

Singapore Criminal Law: Examining the Etiology of Exception

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This article tracks the origin and development of two exceptional criminal justice measures in Singapore – corporal punishment in the form of caning, and detention without trial. In particular, the official justification for the introduction and continuation of such measures is examined to see how it has changed in the course of time. A persistent theme emerges of governmental reluctance to remove such exceptional measures, once they are in place.

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