

Announcements

1. We are pleased to announce that BSI Director Professor David Chan has been appointed as a Research Fellow by the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC). The CLC, jointly established by Singapore's Ministry of National Development (MND) and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE), appoints distinguished experts in urban development to guide its strategic national research and knowledge-sharing initiatives. As a CLC Research Fellow, Professor Chan will lend his expertise to drive impactful research and capability development.

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2. We are also pleased to announce that Professor David Chan has been awarded the Ministry of National Development (MND) Medallion for his distinguished contributions to the NParks. The award was presented by National Development Minister Mr Desmond Lee at the ministry's award ceremony on 15 November 2024. Professor Chan is a two-time recipient of the MND Medallion. He first received the award in 2018 from Prime Minister Mr Lawrence Wong (who was then the National Development Minister) for his various distinguished contributions to MND.

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Upcoming BSI Seminars

• 11 Feb 2025

Loving Me Before We: Lay Belief of Whole Self and Relationship Readiness
Seminar by Yang Ying Jia
PhD Candidate, SMU

• 25 Feb 2025

Using Positive Voice to Gain Power at Work
Seminar by Shereen Fatimah
Assistant Professor of Organisational Behaviour & Human Resources, SMU

• 25 Mar 2025

How to do things with words (and computers): Promises of language technologies for behavioural scientists.
Seminar by Joe Simons
Deputy Department Director, Social and Cognitive Computing, A*Star

• 1 Apr 2025

Social class and moral flexibility in the presence of others
Seminar by Jacinth Tan
Assistant Professor of Psychology, Lee Kong Chian Fellow, SMU

Highlights of Recent BSI Webinars



1 Oct 2024

Tan Chin Hong, Assistant Professor of Psychology at NTU, presented a webinar titled "Biopsychosocial Determinants of Neurocognitive Health". He discussed the need to go beyond biological factors to examine empirical findings on the role of psychosocial factors in the prediction and prevention of Alzheimer's disease.



22 Oct 2024

Tsai Ming-Hong, Associate Professor of Psychology at SMU, presented a webinar titled "Can conflict improve organizational commitment and reduce turnover intention?". He discussed the theoretical arguments and empirical findings on the potential positive and negative effects that different types of task conflicts may have on work attitudes.



5 Nov 2024

Kimin Eom, Senior Lecturer at Australian National University presented a webinar titled "Consumer responses to scientific consensus: The moderating role of perceived motives of scientists". He discussed how the positive effect that scientific consensus has on the perception of safety of cultured meat may be moderated by the perceived motives of the scientists.

Insights and Applications from Behavioural Sciences

In the third "Insights from the Inside" engagement session (organised by the Social Science Research Council) held on 29 Oct and attended by faculty from NUS, NTU, SMU, SUTD, and SUSS, BSI Director Professor Chan shared his personal career journey first as a police officer and subsequently in academia, and how practical life experiences have shaped his worldviews and belief in a scientist-practitioner model approach to issues in research, practice and public policy. He also offered advice on effective collaborations with public agencies, stressing the importance of professional engagements, social interactions and networks, and building trust in competence, integrity and benevolence as they relate to one's credibility with the research community, agencies and the public.

About BSI

The Behavioural Sciences Initiative (BSI) is a multi-disciplinary research initiative for creating, disseminating and applying scientific knowledge about human behaviours in various social, organisational and cultural settings. For more information, please refer to our website.