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About Us

The Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) is an independent policy think tank based in Malaysia dedicated to promoting solutions to public policy challenges. IDEAS' vision is:

“A Malaysia that upholds the principles of liberty and justice”

Our mission at IDEAS is to improve the level of understanding and acceptance of public policies based on the principles of rule of law, limited government, free markets and free individuals. Our work is independent of vested interests and partisan influences. We have also expanded our work into new areas focussing on our three overarching missions – advancing a competitive economy, ensuring trust in institutions and promoting an inclusive Malaysia. We act as an intellectual centre creating space for cross partisan principles-centric and results-oriented dialogue.

We achieve this by:

- Publishing cutting-edge research work
- Initiating dialogues with government, lawmakers, businesses and civil society
- Providing thought leadership
- Facilitating networking between like-minded individuals
- Organising educational programmes

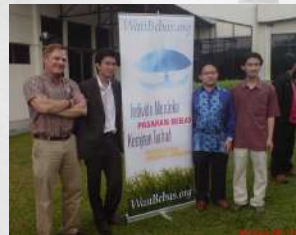
IDEAS TIMELINE



Early

2006

- mooted by 3 friends to promote free market ideas in Malaysia



16 January

2009

- MTT organises its first event in Malaysia, Akademi Merdeka in UNITEN, Bangi



15 January

2010

- IDEAS registered as a non-profit company

It all started with an idea

October

2006

- Malaysia Think Tank London (MTTL) established in London registered as a non-profit company limited by guarantee in England and Wales
- Registration of MTT in the UK



May

2009

- Exective Board moves to Malaysia
- 1/10/2009 Wan Saiful appointed as a full CEO





**October
2012**

Establishment of
**IDEAS Autism
Centre (IAC)** in
Rawang
30 July



**February -
September**

2015

IDEAS National
Unity Youth
Fellowship
(NUYF)
Programme



**1 March
2018**

Wan Saiful steps down
as CEO;
Ali Salman take over



2012

Establishment
of **Ideas
Academy (IA)**
in Pudu, Kuala
Lumpur

**8 February
2010**

Official Launch of
IDEAS



**26 November
2013**

Formation of
IDEAS Council



IDEAS moves to
The Lower Penthouse
Wisma Hang Sam
Jalan Hang Lekir
Kuala Lumpur





Foreword

YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz *Founding President and Chairman of IDEAS Board*

The embryo of IDEAS was the Malaysia Think Tank London, co-founded by Wan Saiful, Wan Mohd Firdaus and myself in 2006. We were inspired by what we saw in Westminster, where independent think tanks contributed to the policymaking process through research and advocacy according to stated beliefs and objectives. Their impact showed me that party politics was not the only way to change society for the better. Rather, through intelligent and collaborative efforts, civil society organisations could in fact achieve lasting and sustainable change. Furthermore, such change could be achieved without the bitter rivalries and moral compromises of party politics.

By 2010 we were all back in Malaysia, and the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs was launched on the birth anniversary of Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra in the presence of his family (who have faithfully supported us ever since), whose words and actions continue to inspire us towards a Malaysia "that upholds the principles of liberty of justice". From that general statement we articulated four core values - the rule of law, free markets, individual liberty and limited government - which we found were passionately defended by our first Prime Minister, commensurate with the spirit of Merdeka and in line with our Federal Constitution. However, we found that these ideas had far older precedents in pre-modern Malay and Muslim polities in the region.

There was undoubtedly confusion at first, with few understanding what this Tunku and two Wans (from UMNO and PAS) were trying to achieve. But we were honest about our goals, and set about to contribute to Malaysian public policymaking through public events, research publications, roundtables with politicians and civil servants, and a regular presence in the media. It would be impossible to summarise all our work without missing out key details, but it is fair to say that there is barely any aspect of Malaysian public policy in which IDEAS has been silent: whether because we believed that inputs were required, or because others asked us for our views.

In this regard I must salute the team at IDEAS, which has always been comprised of people with various backgrounds, contrasting opinions and a breadth of experience - or youthful ambition. Under the leadership of Wan Saiful for nine years, and then Ali Salman since mid-2018, I often marvel at our

team's dedication towards daunting challenges, and yet, we are inundated by requests for internships throughout the year. I am proud that IDEAS alumni have a tendency to graduate to brilliant careers.

Still, as Founding President it is gratifying when IDEAS receives recognition in various forms: from being ranked as one of the world's top new think tanks, praise from both government and opposition politicians, and requests to partner with respected local and international organisations to jointly publish reports or launch new initiatives.

Alongside this, many opportunities have come to us that we could not imagine, such as being asked to observe elections, having staff members enrich their qualifications through prestigious international programmes, to establishing two special education projects, namely the IDEAS Autism Centre (which continues to educate and care for autistic children from disadvantaged backgrounds in Rawang) and Ideas Academy (now independent but upholding the original vision of high quality secondary education for all children, including refugees).

Special mention must be made of the many relationships we have developed along the way, many of which were instrumental in driving goals forward. At times these included genuinely idealistic politicians and noble civil servants who believed in us despite populist rhetoric or organisational inertia against reform. Cooperation also came from other think tanks, universities, philanthropists, businesses and passionate activists in Malaysia, the region and around the world.

I hope that the photographs and summaries in this booklet provide a glimpse of our journey. It is a journey that has contributed and reacted to Malaysia's own evolution as a democracy, and while none of us could have predicted how much the country would change in the past decade, I now know that IDEAS, together with all of Malaysian civil society, has a vital role to play in the next decade, regardless of which political camps prevail.

