

**MALAYSIA STUDIES PROGRAMME WORKSHOP  
LOOKING EAST AT SABAH AND SARAWAK**

**4 December 2015  
ISEAS Seminar Room 2  
Singapore**

**PROGRAMME**

*(as of 24 November 2015)*

**Friday, 4 December 2015**

- 8.30 am – 9.00 am Registration
- 9.00 am – 9.10 am **Opening Remarks**  
*Dr Wilhelm HOFMEISTER*  
Director, Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Singapore
- Dr LEE Hock Guan*  
Coordinator, Malaysia Studies Programme; and Senior Fellow, Regional Social and Cultural Studies Programme, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute
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- 9.10 am – 10.40 am **SESSION I**
- Moderator: *Dr OOI Kee Beng*  
Deputy Director, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute
- Panellists: *Associate Professor FAISAL S Hazis*  
Senior Fellow, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), National University Malaysia  
**Autonomy and Secession: Contesting Centralized Federalism in East Malaysia**
- Associate Professor Madeline BERMA*  
Faculty of Economics and Management, National University Malaysia  
**Poverty and Marginalisation Under Rapid Economic Growth: the Case of “Orang Asal” in Sarawak and Sabah, Malaysia**
- Associate Professor LAI Yew Meng*  
Centre for the Promotion of Knowledge and Language Learning, University Malaysia Sabah  
**Is Sabah Safe?: A Critical Assessment of Sabah’s Contemporary Security Concerns**

10.40 am – 11.00 am	Coffee
11.00 am – 12.30 pm	<p><b>SESSION II</b></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Dr Terence CHONG</i> Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Regional Social and Cultural Studies Programme, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute</p> <p>Panellists: <i>Associate Professor Nelson Ilan MERSAT</i> Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University Malaysia Sarawak <b>After Taib: Bringing Back the “Dignity” of Sarawak</b></p> <p><i>Dr Arnold PUYOK</i> Head &amp; Senior Lecturer, Department of Politics and International Relations, University Malaysia Sarawak <b>Muslim Bumiputera Political Dominance in Sabah, 1994-2013</b></p> <p><i>Dr NGU Ik Tien</i> Senior Lecturer, Department of Chinese Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University Malaya <b>The Social Dynamics of the Chinese Vote: Pre- and Post-Taib</b></p>
12.30 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm – 3.10 pm	<p><b>SESSION III</b></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Dr LEE Poh Onn</i> Senior Fellow, Regional Economic Studies Programme, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute</p> <p>Panellists: <i>Associate Professor Ramy BULAN</i> Faculty of Law, University Malaya; and Head, Centre for Malaysian Indigenous Studies, University Malaya <b>Fiduciary Law and State Obligations in Development of Native Customary Land</b></p> <p><i>Dr Gaim James LUNKAPIS</i> Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage, University Malaysia Sabah <b>Re-branding Community Mapping and State Initiatives to Address Native Land Rights Issues in Sabah and Sarawak</b></p>
3.10 pm – 3.30 pm	Tea

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

**SESSION IV**

Moderator: *Dr LEE Hock Guan*  
 Coordinator, Malaysia Studies Programme; and Senior Fellow, Regional Social and Cultural Studies Programme, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

Panellists: *Associate Professor Poline BALA*  
 Head, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University Malaysia Sarawak

**Building Fortitude: Negotiating Identities at the Margin of Malaysian Nation State**

*Dr Paul PORODONG*

Senior Lecturer, Sociology and Social Anthropology Program, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage, University Malaysia Sabah

**Metamorphosis of Indigenous Social Identity and Rights in Sabah**

*Dr James ENG*

Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Business, Economics and Accountancy, University Malaysia Sabah

**Partial Liberalization of Cabotage Policy; What's in it for Sabahans?**

5.00 pm – 5.10 pm

**Closing Remarks**

*Dr LEE Hock Guan*

Coordinator, Malaysia Studies Programme; and Senior Fellow, Regional Social and Cultural Studies Programme, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute