

Shared Principles, Regional Realities: Advancing Research Assessment Reform in the Asia-Pacific

2 June 2026, 0900 – 1800 SGT, Li Ka Shing Library, Singapore Management University

Programme

0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 0910	Welcome Remarks & Overview of Programme
0910 – 1010	<p>Introduction to Research Reform Movements around the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) by Cameron Neylon, Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) ➤ The San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) by Ginny Barbour, San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) ➤ Make Data Count by John Chodacki, Make Data Count Advisory Group ➤ Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information by Bianca Kramer, Barcelona Declaration ➤ The Latin American Forum on Research Assessment (FOLEC-CLACSO) by Daniela Perrotta, FOLEC-CLACSO
1010 – 1030	Coffee Break
1030 – 1130	<p>Tales from the Frontline: Regional Examples of Research Assessment Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reforming Research Assessment in Australia by Tina Cockburn, Queensland University of Technology ➤ Assessment Reform: A New Zealand Perspective by Alan Coulson, (New Zealand) Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment ➤ Co-Creating Narrative Research Assessment: The COMON Experiment at Kyoto University by Sasaki Yu, Kyoto University
1130 – 1150	Coffee Break
1150 – 1300	<p>“As Aligned As Possible, As Diverse As Necessary” <i>A panel discussion with Q&A on how we can align research assessment values, priorities, and infrastructures, while remaining contextually relevant.</i></p> <p>Moderators: Cameron Neylon (CoARA) & Ginny Barbour (DORA)</p>

	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ John Chodacki, Make Data Count ➤ Bianca Kramer, Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information ➤ Tina Cockburn, Queensland University of Technology ➤ Moumita Koley, DST-Centre for Policy Research ➤ Alan Coulson, (New Zealand) Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment ➤ Sasaki Yu, Kyoto University
1300 – 1400	Lunch

In the second half, participants will engage in active, structured discussions on the most popular topics, chosen from the results of the survey in the Declaration of Interest Form.

1400 – 1500	<p>Breakout Session #1</p> <p>Impulse Talk: Giovanna Lima, DORA</p> <p>Question: <i>What principles and guardrails should guide the responsible use of quantitative indicators in research assessment in ways that genuinely inform – rather than distort – research quality and career progression? Where should metrics explicitly not be used?</i></p>	<p>Breakout Session #2</p> <p>Impulse Talk: Francis P Crawley, CoARA-ERIP; Steering Group of the International Science Council (ISC) Forum on Publishing and Research Assessment</p> <p>Question: <i>How should research assessment frameworks adapt to ensure research integrity, transparency, and accountability in the context of widespread use of generative AI tools?</i></p>
1500 – 1600	<p>Breakout Session #3</p> <p>Impulse Talk: Tung Tung Chan, Erasmus University Rotterdam; CoARA WG on Recognising and Rewarding Peer Review</p> <p>Question: <i>How should research assessment systems recognise and reward open science</i></p>	<p>Breakout Session #4</p> <p>Impulse Talk: Moumita Koley, DST-Centre for Policy Research</p> <p>Question: <i>How do university rankings shape institutional research assessment</i></p>

	<i>practices (e.g., data sharing, preprints, open peer review) without creating new compliance burdens or perverse incentives?</i>	<i>practices, and what reforms are needed to reduce harmful impacts on researcher behaviour and well-being?</i>
1600 – 1620	Coffee Break	
1620 – 1635	Cross-Over Insight Sharing with CoARA Regional Conference in Budapest	
1635 – 1700	Reflections & Closing	
1700 – 1800	Networking & Reception	



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