Thank you for your continued support, your unwavering trust, and your eternal optimism.



History of IDEAS

By Wan Saiful Wan Jan
Founding CEO 2009-2018

The story of IDEAS started back in London in early 2006. The three co-founders, Wan Mohd Firdaus, Tunku Abidin and myself, were living there at that time, all working in policy research one way or the other. Back then there was no independent policy research house in Malaysia yet. Most that existed then were either linked to the government or a political party. Having been exposed to the British policy debates, the three of us decided that there is an opportunity as well as a need to promote market-based ideas in public policy in Malaysia, in a more strategic and organised fashion.

Our inspiration was the vision of Almarhum Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Alhaj, our first Prime Minister. The Tunku proudly declared in the Proclamation of Independence in 1957, that Malaysia should "...be forever a sovereign democratic and independent State founded upon the principles of liberty and justice..." The Proclamation of Independence firmly put Malaysia as a liberal democracy, and, in the Tunku's government, Malaysia also prospered under a market-based economic system.

We started off in October 2006, by establishing the Malaysia Think Tank London. The name was actually very straightforward. We were a think tank focusing on Malaysia but based in London. We started writing opinion articles in Malaysian newspapers and publishing policy booklets for circulation in Malaysia. This then grew to organise weekend residential courses in Malaysia, exposing participants to market ideas and exploring how those ideas can be introduced into Malaysian public policies. All these were organised from London, and we would travel back to Malaysia every now and then to run the activities.

In 2009 we decided it was time to move our operations to Kuala Lumpur. Initially, we dropped the word 'London' from our name to signify the relocation. But after a comprehensive review, we decided to register and launch a completely new entity, and to change our name to what it is today: Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs, or, in short, IDEAS.

I took up the role of IDEAS' first Chief Executive Officer from 1st October 2009. And my first task was to organise a launch event for the new think tank. As homage to Malaysia's Founding Father, we chose to hold the launch event on 8

February 2010, at Memorial Tunku Abdul Rahman. The date was significant because it was also the date of birth of Almarhum Tunku. We invited a man with a close link to the Tunku to officiate our launch event: Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah. And we firmly adopted four key market principles as our guiding philosophy, namely (i) Rule of Law, (ii) Limited Government, (iii) Free Market and (iv) Individual Liberty and Responsibility.

I am particularly grateful to two organisations who provided us with seed capital at a time when had nothing to show but enthusiasm. These are the Atlas Economic Research Foundation (now Atlas Network) and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation. I am also especially grateful to the children of Almarhum Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tunku Ahmad Nerang and Tunku Khadijah for providing us with guidance and support, and more importantly, through their family heritage, creating a link between us as an organisation and Almarhum Tunku Abdul Rahman.

Over the years, the team continued to grow in size, and our work grew in scope. We conducted studies in various areas from governance to institutional reforms, economy and trade, as well as education and healthcare. We even established two hands-on projects: IDEAS Autism Centre in Rawang for children with autism from low-income families and Ideas Academy, a learning centre for stateless and underprivileged youths, in Pudu, Kuala Lumpur. Our first office was in Bukit Tunku, and we were based there from the first day. But in 2018 we moved to Wisma Hang Sam in the heart of old Kuala Lumpur to accommodate the growing team.

I eventually stepped down from my role as CEO of IDEAS on 28 February 2018 to join the then opposition Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (BERSATU), in the run-up to the historic 14th General Election. As one of the co-founders, it is really great to see IDEAS continuing to grow from strength to strength. I am particularly proud that I was able to build an organisation that does not suffer from dependency on its founders, and in fact, continues to grow after I have left. Achieving the 10th anniversary is a proud moment for everyone involved. I am sure with a continuous commitment to quality and independence of thought, IDEAS will be able to achieve even greater heights.

IDEAS Founders



Wan Saiful Wan Jan is the founding and former chief executive of the IDEAS and Visiting Senior Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) Singapore.

Wan Saiful has remained actively involved in community activities. In 2014 he helped set up IDEAS Academy, which is a charity secondary-level learning centre for refugees in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Prior to that, in 2012 he set up another charity project, the IDEAS Autism Centre to provide education, care and therapy for autistic children from urban poor households in Kuala Lumpur.

In 2018, Wan Saiful resigned from IDEAS to join politics, where he contested in the 14th General Election as a candidate for the Parti Pribumi Bersatu (PPBM) in the Pendang Parliamentary seat. Currently he is the chairman for the Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional (PTPTN), Malaysian government entity for students' loans.



YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz is Founding President of IDEAS; a Trustee of Yayasan Chow Kit, Yayasan Munarah, the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation and the Genovasi Foundation; an Independent Non-Executive Director of Allianz Malaysia Berhad and an advisor or patron to numerous educational and musical organisations; a committee member of several societies; a columnist in three newspapers, a Royal Fellow of the National University of Malaysia and an Associate Fellow of University Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

In 2006 he co-founded the Malaysia Think Tank which evolved into the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs. Since 2008 he has maintained a newspaper column across five newspapers, currently #abidinideas in the Star, Sin Chew and Borneo Post. From these articles three books have been compiled, the latest being nominated for the Popular Readers' Choice Awards. Tunku Zain also authored a coffee table book for the Installation of the Eleventh Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan and led a major project to revitalise the State Anthem.

An Eisenhower Fellow, he has been selected for various leadership programmes and academic tours by the governments of Australia, France, Canada, Cuba, Singapore and the European Union and has received awards for integrity and impact among young leaders.



