

CONFERENCE ON

**MALAYSIA'S GE-15: CAPTURING HEARTS,
COBBLING ALLIANCES, CRAFTING POWER**

**4 - 5 April 2023
Seminar Rooms 1 & 2**

PROGRAMME

(as of March 14, 2023)

Day 1 – Tuesday, 4 April 2023

8.30 am – 9.00 am Registration

9.00 am – 9.30 am **Opening Remarks**

Mr Choi Shing Kwok
Director & CEO
ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

Mr Andreas Klein
Director of Political Dialogue Asia
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

9.30 am – 11.15 am **PANEL 1: THE BIG PICTURE**

Moderator: *Dr Francis Hutchinson, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute*

Presenters: **Coalitions Before and After GE15: Fragmentation
and Unity**

*Dr Kai Ostwald, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute &
University of British Columbia*

**The Devil is in the Detail: A Deep Dive into GE-15
Polling Stream Results**

*Dr Ong Kian Ming, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute &
Taylor's University*

**Politics, Pandemics and Economics: Malaysia's
post-Covid Election**

Dr Cassey Lee, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

11.15 am – 11.40 am Coffee & Tea Break

11.40 am – 12.50 pm **PANEL 2: YOUTH: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS**

Moderator: *Dr Azmil Tayeb, Universiti Sains Malaysia*

Presenters: **Newfound Voices, Surprising Choices: How Malaysia's Young Voters are Shaping Politics**
James Chai, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

“Cultural Right is Not Right”: Malay Youths in the Era of Populism in Malaysia
Dr Azhar Ibrahim, National University of Singapore

12.50 pm – 1.50 pm Lunch

1.50 pm – 3.35 pm **PANEL 3: CAMPAIGN PLATFORMS AND VOTER OUTREACH**

Moderator: *James Chai, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute*

Presenters: **Do Manifestos Matter? Policy Convergence and Institutional Reforms in Malaysia**
Ooi Kok Hin, The Centre

Useful or Useless? Competing Coalition Logos, Manifestoes, and Slogans in GE-15
Dr Elvin Ong & Chan Xin Ying, National University of Singapore

Role of Media in GE-15
Gayathry Venketiswaran, University of Nottingham Malaysia

3.35 pm – 3.50 pm Coffee & Tea Break

3.50 pm – 5.00 pm **PANEL 4: SARAWAK AND SABAH**

Moderator: *Dr Lee Hwok Aun, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute*

Presenters: **Sarawak in GE-15: GPS Consolidated, PH Consoled**
Dr Lee Poh Onn, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

From Friend to Foe and Back Again: Inter- and Intra-Party Relations in Sabah
Tony Paridi, Universiti Teknologi MARA Sabah & Dr Arnold Puyok, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

End of Day 1

Day 2 – Wednesday, 5 April 2023

8.30 am – 9.00 am Registration

9.00 am – 10.45 am **PANEL 5: INTEREST GROUPS**

Moderator: *Dr Ong Kian Ming, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute & Taylor's University*

Presenters: **The Rural Malay Battleground: Change of Heart, Change of Guard?**
Dr Serina Rahman, National University of Singapore

PAS vs Anwar Ibrahim: The New Battle Front of Political Islam?
Dr Faizal Musa, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (virtual)

Minorities under the microscope: Chinese, Indian and indigenous voters
Danesh Chacko, Jeffrey Sachs Centre on Sustainable Development

10.45 am – 11.15 am Coffee & Tea Break

11.15 am – 1.00 pm **PANEL 6: PENINSULAR STATES**

Moderator: *Dr Kai Ostwald, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute & University of British Columbia*

Presenters: **Fortress Cracked Not Breached: Pakatan's Defense of Selangor and KL**
Dr Lee Hwok Aun, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute & Adib Zalkapli, BowerGroupAsia

Kelantan and Kedah: Perikatan Sweeps the North
Dr Azmil Tayeb, Universiti Sains Malaysia

GE-15 in Johor: Same Same and Different
Dr Francis Hutchinson & Kevin Zhang, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm Lunch

End of Day 2
