

# CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, 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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Director

Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Singapore

Mohamed Ariff

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Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia

#### 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 Pembinaan 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  
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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*

Jamilah Ariffin

Faculty of Economics and Administration  
University of Malaya  
Kuala Lumpur  
Malaysia

**27 September 1988**

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

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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 Peletz (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 (North-east, 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