

Striving for a More Equal Society

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Social inequality is at the root of many other problems in society. By supporting research into this issue, we can better understand and identify practical solutions to it.

Ms Janet Lim, Executor,
Estate of Diana Koh

As executor of the Estate of Diana Koh, Ms Janet Lim is realising her cousin, Diana Koh's charitable vision. She is tapping on her own past extensive experience in international humanitarian work, having worked for 34 years with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, to guide the Fund's philanthropic efforts.

Since she established the **Diana Koh Fund**, a donor-advised fund administered by Asia Community Foundation, in 2020, it has supported initiatives spanning education, healthcare, palliative care, disability services, the arts, children's welfare and social services. A common thread runs through these efforts: addressing unmet needs and creating opportunities for those who may otherwise be left behind.

TAKING AIM AT SOCIAL INEQUALITY

One of its latest beneficiaries is NTU's **Centre for the Study of Social**

Inequality (CSSI), established in October 2024 as Singapore's first research centre dedicated to studying inequality.

"Inequality exists not only in Singapore but also in many countries, and is at the root of many other social problems in societies. I was impressed when I heard that this Centre was being established in NTU, and its work will be useful to policymakers and the public at large, in Singapore and beyond," says Ms Lim.

The gift will support CSSI's research, operations and programmes,

enabling the Centre to direct resources towards areas of greatest need as it builds its capabilities and expands its work.

Housed within NTU's School of Social Sciences, CSSI seeks to deepen understanding of inequality in all its forms and dynamics – how it emerges, how it persists across generations, whom it affects, and how to address it. Through multidisciplinary research, the Centre examines issues such as access to opportunities, social mobility, wealth and income disparities, and their impact on individuals, families and communities.

Beyond generating knowledge, CSSI is committed to making research accessible and relevant to society. By bringing together researchers, policymakers and the wider public, it aims to connect academic scholarship with real-world challenges, contributing evidence-based insights and practical solutions to some of society's most pressing issues.

INCREASING INCLUSIVITY

The Centre's work comes at a time when inequality is attracting growing attention in Singapore and internationally. As societies grapple with questions of opportunity, social mobility and cohesion, rigorous research can inform public discussion and support efforts to build a more inclusive future.

"I hope that it will provide opportunities for young researchers who are involved in social science research," Ms Lim adds. "If the centre's research generates interest from policymakers and the general public, through constructive engagement, it will help build a healthy and resilient society in Singapore."



The CSSI team, comprising (L-R): Ms Sandy Lee, Centre Manager; Assistant Professor Shannon Ang, Deputy Director; Associate Professor Teo You Yenn, Director; and Ms Grace Chua, Research Assistant.