giant! Students from Years 2-4 are welcome to attend, but must come in Business Casual attire. Lunch will be provided.

Date: Monday, 10 September 2018  
Time: 12:00 noon - 1:30pm  
Venue: Saga Rector’s Commons  
Register: Symplicity

The Only Way to Crack the Case: Advanced Interview Skills 2
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Date: Tuesday, 11 September 2018  
Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm  
Venue: Classroom 15  
Register: Symplicity

Tackling Difficult Interview Questions
What kind of technical questions might you receive? How should you manage the intense competition? Interviews can be a daunting and nerve-wrecking process but you don’t have to do it alone! If you wish to improve your interview skills and learn tips on how to navigate this challenging process, then this is the workshop for you. This interactive workshop aims to walk you through guidelines for preparation, and give you opportunities to practice ways to respond to common and curveball interview questions. This workshop is open to all students.

Date: Monday, 17 September 2018  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Venue: Classroom 15
Education: Lifeline or privilege?
An evening dialogue with Joan Liu to learn more about how her career in education enables educators around the world to support high achieving, low-income international students in their journey to access international higher education. Joan Liu is a University Advisor in the International College Counselling Office at the United World College of South East Asia, East Campus in Singapore. In 2018, Joan led a pro bono global effort to support 60 Nepalese students whose scholarships had been cancelled by a US university, and was able to place more than 50 of them at new universities. Joan also launched a cohort scholarship program for high impact counsellors working with high achieving, low-income international students from under-represented regions. This programme received “Rising Star” recognition at the National Association of College Admission Counselling.

Date: Tuesday, 18 September 2018
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Venue: TBD
Register: Symplicity

Mastering Spreadsheets & Data Analysis for Fun and Your Future
In an age of AI, machine learning and other big data... do you know the tool used by every professional on a daily basis? Spreadsheets!

Yes, spreadsheets are still here for the foreseeable future. Learning to master them will save you hours of work, allow you to achieve your goals faster, to obtain better insights and to make strategic decisions. (You will also impress your current or future colleagues)

What will be covered:
- Key features (freezing, filtering)
- Key formulas in business environment (SUMIFS, UNIQUE, ...)
- Design tips to create scalable spreadsheets
- The key to business data analysis and strategic dashboarding
- Magic Google Sheets functionality to collaborate and harness the power of the cloud

How to prepare for the session:
- Access the Epic Sheets’ 21 Commandments on https://www.epicsheets.com
- Brainstorm 3 usages you can image for spreadsheets within a business environment

Students of all years and majors are encouraged to attend. Prior experience with spreadsheets is not required. Please see the "How to prepare for the session" bullet points.

For spreadsheets newbies: While we will not cover the very basics (we invite you to get the commandment ahead of time), you will discover the potential of spreadsheet... giving you reason to learn more about spreadsheets later on.

For medium/advanced users: You will discover use cases and why they matters in real life.

Date: Wednesday, 10 October 2018
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Venue: Classroom 15
Register: Symplicity

Lunchtime Talk with GREE Ventures
Have you ever wondered how Venture Capital (VC) firms work on a day-to-day basis? Why do VC firms find themselves investing in Singapore and the region? Join us for a lunchtime talk with Samir Chaibi, an early-stage venture capital investor at GREE Ventures (a US $120M pan-Asia fund headquartered in Tokyo and investing in Japan, India, and Southeast Asia). Samir will be sharing more about the interactions between VC firms and startups, along with his personal career journey abroad and here in Singapore. Dress code is Business Casual attire and lunch will be provided.

Date: Tuesday, 16 October 2018  
Time: 12:00 noon - 1:30pm  
Venue: Cendana Rector’s Commons  
Register: Symplicity

**Intergroup Dialogue**

Intergroup dialogue is a form of facilitated conversation with people of different identities and backgrounds. It is a social justice education program that encourages participants to think about social group identity, social inequality and intergroup relations. 2 tracks – Sexuality and Sexual Orientation, as well as Religion and Spirituality are available this semester from late August till September. This can count towards fulfilling the Leadership Certificate requirements, and you can find out more here. For more details on the Intergroup Dialogue, head here. **Sign up by 19 August 2018.**

**Leadership Fundamentals**

A core requirement of the Leadership Certificate, Leadership Fundamentals focuses on working with yourself and others through an experiential mix of theory and activities. Sessions will run on Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00pm mostly at Classroom 10. You can find out more about Fundamentals here. **Please submit your application here by 5 September 2018.**

**Take Flight with CIPE Programme**

Every semester, CIPE organises a variety of events, workshops, programmes and information sessions to help students with their professional, academic, and personal development. With this in mind, CIPE is pleased to launch an incentive scheme to encourage higher levels of participation by students. This scheme is based on the number of events that each student has attended during each academic semester. For more information on our rewards and how to participate in Take Flight, please refer here and see attached flyer.

