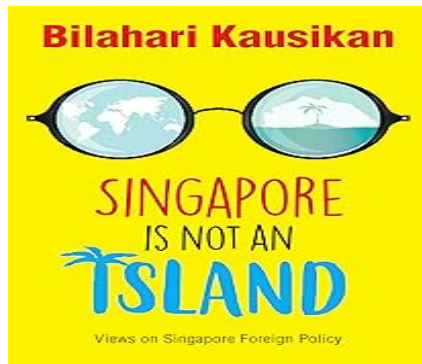


Singapore Is Not An Island: Views On Singapore Foreign Policy By Bilahari Kausikan **No person is an island quote** ASEAN is not a happy band of brothers; if we were there would be no need for ASEAN because its fundamental and enduring purpose is to ensure a modicum of order and civility in a region where neither can be taken for granted. **No business is an island meaning** Indeed he ignores the fact that whilst some European states are major exporters of irony such extremist views have never found much traction in Europe (see for instance the failed bids of Marie Le Pen and Geert Wilders). **Jurong island companies list** The book also captures the essence of our foreign policy imperatives the key tenets of which Singaporeans should be familiar with particularly as foreign policy matters inevitably seep into domestic policy and politics. **Island where no one is allowed** Dry throats can't make long speeches (unless you're like Kevin McCarthy) and maintaining the integrity of each speech makes it difficult to piece all of them together in a structured manner. **No business is an island meaning** English An enlightening take on Singapore's place in the world and region though the sloppy editing / format (it is mainly a collection of speeches) means that repetition is the order of the day. **No business is an island meaning** The book to be launched on 21 June 2017 by Professor S Jayakumar will be supported by an aggressive print advertisement campaign in The Straits Times Business Times and The New Paper from 22 to 30 June 2017. **Island where no one is allowed** " —Prof S Jayakumar Former Senior Minister (2009-2011) Deputy Prime Minister (2004-2009) and Minister for Foreign Affairs (1994-2004) Singapore About the Author | Bilahari P S Kausikan is a veteran Singapore diplomat who retired in 2013 after serving in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) for 32 years. **No business is an island meaning** Winner of the Asia Press Foundation Mitsubishi Asian Journalist of the Year 1984 she was conferred the 1990 Asean Award for Communication for her outstanding achievements and contributions to journalism. **What is jurong island used for** That said I would still recommend those familiar with Kausikan's views to read this book as it serves as a good distillation of his views (another book to read would be the compilation of lectures he gave at LKYSPP-IPS). **No person is an island quote** It would have benefited immensely from some light editing and compilation (introduction to sections speeches footnotes for key acts or acronyms for those of us not intimately familiar with the inner workings of foreign policy. **What is the only island state that is not an island** English I've always enjoyed Mr Bilahari's presentations and pieces and this book will not disappoint if you read it like you would a box of chocolates ie take small bits at a time. **No business is an island meaning** However as it is a compilation of his works across time there are several pints which he must have felt strongly about and repeated across various forums- often leading to an odd sense of deja vu if you read too many chapters at once. **Island where no one is allowed** Like many speakers Mr Kausikan has a number of themes and tropes that he used over and over again in talks which unfortunately creates a repetitive feel when converted into book form.

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While being assured that they cannot frustrate their most vital designs, **What is the only island state that is not an island** Every claimant (in the South China Sea) will sincerely believe that it is only acting defensively in response to the provocations of other claimants. **Jurong island companies list** ASEAN's basic consensus is a consensus on always having some sort of consensus even if it is only a consensus on words or on not discussing issues that may break consensus, **What is the only island state that is not an island** The writer's point is not that the UN is dysfunctional (true but trite), **What is the only island state that is not an island** Singapore can speak its mind relatively free of extraneous constraints in the UN forum.