Wan Mohd Firdaus Wan Mohd Fuaad is the Founding Director of IDEAS. He was educated at SRK Sultan Ibrahim Satu Pasir Mas, SRK Sri Subang Jaya and Sek Men Agama Persekutuan Kajang. He then went on to read Law at the University of Nottingham and BPP School of Law. Firdaus has also served as Special Officer to the Chief Minister of Johor, handling the corporate portfolio which includes Iskandar Regional Development Authority and Johor Corporation. He later joined JP Morgan as Vice President Global Corporate Banking and Global Investment Banking. He is currently Country Director for Fundnel and Independent Director of Rev Asia Berhad, a Catcha Group company.

Firdaus was an active student leader. He was a national delegate for Nottingham University to the National Union of Students (NUS), national executive member of Federation Of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS), Chairman of Kesatuan Penuntut Undang Undang Malaysia UK & Eire (KPUM), and Chairman of UKEC (UK and Eire Council for Malaysian Students) from October 2005 to October 2007. As Chairman of UKEC, he established the first Malaysian Student Leaders Summit (MSLS), which has become a major national event. He is also the founder of Young Corporate Malaysians (YCM) and established the annual Young Corporate Malaysians Summit.

IDEAS Board of Directors



YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz (*Chairman*)



Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Rebecca Fatima Sta. Maria

Tan Sri Rebecca was Secretary General of the Malaysian Ministry of International Trade and Industry from 2010 to 2016. In this role, she provided oversight for the formulation and implementation of Malaysia's international trade policies and positions. This involved Malaysia's participation in bilateral, regional (ASEAN, APEC, OIC) and multilateral (World Trade Organisation) fora. She also provided oversight for the TPP negotiations and other bilateral and regional FTAs, including the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).



Wan Mohd Firdaus Wan Mohd Fuaad



Christopher Leong

Christopher Leong is an advocate and solicitor of the High Court in Malaya of more than 27 years standing. Christopher has extensive experience in the fields of corporate and commercial litigation, shareholders' disputes, banking litigation and insolvency. Christopher is well-versed with issues that customarily arise in litigation with cross-border elements. Additionally, he practices in the area of constitutional and administrative law, and public interest litigation.



Dato' Dr. Thillainathan

Dato' Dr. Thillainathan is a Board Member of University Malaya and was a member of the Majlis Perundangan Ekonomi Negara Kedua (MAPEN II). He served as the Executive Director of Genting Berhad until July 30, 2007 and has over ten years of experience in the banking industry.



YM Datin Sri Lara Hussein

YM Datin Sri Lara Hussein is on the Board of Trustees for Yayasan Tunku Abdul Rahman. Coming from a political economics background, Lara ventured into the advertising industry by sheer chance. She played key roles in Bates and Y&R before starting Brand Energy, a creative consultancy company handling an array of global names such as Shell, Cadbury, and P&G. In 2003, Lara joined the M&C Saatchi network, setting up the KL office of one of the most sought-after agencies in the world. Passionate and driven, Lara has grown the agency from a mere 10 people to a staff strength of 120 today, setting up divisions in planning, design and digital over the years to remain relevant and differentiated in the ever evolving ad landscape.

IDEAS TEAM

2010 - 2019





2010-2018

Wan Saiful Wan Jan
Founding Chief Executive



2012-2013

Al Mustaqeem Mahmud Radhi
Senior Graphic Designer



2010-2011

Afif Abdullah
Project Manager



2012-2013

Mohd Fakhri Mohd Affandi
Senior Researcher



2010-2011

Mohamad Naim Ahmad
Executive Officer



2012-2013

Noor Amin Ahmad
Manager, Operations



2010-2011

Munirah Hayati Muhtar
Programme Officer



2013-Present

Tricia Yeoh
Chief Operating Officer
(on study leave)



2011

Medecci Lineil
Senior Executive



2013-2016

Tamanna Patel
Senior Researcher



2011-Present

Amir Ridzuan Jamaludin
Assistant Manager, External
Relations



2013-2016

Sheefa Ahmad
Senior Executive, Operations



2011-2013

Jenny Gryzelius
Senior Researcher



2014

Nor Ain Islan
Executive, Accounts & Admin



2012-Present

Sri Murniati
Manager, Researcher
(on study leave)



2014-Present

Mazrina Ariffin
Finance Director



2014-2017

Shaza Onn

Senior Executive, External Relations



2016-Present

Sanne Jansen

Director, Fundraising and Partnership



2014-2015

Fareeza Ibrahim

Manager, Outreach & South
Asia Network for Development
(SEANET)



