

Tun Abdul Razak International Conference on Malaysian Studies 2017

Introduction

Tun Abdul Razak was the second prime minister of Malaysia, from 1971 to 1976. The visionary New Economic Policy (NEP) was launched when he became prime minister in 1971 and it aimed to restructure imbalances in the Malaysian Society. The principles of the NEP became the foundation of socio-political and economic transformations of Malaysia. Education became the driving force to bring about the new socio-economic and political structures.

The Tun Abd Razak Chair was established in Ohio University in 1980 in honor of the late prime minister. Since its establishment, the Chair has promoted better understanding between Malaysia and the United States. It has also seen many Malaysians, especially government sponsored students, coming to Ohio. Many of these graduates had gone back and occupied important positions in governments.

Aims of Conference

ICMS 2017 seeks to provide a platform for scholars to share their latest research and findings in various topics on Malaysia. This is also the opportunity for scholars to network with their peers. The international conference will also provide the opportunity to showcase the latest state of research in Malaysian studies.

Dates & Venue

14 – 16 March 2017
Baker Center, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, USA

Panels/ Themes

Papers are invited based on the following themes. Institutions may also proper to sponsor a panel on theme below or other themes that may not be listed below. A Panel shall consist of 4 papers that address the same theme.

- Agriculture, Science and technology
- Cross border labor and human movements
- Economic Development & Social Justice
- Education, Language & Nation building
- Election, Democracy & Civil Society
- Ethnic Relations & Inter-faith Dialogues
- Foreign Policy & Inter State Relations
- Governance, Human Rights & Rule of Law
- Indigenous Community, Culture & Knowledge
- Political, Social & Economic History
- Rural Development, Land Rights and Use
- Youth, Political Literacy & New Media

Program

Day 1: Travelling day; registration; light refreshment/ get-to-know session
Day 2: Opening, keynote address, 3 Sessions & Welcome Dinner
Day 3: Keynote address; 3 Sessions & Closing

Registration & Abstract

Interested scholars are invited to participate and register by providing the following information:

- Full Name
- Title & Affiliation
- Field of expertise
- Proposed topic
- Email

An abstract of about 300 words in Microsoft word format describing your topics should accompany your registration and to reach us on or before 31 October 2016. All accepted papers will be notified by 30 November 2016.

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Full Paper Dateline

All full papers of about 18-20 pages in length, including where relevant maps/figures and references should be submitted by 31 December 2016 in Microsoft word format. All papers submitted are to be accompanied by a brief, half a page vitae.

Travel Grants

A limited number of travel grants are available on competitive basis. More information will be posted later.

Tun Abdul Razak Occasional Paper Series

All papers presented would be eligible to be published under the Tun Abd Razak Occasional Paper series. In the event your papers are selected for publication, authors are requested to return their corrected version within 4-6 weeks.

Accommodation

Participants may opt to rent student-type accommodation on campus or at several local hotels such as Ohio University Inn. Organizer is negotiating conference rates and will be posting more information when they become available.

Display/ Sales / Promotion of Crafts/ Tourism

Individuals, organizations and government agencies are invited to set up booths. Minimal space rental fees will be posted in updates.

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