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## 服务国大长达24年 江莉莉教授将出任新大教务长

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在新加坡国立大学服务长达24年，拥有丰富教研及管理经验的江莉莉教授，从9月起过档新加坡管理大学担任教务长，成为本地首位女大学教务长。

50岁的江莉莉目前仍是国大副教务长（教研人事），也是该大学的教务长讲座教授（Provost's Chair Professor）。

江莉莉自1991年开始在国大地理系任教。她2007年至2014年担任国大副校长（大学与环球联系）期间，在推动耶鲁—国大学院的创立，扮演重要角色。她也曾在这所学府成立最初两年，担任代执行副校长（学术事务）。

9月1日正式出任新大教务长兼常务副校长后，江莉莉将坐上新大管理层的第二把交椅。她将同新大校长梅雅诺教授紧密合作，主管本科及研究生课程的发展和规划，同时负责推动新大各项研究项目。

现任教务长拉金德拉教授（Rajendra K Srivastava）8月31日卸任后，将继续留在新大担任国际事务



国大副教务长（教研人事）江莉莉，将在9月1日正式出任新加坡管理大学教务长兼常务副校长，坐上新大管理层第二把交椅。（周柏荣摄）

处高级副校长。他自去年底兼任该职务。

新大校长梅雅诺教授在昨天的记者会上透露，拉金德拉一年多前表示有意卸任后，校方去年7月开始物色新教务长人选。过程中，校方前后考虑近20名海内外学者。

他说，校方要求教务长人选必须享有崇高学术声誉、学术背景得与新大专注的学科契合，同时具备大学管理经验，对国际及本地大学教育景观有深厚了解。

“校方原本还担心我们设定的条件太苛刻，对于能觅得适当人选，并

成功说服江教授接受这份职务，我们感到非常高兴。”

江莉莉的研究专项涵盖文化政策、文化遗产、国家认同等领域。她在记者会上指出，选择来到新大，主要因为它所注重的学科是她所熟悉的。江莉莉相信她能够在研究及教学方面做出贡献。

### 本地首位大学女教务长

江莉莉还说，新大的商业管理和行销等学科背后的原理，与社会科学知识有密切关联，她希望能协助学生及教职人员培养跨学科视角，在新大现有的社会科学课程基础上，继续强化课程内容及研究工作。

她也希望进一步推动新大与国际伙伴大学展开跨学科合作，协助新大学生拓展国际经验。加入新大后，她也将担任李光前社会科学讲座教授。

对于成为本地第一位大学女教务长，江莉莉说：“世界上许多大学都有较少女性担任高层职位，导致这个情况的的各种原因，未必与女性的学术素质有关联。从这个角度看，我对于能在学术方面取得这番成绩感到荣幸。这要归功于家庭的支持及职场同事所给予的机会。”

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**Headline: Professor Lily Kong to become new SMU provost after 24 years of service in NUS**

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Professor Lily Kong, who has served the National University of Singapore (NUS) for 24 years, and has strong research and management experience, will take on the role of SMU's Provost from September.

50-year-old Lily Kong is currently Vice Provost (Academic Personnel) at the NUS where she also holds the Provost's Chair Professorship.

Lily Kong has been a faculty member in the NUS Department of Geography since 1991. She played a key role in the establishment of Yale-NUS College when she was Vice-President (University and Global Relations) between 2007 and 2014. She was also the Acting Executive Vice President (Academic Affairs) of Yale-NUS College during the first two years of the inception of the College.

When she becomes SMU's Provost from 1 September, Lily Kong will be the second most senior personnel in the SMU management team, working closely with Professor De Meyer. Her main duties will include overseeing undergraduate and postgraduate curriculum development and planning, as well as driving research activities in SMU.

Professor Rajendra Srivastava, SMU's current Provost, will continue to serve as the Senior Vice President of SMU's International Office when he steps down as Provost on 31 August. He has taken on this concurrent role since end-2014.

At the briefing held yesterday, Professor De Meyer told the press that Professor Srivastava indicated more than a year ago his wish to step down. The University then started a search for a suitable candidate from July last year. In the process, the University considered about 20 local and overseas academics.

He said that the University had set out to appoint someone with a high academic standing, a background that is close to the disciplines that SMU focuses on, strong leadership capabilities and experience, as well as a deep understanding of the Singapore and global tertiary education landscape.

"The University was initially worried that we will not be able to find someone who can meet all these requirements. However, I'm very happy that we managed to convince Professor Kong to take on this role."

Lily Kong is widely regarded as a thought leader in religion, cultural policy and creative economy, heritage and conservation, and national identity. She said at the press briefing that one of the reasons she accepted the appointment at SMU was the familiarity with the disciplines taught at SMU. Lily Kong believes that she will be able to contribute to the research and teaching at SMU.

**First female Provost in Singapore**

Lily Kong also said that disciplines such as business management and marketing are founded on social sciences knowledge, as such she hopes to help students and faculty members develop their cross-disciplinary perspectives, by building on the current humanities offering and strengthening the University's curriculum and research.

She also hopes to further promote collaboration with international academic partners to broaden the global exposure of SMU students. At SMU, Lily Kong will also hold the Lee Kong Chian Chair Professorship of Social Sciences.

On becoming Singapore's first female Provost, Lily Kong said, "Around the world, many universities have few female leaders in senior positions, there are many reasons for this, these reasons are not necessarily linked to their academic qualities. From this perspective, I'm honoured with this achievement in academia, which is made possible only with support from my family and opportunities from colleagues."