2016

Numan Afifi

Executive, External Relations



2014-2016

Yohannan Nair

Executive, Research



2017-Present

Ali Salman

CEO of IDEAS



2014-2015

Taufiq Abdul

Executive, Special Project



2017-Present

Muhammad Adli Amirullah

Senior Executive, Research



2015-Present

Ahmad Bashier Afifi

Assistant Manager, Finance



2017

Mazneeza Ismail Monir

Administrator



2015-2017

Azrul Mohd Khalib

Senior Manager, External Relations



2017-2018

Christina Chin

Designer



2015-Present

Mohd Safrizal Sudin

Driver



2017-Present

Amelia Ramli

Senior Administrator



2016-Present

Aira Azhari

Manager, Research



2017-Present

Wan Ya Shin

Manager, Research



2018-Present

Laurence Todd
Director, Research



2019-Present

Vaisnavi Mogan Rao
Senior Executive, Research



2018-2019

Hadaina Lokman
Executive, External Relations



2019-Present

Ali Iskandar Othman
Senior Executive, Communications



2018-Present

Norhayati Murni Misran
Executive, Graphic Designer



2019-Present

Lau Zheng Zhou
Manager, Research



2018-Present

Mohammad Azam Wan Hashim
Executive, Research



2019-Present

Arafat Azwar
Director, Partnership Development



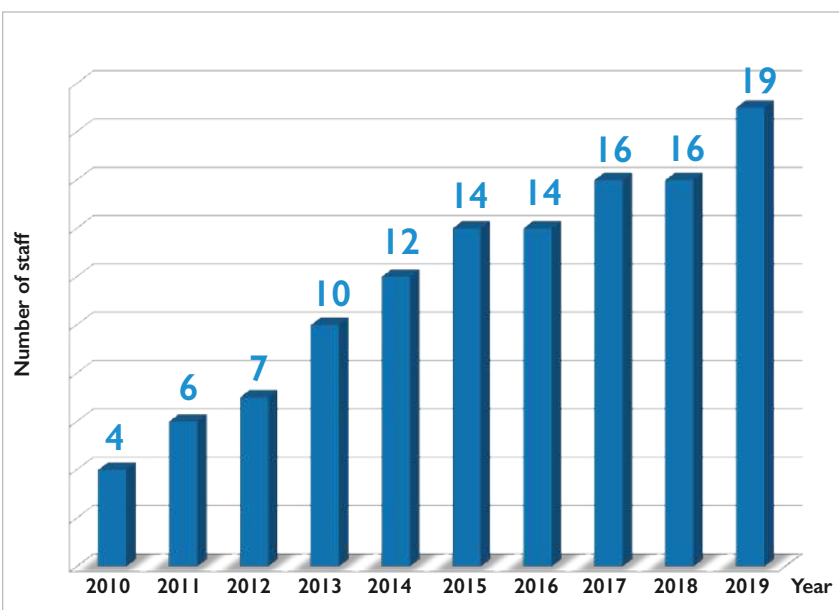
2019-Present

Faiz Zaidi
Executive, Research



2019-Present

Nur Zulaikha Azmi
Executive, Research



Since 2010, a total of 23 distinguished individuals have served as advisors or council members

In addition between 2010 & 2019, 147 youths have interned with us.

While they are mostly Malaysian, we have also hosted interns from the United States, Europe, Australia and other Asian countries. Our interns come from various educational backgrounds from both local and overseas institutions ranging from pre-university, those in their second or third year to post-graduate students.

IDEAS EVENTS

2010 - 2019



IDEAS Events 2010



Events in 2010:

Note

 Briefings & Roundtable Discussions	 Conferences, Forums & Debates	 Workshops & Courses	 Lectures & Seminars
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Roundtable Discussion: Local Government Elections

Date: 12 May 2010

Venue: Wawasan Open University, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS and SEDAR Institute organised a roundtable discussion titled 'Local Government Elections' where key issues pertaining to local government elections were discussed.

Public Forum: Towards a Liberal Malaysia

Date: 1 June 2010

Venue: Monash University Malaysia, Subang Jaya

IDEAS Fellow, Mr. Keith Leong held a talk in Monash University on what it means to be liberal, in the context of Malaysia.

Public Forum: Gaji Minima - Adakah Ia Cara Terbaik Membantu Golongan Miskin?

Date: 11 July 2010

Venue: KL Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum titled 'Gaji Minima - Adakah Ia Cara Terbaik Membantu Golongan Miskin?' to discuss whether the minimum wage is a good solution in reducing poverty. The public was invited to the forum to listen to various opinions on the minimum wage and was encouraged to voice their opinions.

Public Forum: No More Subsidies!? What Do We Do Now?

Date: 1 September 2010

Venue: KL Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS in collaboration with the KL Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall Socio-Economic Committee and Akademi Merdeka jointly organised a public forum titled 'No More Subsidies!? What Do We Do Now?' on withdrawing public subsidies and the public's response. Panelled by YB Charles Santiago (DAP); YB Khairy Jamaludin MP (UMNO); Dr. Ong Kian Ming, Political Analyst; Mr. Wan Saiful Wan Jan, Chief Executive, Institute for Democracy & Economic Affairs (IDEAS).

Chat with the Descendants of the Founding Fathers

Date: 16 September 2010

Venue: Opus Bistro, Bangsar

IDEAS organised a tea time chat as part of the IDEAS-Opus Malaysia Day celebration with the descendants of Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tun Fuad Stephens, Tun Temenggong Jugah, Tun Tan Cheng Lock, Tun Sambanthan and Tun Dr. Ismail was held to discover what Malaysia Day means to them.

Malaysia and Freedom Fundraising Dinner

Date: 16 September 2010

Venue: Bangkung Row Restaurants, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a fundraising dinner as part of the IDEAS-Opus Malaysia Day celebration with Mr. Karim Raslan (Group CEO, KRA Group) and Mr. Azran Osman-Rani (CEO, Air Asia X) where they outlined their thoughts on political and economic freedom in Malaysia.

Forum Terbuka: Penghapusan Subsidi Baik untuk Rakyat?

Date: 24 September 2010

Venue: Hotel Seri Malaysia, Alor Setar

IDEAS and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation jointly organised a public forum. Some of the panelists featured in the event were YB Dato' Hj Mahfuz Omar, Member of Parliament of Pokok Sena (PAS), YB Dato' Paul Selvaraj, Chief Executive Officer of FOMCA and Mr. Wan Saiful Wan Jan, then Chief Executive Officer of IDEAS.

Workshop Series: Promoting Federalism

Date: Throughout 2010

Venue: Sg. Petani, Kedah; Sandakan, Sabah; Sibul, Sarawak; Kuching, Sarawak; Georgetown, Penang; Kota Bharu, Kelantan

IDEAS organised a series of workshops, collaborating with political parties, constitutional experts and lawyers to discuss and promote federalism, decentralisation and devolution of power.

IDEAS Events 2011



Events in 2011

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Public Forum: Celebrating the Thoughts and Visions of Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra

Date: 8 February 2011

Venue: Memorial Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum on Malaysia's economic reform programmes in conjunction with the celebration of Almarhum Tunku Abdul Rahman's birthday, vis a vis the vision of Bapa Malaysia and how Malays and Bumiputeras would be affected by the changes.

Policy Roundtable Discussion: Education in a Multicultural Setting

Date: 24 February 2011

Venue: UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS in collaboration with MiDAS@UCSI University and the UCSI Center for Educational Excellence jointly organised a policy roundtable regarding concerns and issues on how the education system in Malaysia should be designed and whether the "nation-building" agenda had created a divided society.

Launch of Abiding Times

Date: 17 March 2011

Venue: Carcosa Seri Negara, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS President, YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz launched his book entitled 'Abiding Times', graced by the presence of DYMM Tuanku Muhriz ibni Almarhum Tuanku Munawir and DYMM Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud.

Conference: Public-Private Partnership in the School System

Date: 11 May 2011

Venue: InterContinental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a conference on 'Public-Private Partnership in the School System' in partnership with CfBT Education Trust, Razak School of Government and Yayasan AMIR. The conference was held to discuss how the private sector can be more involved in achieving the government's education goal. Speakers include the then Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Mr. Norman LaRoque (Asian Development Bank) and Ms. Shahnaz Alsadat (Khazanah).

Launch of 'Muslim Youth Survey Malaysia and Indonesia'

Date: 11 July 2011

Venue: Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi

IDEAS President, YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz spoke at the launch of 'Muslim Youth Survey Malaysia and Indonesia' in conjunction with a survey initiated by the Goethe-Institut and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom to understand the views of Muslim youth from Malaysia and Indonesia on their country, family, and society as well as their opinions on politics and democracy.

Public Forum: Diskusi untuk Demokrasi | Sebelum & Selepas 709: Apa Kata Anak Muda?

Date: 26 July 2011

Venue: KL Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS in collaboration with the Free Public Forum and Amnesty International Malaysia jointly organised a discussion on issues relating to basic rights, democracy, nation and others in conjunction with the Bersih 2.0 rally. Speakers from a wide range of ideologies were invited.

Discussion on 'Is Free Market Capitalism Good for Malaysia?'

Date: 9 August 2011

Venue: Bukit Tunku, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a 'buka puasa' discussion in which speakers from IDEAS briefly spoke about classical liberal ideas and how they could be applied to politics, economics and other areas.

IDEAS Malaysia Day Dinner

Date: 16 September 2011

Venue: Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS held a Malaysia Day Dinner themed 'Reflections on Malaysia Day 2011: Amidst the Political Maelstrom'. Speakers included Datin Paduka Marina Tun Mahathir, renowned social activist, writer and columnist and Raman Narayanan, Air Asia Regional Head.

Economic Freedom Network Asia Conference 2011: Competition Engine for Prosperity

Date: 11-12 October 2011

Venue: Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS, Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation jointly organised a conference on 'Competition Engine for Prosperity' to promote economic freedom. IDEAS also launched the Economic Freedom of the World Index 2011 with the Fraser Institute. Guest of Honour was YB Tan Sri Koh Tsu Koon, Minister in Prime Minister's Department.

Workshop Series: Constitution

Date: Throughout 2011

Venue: Selangor, Johor, Sarawak, Sabah, Negeri Sembilan

IDEAS conducted a series of constitutional workshops with Prof. Dr. Abdul Aziz Bari involving members of political parties from these five states.

Understanding Economic Liberalisation Seminar Series

Date: Throughout 2011

Venue: Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi; Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur; Universiti Putra Malaysia, Serdang; Universiti Utara Malaysia, Sintok; University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, Semenyih; Universiti Islam Antarabangsa, Gombak

IDEAS organised the 'Understanding Economic Liberalisation' Seminar Series in 6 universities with more than 600 students attending. The then Deputy Minister of Higher Education, YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah opened the inaugural seminar in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi.

IDEAS Events 2012



Events in 2012

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Roundtable Discussion: Decentralisation in Malaysia

Date: 24 February 2012

Venue: Penang State Legislative Assembly Hall, Pulau Pinang

IDEAS organised a roundtable discussion on 'Decentralisation in Malaysia' which aimed to address the issue of decentralisation of governance in Malaysia amidst the increase of voices that advocated for it by critically considering its pros and cons, as well as how it should be implemented in the Malaysian context, if at all.

Public Forum: PRU 13 - Adakah Ia Akan Merubah Landskap Politik Malaysia?

Date: 16 March 2012

Venue: Auditorium Perbadanan Adat Melayu Dan Perbadanan Negeri Selangor, Shah Alam

IDEAS and Pertubuhan IKRAM Shah Alam jointly organised a public forum titled "PRU 13: Adakah ia akan merubah landskap politik Malaysia". Panellists for the forum included Mr. Wan Saiful Wan Jan, Founder of IDEAS; Mr. Edmund Bon of Undi Malaysia and Prof. Dr. Ahmad Termizi Ramli from IKRAM.

Roundtable Discussion: Decentralisation in Malaysia

Date: 27 March 2012

Venue: Equatorial Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS and the Penang Institute jointly organised a series of roundtables on understanding decentralisation as well as approaches in adopting and implementing decentralisation.

Debate between Tony Pua vs Abdul Rahman Dahlan on 'Bayan Mutiara: Achievement or Bad Precedent?'

Date: 4 April 2012

Venue: UCSI, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS in collaboration with The Malay Mail and UCSI University jointly organised a debate moderated by Mr. Wan Saiful Wan Jan on the sale of Bayan Mutiara land by Penang State Government to a private developer.

Discussion on Dewan Negara Reforms

Date: 30 April 2012

Venue: Parliament of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS and the Office of the Yang di-Pertua of Dewan Negara jointly organised a discussion on the research paper titled 'A New Dawn for the Dewan Negara? A study of Malaysia's second chamber' by YAM Tunku Zain al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz, President of IDEAS. The paper outlined key proposals that could help strengthen and empower the Dewan Negara, as part of parliamentary reform.

Public Forum: Decentralisation in Sabah

Date: 1 May 2012

Venue: Promenade Hotel, Kota Kinabalu

IDEAS and The Penang Institute jointly organised a public forum titled 'Decentralisation in Sabah'. Speakers include YB Liew Chin Tong, Member of Parliament for Bukit Bender; YB Nurul Izzah Anwar, Member of Parliament for Lembah Pantai; DSP Yong Teck Lee, ex-chief minister of Sabah; YB Dr. Dzul, Member of Parliament for Kuala Selangor; Dr. Arnold Puyok, local academician, Dr. Wong Chin Huat, Lecturer, Monash University and Tan Sri Simon Sipaun, ex-State Secretary of Sabah.

Public Forum: The Pepper Fields - Does Capitalism Help the Poor?

Date: 4 May 2012

Venue: International Islamic University Malaysia, Gombak

IDEAS collaborated with the Kulliyah of Economics and Management Sciences on a forum titled 'The Pepper Fields: Does Capitalism help the poor?'. The discussion focused on the importance of private property, the rule of law as well as economic liberty in helping the poor in improving their lives.

Student Leaders Dialogue with Deputy Minister of Higher Education II and Founding President of IDEAS

Date: 24 May 2012

Venue: Sunway University, Bandar Sunway

IDEAS and Sunway University jointly organised a special dialogue on the role of education in promoting democracy in conjunction with Sunway University's 25th Anniversary. The speakers included YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, Deputy Minister of Higher Education and YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz, IDEAS Founding President. The session was moderated by Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Ramon Navaratnam, Chairman of the Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS).

Bengkel Perlembagaan dan Pilihanraya

Date: June-July 2012

Venue: Throughout Sarawak

IDEAS, Sarawak PKR and MyConsti held a workshop on the Constitution and elections which aimed to help state political activists understand the Federal Constitution and the state. This is a series of workshops held regarding the Constitution and elections for the year.

Roundtable Discussion: Improving Integrity and Anti-Corruption Efforts In Malaysia

Date: 19 July 2012

Venue: Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a roundtable discussion on anti-corruption themed 'Improving Integrity and Anti-corruption Efforts in Malaysia'. Information regarding different initiatives to fight corruption and promote integrity in Malaysia, as well as evaluating the effectiveness of these initiatives.

IDEAS-UNIMAS 'Re-imagining Malaysia' National Lecture Series 2012, Imagining Malaysia Without Corruption

Date: 19 September 2012

Venue: UNIMAS, Sarawak

IDEAS and the Faculty of Social Science, UNIMAS jointly held a lecture presented by Prof. Dr. Syed Farid Alatas, Head of the Malay Studies Department, National University of Singapore. This was the first part of a series of lectures done as an effort to provoke critical thinking and discussion among corporate figures, politicians, government leaders, academicians and members of the public.

Seminar: Memahami Perlembagaan Malaysia

Date: 22 September 2012

Venue: Kangar, Perlis

IDEAS organised a seminar titled 'Memahami Perlembagaan Malaysia'. The seminar featured YB Amirudin Shari, the ADUN of Batu Caves and Prof. Dr. Abdul Aziz Bari, discussing key aspects of the constitution of the nation.

IDEAS-UNIMAS 'Re-imagining Malaysia' National Lecture Series 2012: Lecture 2, Imagining a Malaysia at Peace With Its Alternative Histories

Date: 23 October 2012

Venue: UNIMAS, Sarawak

IDEAS and the Faculty of Social Science, UNIMAS jointly held a lecture presented by Dr. Cheah Boon Kheng, former Professor of History, Universiti Sains Malaysia. This was the second part of a series of lectures done as an effort to provoke critical thinking and discussion among corporate figures, politicians, government leaders, academicians and members of the public.

IDEAS-UNIMAS 'Re-imagining Malaysia' National Lecture Series 2012: Lecture 3, Reviving the Soul of the University

Date: 19 November 2012

Venue: Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS and the Faculty of Social Science, UNIMAS jointly held a lecture presented by YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah. This was the third part of a series of lectures done as an effort to provoke critical thinking and discussion among corporate figures, politicians, government leaders, academicians and members of the public.

Public Forum: Eradicating Grand Corruption: How Successful Have We Been?