**Yale-NUS Student Name Cards**

A good first impression is important and having a name card enhances it. It will also facilitate follow ups after the meeting. If you are interested in having your own name cards, please fill in the Yale-NUS Student Namecard Request Form and submit it to the vendor directly. The printing process takes approximately 3 working days and an email notification will be sent to inform you once the name cards are ready for collection.

**Career Resources**

If you are looking for tips on how to approach the job hunt or improve your networking skills, the Career Services has recently launched a series of whiteboard videos on topics ranging from “Getting Started on the Job Search Process” to “Making the Most of Coffee Chats” on our webpage here.

**Check Our Website for the Full List!**
There are many more events happening off-campus including case competitions, please check https://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/career-services/student/career-events/ regularly for the full list of opportunities.

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**For Class of 2019 & 2020**

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Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Venue: Classroom 15  
Register: [Simplicity](#)

**Duke-NUS PhD Open House**
Learn more about the Duke-NUS PhD in Integrated Biology and Medicine (IBM) and PhD in Integrated Biostatistics and Bioinformatics (IBB) programmes at the PhD Open House.

Date: Monday, 3 September 2018  
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Venue: Amphitheatre, Duke-NUS Medical School, 8 College Road Singapore 169857  

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Register: Symplicity

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**For Class of 2019, 2020 & 2021**

**Credit Transfer for Semester or Summer Study Abroad**
If you have done a semester or summer study abroad program (apart from the Yale-NUS Summer Institute in Global Strategy and Leadership program), please note that it is mandatory for you to attend one of CIPE’s credit transfer consultation sessions.

Please do not approach the faculty before attending CIPE’s session. During the session, you will get the credit transfer form in hard copy and receive guidance on filling it in correctly when speaking to faculty.

The credit transfer process goes through a few stages and takes time. **Complete and correct submissions that CIPE receives by Friday 12 October, 5:00pm, will have your credit transfer reflected on MySIS by the end of AY18/19 Semester 1. Submissions after the deadline will still be accepted and processed but the credit transfer will only be reflected in the next semester.**

**Credit transfer consultation sessions (Venue: Classroom 16)**
- 31 Aug, Friday, 1:30 - 2:30pm
- 3 Sep, Monday, 10:00 - 11:00am
- 5 Sep, Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:00am
- 7 Sep, Friday, 3:00 - 4:00pm
- 20 Sep, Thursday, 2:00 - 3:00pm

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**For Class of 2020 & 2021**

**Semester 2 Study Abroad Information Session**
Applications to **study abroad** in Semester 2 of AY 2018-19 are due on Sunday, 09 September, **at 5:00pm.** Join us at the upcoming info session to learn about Semester 2 study abroad opportunities and the application process. Pizza will be served!

Date: Tuesday, 21 August 2018
Time: 12 noon - 1:00pm
Venue: Tan Chin Tuan Lecture Theatre
For Class of 2022

Logging into Simplicity
You may have noticed that many Career Services events require registration through Symplicity, which we use to post upcoming events and opportunities. Please refer to the Symplicity Student Guide for help with login and registration process. Students having trouble with Symplicity should contact amanda.lim@yale-nus.edu.sg.

On-campus Opportunities

Job Opportunities
The Student Associate Program (SAP) gives you the chance to do paid work with faculty and administrative offices on various projects. Roles are currently available in ecological research; photography and writing for the Public Affairs office; videography and emceeing for the Summer Research Symposium! For more information and further roles, visit the Student Associate Program page.

Off-campus Opportunities

NUS Libraries Workshops: The Art of Questioning: Look At Your Social Sciences Research Topic From Multiple Perspectives
If you have a Social Sciences research topic or idea, join this workshop to learn how to question and find the answers you need to start on your research. Attendance is free.

Date: Friday, 24 August 2018
Time: 10:00am – 12:00 noon
Register by 23 August: HERE

What We're Reading

Summer is a time at CIPE when we think a lot about careers and employment. Many of our summer interns write to tell us how their work is going; we reach out to new partners about creating future placements, and many of our newly minted alums work with CIPE on securing their first job.

One of the discussions that we hear a lot from students around what kind of opportunity to pursue or accept is whether a particular job or industry involves selling out. Along those lines, here is a recently penned piece by a senior at another liberal arts institution about the ethics of selling out. And see also this related piece by Harvard Business School professor, Mihir Desai, on why the focus on preserving optionality is an illusion. Finally, the pursuit of more and more options (FOBO or fear of better options) can lead us to paralysis and unhappiness as this recent New York Times article points out. Have thoughts about selling out or FOBO? Tell us; we'd love to
know your take on them.

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