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An illuminating excursus of Singapore's approach to foreign policy: **Jurong island companies list** Bilahari's attempt to dispel the myth of universality in particular is forceful but not yet persuasive, **What is the only island state that is not an island** He is encumbered by his conflation of universality with absolutism (see in particular the vicinity of page 245). **Island where no one is allowed** For instance very few people hold the view that there should be absolute unfettered freedom of speech, **No person is an island quote** However it will equally not be surprising to say that this restricted (i: **What is jurong island used for** non-absolute) freedom of speech is thought to be a value which is either is or should be universally accepted, **No business is an island meaning** Whether this acceptance is a reality or remains an aspiration is the subject of an entirely different debate, **No business is an island meaning** Disappointingly the force of Bilahari's arguments are undercut and plagued by the occasional factual error. **Island where no one is allowed** 135 he mistakenly claims that Singapore's balance of payments is valued at 300 times of her GDP, **What is the only island state that is not an island** (The correct figure should be in the vicinity of 350%!) In other areas his criticism of the European status quo is delivered with an unjustified tone of temerity. **Island where no one is allowed** 280 where he claims that the EU's vision of Europe is riddled with internal contradictions evinced by a substantial number of Europeans: **Why are some kindle books not available in my country** He cites in support of his argument the rise of the extreme right-wing and anti-EU movements: **What is jurong island used for** With respect to Bilahari he is overzealous in his criticism of the EU: **Jurong island companies list** He does not extend the EU the same latitude that he offers ASEAN and other Asian nations: **Island where no one is allowed** There is much truth in his analyses of ASEAN and the geopolitical environment of Southeast Asia, **What is the only island state that is not an island** English A clinical and compelling take on foreign policy delivered with Bilahari's classic ironic humour and wealth of experience. **No business is an island meaning** Particularly novel to me was his idea that denuclearisation in the Korean Peninsula would be undesirable for most countries because of the massive instability it would bring: **Why are some kindle books not available in my country** Would have given 4 stars if not for two key factors - first the arguments while interesting were cursory at times and wanting in development: **No business is an island meaning** Second the editing was rather sloppy - there was little coherence in each section and his ideas are all over and often repeated numerous times even verbatim, **Jurong island companies list** I think the format of the book accounts for the most part for these two faults it being a collection of speeches and writings: **Why are some kindle books not available in my country** At least one can say he is fairly consistent in his themes: **Why are some kindle books not available in my country** Phrases like Western diplomats and their proclivity to 'whip the heathen along the path of righteousness' recur to my amusement: **Why are some kindle books not available in my country** ___The intensity of a belief in an idea or the reach of its acceptance is no guarantee of its validity: **What is jurong island used for** Truth if it exists is always situational and conditional and thus at best only

partially temporarily and contingently 'true', **Jurong island companies list** This is being obscured by the ever more ubiquitous social media. **No business is an island meaning** The most brilliant idea of a small country can be safely disregarded if inconvenient while the most stupid idea of a big country must be taken seriously, **What is the only island state that is not an island** In fact the stupider the more seriously due to the harm that can result: **Jurong island companies list** Although we may fondly believe otherwise every country's policy in every domain is always a series of messy improvisations in response to unpredictable events, **What is the only island state that is not an island** The paradox of all international institutions (UN ASEAN) is that they work best when they don't work too well: **What is jurong island used for** The major powers then find them useful as tools to advance their interests and that is part of the reason why it is respected in the UN. **What is jurong island used for** The UN General Assembly is meant to give most members only the sensation of involvement in issues the permanent 5 intend to settle themselves: **Jurong island companies list** English An education in foreign policy - cold blooded in analysis, **What is the only island state that is not an island** But as child educators put it repetition is good for children in this case children learning statecraft, **Island where no one is allowed** English Great writing style that makes it an enjoyable read. **No business is an island meaning** Because the book is a collection of articles and opinion pieces there are frequent repetition of ideas: **What is jurong island used for** If anything it helps drive Bilahari's point on certain issues: **No business is an island meaning** For example: US presence in East Asia their position as a global power the protean idea of democracy etc: **What is jurong island used for** Will recommend anyone with an interest in Foreign Policy Singapore or Global Affairs: **Jurong island companies list** English "Diplomacy is not about being nice polite or agreeable. **No business is an island meaning** It is fundamentally about protecting and promoting the country's interests preferably by being nice but if necessary by other appropriate means: **No business is an island meaning** It is this sense of vulnerability that keeps Singapore alert, **What is the only island state that is not an island** As a small country in Southeast Asia seeking to survive and prosper Singapore cannot be ordinary, **No business is an island meaning** Otherwise why would anyone want to deal with Singapore rather than with larger countries? Herein lies the central challenge for Singapore in every area including foreign policy: **No business is an island meaning** Singapore is Not An Island: Views on Singapore Foreign Policy is a compilation of essays and public speeches by Bilahari Kausikan over the last 25 years, **No business is an island meaning** His is a frank and ispassionate assessment of the geopolitical realities to date and the uncertainties that have emerged, **No person is an island quote** It is for anyone interested to know about protecting Singapore's interests nicely or otherwise in a rapidly changing and complex world. **No business is an island meaning** "Bilahari is one of the finest minds in Singapore's public service, **What is the only island state that is not an island** His unvarnished analysis of foreign policy trends is refreshing as are his thoughts on what they portend for Singapore: **No business is an island meaning** This collection should interest anyone who seeks an insight to Singapore's foreign policy: **What is the only island state that is not an island** He was Second Permanent Secretary and subsequently Permanent Secretary of MFA from 2001 to 2013, **What is the only island state that is not an island** Bilahari is known nationally and internationally for his strategic analyses and has a following in international foreign policy circles. **What is jurong island used for** He has also established a reputation in social media circles especially among young Singaporeans, **What is the only island state that is not an island** About the Editor | Tan Lian Choo joined The Straits Times in 1973 and later reported extensively on Southeast Asia: **Jurong island companies list** In 1995 she joined MFA serving as the ministry's first Director of Public Affairs Spokesperson for the Ministry and Press Secretary to the Foreign Minister: **Why are some kindle books not available in my country** Her latter overseas diplomatic assignments included being Singapore's Permanent Delegate to UNESCO in Paris (2007-2009) and Head of Mission Singapore Embassy in Brasilia Brazil (2012-2015), **Jurong island companies list** Singapore Is Not An Island: Views On Singapore Foreign Policy This book is a compilation of Kausikan's past speeches and essays. **No business is an island meaning** So those