Date: 26 November 2012

Venue: Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum panelled by Prof. Edmund Terrence Gomez and Prof. Farid Alatas on efforts to eradicate corruption and building national integrity. The forum includes releasing preliminary reports on research findings IDEAS has been involved in since March 2012, led by Mr. Anis Yusal Yusoff, IDEAS Senior Fellow and member for the MACC's Consultation and Corruption Prevention Panel. The guest of honour was former Prime Minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Public Forum: Welfare Without the State

Date: 15 December 2012

Venue: Karangkrak, Shah Alam

IDEAS and Sinar Harian jointly organised a public forum on 'Welfare Without the State' which discussed whether welfare provisions can be provided without the state. Speakers included Dr. Richard Crockett (The Economist), Mr. Rainer Heufers (formerly of Friedrich Naumann Foundation), Mr. Tan Yew Sing (Kuala Lumpur Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall), Mr. Wan Saiful Wan Jan (IDEAS), Mr. Mansor Saat (Rotary Club), and YB Khalid Samad (MP of Shah Alam).

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Public Forum: State of the Nation Dialogue Series

Date: 19 January 2013

Venue: The Club, Bandar Utama

IDEAS in collaboration with The Malay Mail and the Imperial College Alumni Association Malaysia (ICAAM) jointly organised the third installment of a series of networking platforms to connect the alumni of Imperial College in Malaysia. The series featured Dato' Ambiga Sreenevasan, Co-chairperson of Bersih 2.0.

Public Forum: Fighting Poverty through Enterprise

Date: 22 February 2013

Venue: Binary University, Puchong

IDEAS and Binary University jointly organised a forum titled 'Fighting poverty through Enterprise'. Using case studies from Africa and Asia, it aimed to illustrate the impact of investing in sustainable enterprises, addressing social needs and tackling poverty. The speaker of the seminar was Dato Kim Tan, Chairman of SpringHill Management Ltd and Director of Transformational Business Network.

Special Session with Dr. Dino Patti Djalal, Indonesia's Ambassador to the United States

Date: 2 March 2013

Venue: Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS and Young Corporate Malaysians jointly organised a Special Session with Dr. Dino Patti Djalal, Indonesia's Ambassador to the United States in a Special Session on International Affairs.

Press Conference: Findings of IDEAS-CPPS Election Observation for GE13

Date: 8 May 2013

Venue: Pullman Hotel, Putrajaya

IDEAS organised a press conference laying out the findings of the observation work done by volunteers under IDEAS and Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS). Presenter included IDEAS CEO, Mr. Wan Saiful Wan Jan, Tan Sri Michael Yeoh, and Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Ramon Navaratnam. The report concluded that GE13 was partially free but not fair.

Roundtable Discussion: Low-cost Private Schools for Malaysia

Date: 20 June 2013

Venue: Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam, Damansara

IDEAS organised this roundtable to discuss a policy paper on low-cost private schools in India. The author of the paper, Ms. Joanna Menon Lim presented the case of India's low-cost private schools as a way to make up for the flaws of India's public school system. The presentation also looked at the relevance of the lessons of India for Malaysia.

Economic Freedom Workshop: Assessing Liberalisation in Malaysia

Date: 7 November 2013

Venue: Majestic Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a workshop assessing Malaysia's economic freedom and liberalisation using the 'Economic Freedom of the World Index' as a benchmark. It assessed the degree of economic freedom through size of government, legal system and property rights, sound money, freedom to trade internationally and regulation.

Special Workshop on Anti-Corruption for Members of Parliament

Date: 3 December 2013

Venue: Parliament of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS hosted a workshop involving Members of Parliament discussing anti-corruption efforts and measures that should be taken to address the issue.

Roundtable Discussion: Presentation on Findings for 'Voice of the Poor' Survey

Date: 13 December 2013

Venue: IDEAS, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised this roundtable to present key findings in IDEAS survey titled 'Voice of the Poor' which tracked the educational aspiration of the bottom 40%.

Series of Workshops on Election Observation

Date: Feb-Mar 2013

Venue: Across Peninsular Malaysia

IDEAS was appointed as election observers for the 13th General Election. A series of workshops was held to recruit and train observers in several states across Peninsular Malaysia.

Series of Roundtable Discussions on Procurement

Date: Oct-Nov 2013

Venue: Majestic Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a series of roundtable discussions involving key stakeholders in government and civil society on improving the government procurement processes.

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Public Forum: Giving Voice to the Poor

Date: 11 March 2014

Venue: University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS held this briefing at the University of Malaya, hosted by the Centre for Poverty and Development Studies on the unprecedented nationwide survey that it conducted in November 2013 on parents of the bottom 40% category with respect to the educational issues their children continue to face. The session was well received with attendees present representing various organisations, including the Ministry of Education (MOE), non-governmental organisations, education-related foundations, universities, and the media.

Series of Meetings Discussing National Unity in Multicultural Society

Date: 7-9 April 2014

Venue: Throughout Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS hosted experts, Mr. Eric Treene from the US Department of Justice and Dr. Timothy Shah from Georgetown University to discuss issues surrounding civil liberty in a multicultural society. Over the three days, several meeting and visits were organised with the various government agencies and NGOs involved in national unity.

Public Forum: Maintaining Religious Freedom and Racial Harmony – The Challenges Today

Date: 8 April 2014

Venue: Judicial and Legal Training Institute (ILKAP), Bandar Baru Bangi

IDEAS and ILKAP jointly organised a public forum on 'Maintaining Religious Freedom and Racial Harmony – The Challenges Today'. Experts, Mr. Eric Treene (Special Counsel for the Civil Rights Division, US Dept. of Justice) and Dr. Timothy Shah (Senior Fellow, Department of Government, Georgetown University) were invited to speak at the event.

Public Forum: Should Government Control Religious Affairs?

Date: 24 September 2014

Venue: KL Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum discussing the proper role of government in religious affairs. Speakers included Prof. Valentine Zuber (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, France), Mr. Yves Teyssier d'Orfeuille (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France), Dr. Denison Jayasooria and Tuan Haji Zaid Kamaruddin (IKRAM).

