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Singapore's Gay Rights Movement: Past, Present, and Future

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From private meetings in living rooms in the early 1990s to the emergence of annual rallies and decriminalization campaigns in the past seven years, Singapore's gay rights movement has grown and changed in many ways. Lynette J. Chua draws from her new book, *Mobilizing Gay Singapore: Rights and Resistance in an Authoritarian State*, and ongoing fieldwork to discuss how the movement has developed and where it may be headed in a state known to restrict civil-political liberties.

Lynette J. Chua is Assistant Professor of Law at the National University of Singapore. She is a socio-legal scholar with research interests in law and social change, and law and social movements. Her book published by Temple University Press, *Mobilizing Gay Singapore: Rights and Resistance in an Authoritarian State*, draws from ethnographic fieldwork to analyze the emergence, development, and strategies and tactics of Singapore's gay and lesbian movement and explicate the complex role of law and meanings of rights. Recently, she initiated a broader collaborative project to examine the development of LGBT rights activism across various Asian countries. Lynette's research has also been published in *Law & Society Review*, the *Asian Journal of Law & Society*, and the *International Journal of Voluntary and Non-profit Organizations (VOLUNTAS)*.

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