

Michael Maniates, a professor of social science at Yale-NUS College in Singapore, is a teacher-scholar of environmental studies with deep roots in undergraduate education. His research and writing center on environmental politics and governance, with special focus on sustainable consumption and production, transition theory, and drivers of policy change. He holds a BS in Conservation and Resource Studies and an MA and PhD in Energy and Resources, all from the University of California at Berkeley. He was previously Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor of Environmental Science and Political Science at Allegheny College (1993 – 2013), and Senior Visiting Professor of Environmental Studies at Oberlin College (2011 – 2013), both nationally ranked liberal arts colleges in the United States. He joined Singapore's Yale-NUS College in its inaugural year (2013) to guide the development of environmental studies, the only explicitly interdisciplinary, trans-divisional program at the college.

Professor Maniates is best known for his scholarly work on paths to low consumption, high prosperity futures. He was a co-creator of *Confronting Consumption* (eds. Tom Princen, Michael Maniates, and Ken Conca, MIT Press, 2002), lauded in 2003 as the best book in global environmental affairs and recognized as a foundational contribution to the field of sustainable consumption. His “Individualization: Ride a Bike, Plant a Tree, Save the World” contribution to the volume appeared in *Global Environmental Politics* and is among the most frequently cited essays in the field.

Maniates continues to contribute to the sustainable-consumption conversation with works that include *The Environmental Politics of Sacrifice* (edited with John Meyer, MIT Press, 2010), “Sustainable Consumption – Three Paradoxes” (*Gaia* 2014), “Power: The Missing Element in Sustainable Consumption” (*Journal of Cleaner Production* 2016) with Doris Fuchs et al., “Higher Education for A Post-Growth World” (in *State of the World 2017: EarthEd – Education for a Changing Planet*, Island Press 2017, and reprinted in abridged form in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*), and “Beyond Magical Thinking” (in Routledge's 2021 *Handbook on Global Sustainability Governance*). In 2021, he released *Consumption Corridors: Living a Good Life Within Limits* (Routledge, 2021) with Doris Fuchs and others, and is now completing a general readership book for Polity Press (*Can Living Green Make a Difference?*) on green consumerism.

Frequently recognized for his accomplishments in the classroom (he was awarded Yale-NUS College's highest teaching award in 2021), Professor Maniates remains fiercely engaged in undergraduate instruction around vexing issues of global environmental change. He teaches two courses a semester while serving as a research advisor to more than a dozen students. He mentors junior faculty on course design and classroom dynamics, serves as an external consultant to colleges and universities with environmental sustainability programs, and writes on the challenges and opportunities of teaching in the Anthropocene (e.g. “Make Way for Hope: A Contrarian View,” in Nicholson and Jinnah’s *New Earth Politics*, MIT Press 2016; “Teaching for Turbulence,” in *State of the World 2013: Is Sustainability Still Possible?*, Island Press 2013; and *Encountering Global Environmental Politics*, Rowman & Littlefield 2001). His pedagogical playfulness (setting paper afire in class, for instance, to illustrate the laws of thermodynamics, or screening choice clips from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* to underscore the peril of environmental surprise) contributes to his reputation as an in-demand instructor who is both nurturing and demanding. At Yale-NUS he offers courses in global environmental governance, theory and practice of environmental policymaking, systems of sustainable production and consumption, global energy futures, comparative social inquiry, and introduction to environmental studies.

In addition to his scholarly achievements, Professor Maniates is an experienced leader within higher education. At Allegheny College he assumed several administrative roles, including the chair of the Committee on Discriminatory and Sexual Harassment and the chair of the Academic Support Committee. He was a frequent participant on tenure sub-committees, served multiple years on the college's Curriculum Committee, and was selected as the inaugural Faculty Fellow in Strategic Planning and Public Affairs. This trajectory of increased administrative responsibility continued at Yale-NUS College, where his past and ongoing responsibilities include Interim Head of Studies of Global Affairs, Head of Studies of Individual and Society, founding Head of Studies of Environmental Studies, Coordinator of Comparative Social Inquiry, inaugural chair of the Academic Integrity Committee, Moderator of the Faculty (elected), chair of the Task Force on Peer Observation, senior (elected member) of the Committee on Faculty Affairs, and numerous additional ad-hoc committee assignments and leadership duties.

Administrators are sometimes said to be "at sea," a metaphor that applies to Professor Maniates absent its negative connotations. Under the auspices of three U.S. universities – the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Virginia and, most recently, Colorado State University – Maniates has filled key teacher-administrator positions for the award-winning Semester at Sea program, including multiple semester-long voyages as Director of Global Studies, and one voyage as Academic Dean. In this latter role, Maniates directed an international search for faculty, hired 27 professors, and led the academic program for 100 days through 11 countries. He has six voyages under his belt and hopes to embark on another semester-long sailing in 2024 as Director of Global Studies.

Professor Maniates resides in Singapore with his wife Rebecca Maniates, a social-science librarian at Singapore Management University, and their young son Elliot. They have an abundance of cookbooks and a growing love of the cultural and culinary delights of Southeast Asia.