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AND SEMINARS

SOJOURN: Social Issues in Southeast Asia will carry, beginning with this issue, a section on conferences, workshops, and seminars as and when appropriate. The section is intended to meet a need for and assist in the dissemination of information on forthcoming academic and scholarly meetings as well as those recently held. Those wishing to place an entry in the section should send in their notices, reports, or programmes to the Editors not later than 31 October and 31 May in order to ensure appearance in the following February and August issues of SOJOURN respectively. While every effort will be made to include all entries submitted to the Editors, publication will be guided necessarily by considerations of space.

Workshop on Islam and the Economic Development of Southeast Asia: The Role of the Private Sector, 26–27 September 1988, Singapore

The Social Issues in Southeast Asia (SISEA) programme of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) held a workshop in Singapore on 26–27 September 1988 on Islam and the Economic Development of Southeast Asia: The Role of the Private Sector. The workshop was the third in a series of three which forms an integral part of a research project on Islam and the Economic Development of Southeast Asia. The Project Co-ordinator is Mohamed Ariff (Professor of Analytical Economics, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya). The project was carried out in three phases, spread over three years. Work in the first phase focused on Islamic Banking while that in the second phase focused on Islam and Resource Mobilization through the Voluntary Sector.
The papers completed during the first phase of research on Islamic Banking in Southeast Asia were discussed at a workshop on 24–26 June 1986 in Singapore. They were subsequently revised and published as *Islamic Banking in Southeast Asia* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 1988), edited by Mohamed Ariff. The papers prepared in the second phase of the project were presented for discussion at a workshop on 24–25 August 1987. They have since been revised and will be published in mid-1989.

The programme of the workshop on The Role of the Private Sector was as follows:

**26 September 1988**

*Opening Remarks*

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**SESSION I**

“Faith in a Compromising Mode: A Study of Bangkok Muslims and the Tourist Trade”

Chaiwat Satha-Anand  
Thai Khadi Research Institute  
Thammasat University  
Thailand  
*Comment*  
Preeda Prapertchob  
Khon Khaen University  
Thailand
SESSION II
“Venture Capital — The Indonesian Experience”
Bahauddin Darus
PT BAHANA Pembina Usaha Indonesia
Indonesia
Comment
Taufik Abdullah
Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia (LIPI)
Jakarta
Indonesia

SESSION III
“Minority Muslim Businesses in Singapore”
Amina Tyabji
Department of Economics and Statistics
National University of Singapore
Singapore
Comment
Mohamed Ariff
School of Management
National University of Singapore
Singapore

SESSION IV
“The Role of Muslim Women Entrepreneurs in Kelantan”
Nor Aini Haji Idris and Faridah Shahadan
Department of Economics
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Selangor
Malaysia
Comment
Jamila Ariffin
Faculty of Economics and Administration
University of Malaya
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SESSION V
“Takaful Insurance in Malaysia”
Syed Waseem Ahmad
Petaling Jaya
Selangor Darul Ehsan
Malaysia
Comment
Syed Othman Alhabshi
Universiti Utara Malaysia
Alor Setar
Malaysia

SESSION VI
“Land Ownership and Land Use in the Malay Community”
Salleh Ismail
Faculty of Economics and Administration
University of Malaya
Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia
Comment
Mehrun Siraj
Faculty of Law
University of Malaya
Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia

SESSION VII
“Muslim Businesses in Mindanao”
Musib Buat
National Labour Relations Commission CMA
Department of Labour and Employment
Intramuros Manila
Philippines
Comment
Carmen Abubakar
Institute of Islamic Studies
University of the Philippines
Diliman, Quezon City
Philippines

SESSION VIII
“The Role and Importance of the Private Sector”
Monzer Kahf
Islamic Research and Training Institute
Islamic Development Bank
Jeddah
Saudi Arabia

Comment
Ataul Haq
Department of Economics
International Islamic University
Petaling Jaya
Selangor
Malaysia

Concluding Remarks
K.S. Sandhu
Mohamed Ariff

Workshop on Redefining Identity: Malay Ethnicity and the State, 21 December 1988, Singapore

In January 1988, the Social Issues in Southeast Asia (SISEA) programme of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) launched a research project on Redefining Identity: Malay Ethnicity and the State. As the title of the project suggests, it focuses on what “being Malay” means as an ethnic category and cultural identity (or identities) in the context of the complex historical, social, and political processes which have gone into the making of nation-states in Southeast Asia.
The Project Co-ordinators are Shamsul Amri Baharuddin (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia) and Ananda Rajah (ISEAS). The participants in the project include: Michael Peetz (Colgate University), Mariam Ali (Harvard University), Hood Salleh, Wan Kadir bin Che Man, Vivienne Wee, Suriani Suratman, and Jalil Miswardi.

A workshop was held on 21 December 1988 in Singapore at which the following five papers were presented for discussion:

“The Submerged Group: Orang Asli Identity in Malaysia”
Hood Salleh
Dean
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Selangor
Malaysia

“Liberationists and Accommodationists: The Malay Muslims of Southern Thailand”
Wan Kadir bin Che Man
Department of Political Science
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Selangor
Malaysia

“What Does It Mean to Be ‘Melayu’ in Riau”?
Vivienne Wee
Department of Sociology
National University of Singapore
Singapore

“Reconstructing the Malay Woman — The Case of Singapore”
Suriani Suratman
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Singapore

“The Jawahs of Mecca: Some Preliminary Views”
Jalil Miswardi
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Singapore
8NZASIA, New Zealand Asian Studies Conference 1989,  
17-19 August 1989, Christchurch

The biennial conference of the New Zealand Asian Studies Society will take place at the University of Canterbury on 17-19 August 1989, Thursday–Saturday. The theme of the conference will be The Costs of Development.

The conference will bring together scholars of Asia in New Zealand and Australia with well-known guest speakers from Asia. A cultural programme will complement the academic. Some meetings will also be open to the public.

Sessions are being planned for the different regions of Asia (Northeast, Southeast, South, Southwest) on such topics as language, literature, geography, history, technological transfers, culture and society, music, prehistory, agriculture, political economy, religion, forestry, education. Workshops will also be organized on such topics as tourism, trade, and education.

Those interested in presenting papers or wishing further details may write to one of the following: Dr Neville Bennett (Convenor), Professor Bill Willmott (Programme Convenor), Paul Harrison (Secretary), Rob Steven (Treasurer), Elaine Dobson (Cultural Activities), at the following address:

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University of Canterbury  
Christchurch  
New Zealand