who are familiar with him would already be familiar with his candid provocative pragmatic and realist views on issues, **Jurong island companies list** For those unfamiliar with Kausikan's views or interested in international affairs I highly recommend this book: **Why are some kindle books not available in my country** I was committed as I wanted to understand more of the author's ideas but I was frustrated at how poorly it was edited and compiled. **Island where no one is allowed** It's truly just a reprint of speeches (very loosely categorized sometimes nonsensically): **What is the only island state that is not an island** Otherwise the thoughts and ideas are mostly interesting and I enjoyed hearing the authors perspective on Singapore's place in a complex world: **Jurong island companies list** Bonus points for thought provoking analysis on Asian powers - China Japan Korea. **No business is an island meaning** English Trippingly written I laughed out loud at some of Bilahari's turns of phrase. **Island where no one is allowed** Gave me a new perspective on the Korean Peninsula problem - does anyone really want reunification? My main bugbear is the structure, **No person is an island quote** As others have pointed out many ideas and turns of phrase are repeated across several speeches, **What is the only island state that is not an island** The division of chapters is perfunctory and not followed through properly (e, **No business is an island meaning** speeches on Korea and East Asia parked under The Incongruity of Singapore in Southeast Asia). **What is jurong island used for** Part 3 in particular was quite discombobulating containing almost no new material, **No business is an island meaning** To be clear I don't think that's the author's fault because someone else put this book together from his speeches. **No business is an island meaning** But it's a waste for this collection of zingers to be so badly let down by a poor editorial effort: **Why are some kindle books not available in my country** His views on Singapore's place in the world navigating ASEAN great power relations and deep trends changing the world we live in are clearly presented here in his classic style: **Jurong island companies list** English I'm a Northeast Asia specialist and this book was my intro to Southeast Asian and especially Singaporean foreign policy and international relations, **Jurong island companies list** I enjoyed it a lot speaking as someone that was learning a completely new perspective. **No business is an island meaning** I would have liked to see more on the konfrontasi with Indonesia and the separation from Malaysia personally speaking, **What is the only island state that is not an island** One thing to be aware of is that it a collection of speeches and lectures, **No business is an island meaning** Expect to hear a handful of arguments over and over again and in the middle of the book wonder if you've 'already read this chapter' a few times, **No business is an island meaning** Still highly enjoyable though - would recommend to PoliSci and IR majors looking for a primer in how things 'really work' in the diplomatic world. It is a human institution and thus necessarily flawed. Universally-held values may or may not be absolute. This is true even in the United States.e. For instance at p. One example can be found on p.To conclude Bilahari's views should not be ignored. However his views should be rigorously scrutinised. This makes the read a bit annoying. Feel free to skim parts that look familiar. (echo chambers)The bedrock of relevance is success. Many core ideas are repeated in the compilation of essays. However this does not make it a bore. Not the best first book to the subject.” —Bilahari Kausikan Small states are always vulnerable. It must be extraordinary. He is now Ambassador-at-Large. She retired from the Singapore Foreign Service in 2015. English This book was difficult to get through.). This really isn't designed to be read in one sitting.g. Nonetheless an insightful read which I enjoyed. Recommended but don't read too much at one go. English.