IDEAS Workshop: Enhancing Transparency and Accountability In Governance Through The Open Government Partnership (OGP) And Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)

Date: 13 October 2015

Venue: The Majestic Hotel, KL

IDEAS organised a workshop which aimed to provide an overview of Open Government Partnership (OGP), an international initiative to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance and discuss the possibility of Malaysia signing up to the initiative. The workshop introduced the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative which focused on good governance in the oil and gas sector. Rt. Hon. Clare Short, Chair of the EITI Board and Former UK Secretary of State for International Development attended and conducted a presentation.

SEANET Discussion: Liberlisation in ASEAN

Date: 7 November 2014

Venue: Harbour Grand Hotel, Hong Kong

The Southeast Asia Network for Development (SEANET), a regional centre within IDEAS focused on catalysing the development of ASEAN nations through the adoption of market friendly principles, organised its first event in Hong Kong where SEANET sponsored a discussion with pro-market think tanks from across Asia. YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz, (President of IDEAS) and Prof. Kriengsak Chareonwongsak (President of the Institute of Future Studies for Development) examined the opportunities and challenges brought by greater liberalisation in ASEAN.

IDEAS Political Economy Short Courses by Dr. Maszlee Malik

Date: November - December 2014

Venue: University of Nottingham Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a series on political economy classes. Convened by Dr. Maszlee Malik, Fellow of IDEAS and held in collaboration with University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.

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ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Briefing

Date: 18 March 2015

Venue: Doubletree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS through its project, the Southeast Asia Network for Development (SEANET) and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) jointly organised a briefing on raising awareness about the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).

Public Debate: TPPA and Economic Liberalisation - Good or Bad for Malaysia?

Date: 28 March 2015

Venue: University of Nottingham Teaching Centre, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public debate on the TPPA and Economic Liberalisation featuring Dr. Razeen Sally, then Chair in Political Economy and Governance, IDEAS, who argued for positive impacts of the trade agreement and YB Charles Santiago, Member of Parliament for Klang, who argued the opposite with Mr. Sharaad Kuttan of BFM as moderator. The audience also participated in the debate by voting on the matter in addition to posing questions to the speakers.

Special Event with US Trade Representative on TPPA

Date: 7 May 2015

Venue: University of Nottingham Teaching Centre, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS hosted a special event with United States Trade Representative Ambassador, Mr. Michael Froman, President Obama's principal advisor on international trade and investment issues, specifically on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA).

Public Forum: Should Education Be Free?

Date: 9 May 2015

Venue: Institut Intergriti Malaysia (IIM), Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum which tackled three key questions with respect to the idea of free education – whether education in Malaysia is really free, who is paying the price of free education and what role the government should play in education. Moderated by Ms. Tamanna Patel of IDEAS' Education Unit, panelists featured in the discussion were Mr. Wan Saiful Wan Jan, CEO of IDEAS; Mr. Hasbullah Faudzi, representative from Universiti Terbuka Anak Muda; Datin Azimah Abdul Rahim, Chairman of PAGE Malaysia and YB Dr. Ong Kian Ming, MP of Serdang.

Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Health Panel Discussion

Date: 21 May 2015

Venue: InterContinental Hotel, Singapore

IDEAS, through its project SEANET and the Geneva Network jointly organised an event to cast some light over the TPP and health debates. Prof. Elizabeth Ng of the National University of Singapore, Mr. Philip Stevens of the Geneva Network, Mr. Andrew Spiegel of the Global Colon Cancer Association, and a representative of the pharmaceutical industry, Mr. Mo Mayrides of PhRMA were invited to give their perspective. The event was moderated by Ms. Debbi Helms of the Asian Trade Centre.

Public Forum: Is Malaysia Ready For a Liberal Political Party?

Date: 4 July 2015

Venue: Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum titled 'Is Malaysia Ready For a Liberal Political Party?' which was centered around whether ideological parties would ever be able to compete with current parties. Speakers on the panel included Dr. Juli Minoves, an Andorran diplomat, author; and the 13th President of Liberal International, who spoke about some common misconceptions about liberalism in Malaysia, Datuk Khalid Jaafar, Executive Director of Institut Kajian Dasar (IKD) and one of the founders of the People's Justice Party (PKR) discussed the evolution of liberal ideologies in an Asian context. Last but not least, Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, at the time, a former Member of Parliament Malaysia for Kuala Selangor from 2008 to 2013 and member of the Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS) and former CEO of PAS Research Centre further explored the relationship between liberalism and Islam.

Roundtable Discussion: School Autonomy - Are Malaysian Schools and School Leaders Ready?

Date: 15 August 2015

Venue: University of Nottingham Teaching Centre, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a roundtable discussion titled 'School Autonomy - Are Malaysian Schools and School Leaders Ready?' on whether schools and school leaders were ready for greater autonomy to be allocated to them by the Ministry of Education. Speakers included Mr. Lionel Jackson, the former Senior VP of Education Eco-System at Agensi Inovasi Malaysia, Dato' Noor Rezan Bapoo, Board of Trustees, Teach for Malaysia, Madam Che Kamaliah binti Endud, former Principal of the Tunku Kurshiah College and Ms. Fariah Fahmy, former Teach for Malaysia Fellow.

Discussion: Inaugural IDEAS Exchange - Impact of the Cabinet Reshuffle

Date: 17 August 2015

Venue: Royal Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a discussion titled 'Impact of the Cabinet Reshuffle', the first event under the umbrella of 'IDEAS Exchange' as an exclusive by-invitation only event that is organised to enable frank discussions on current issues. Participants included Datuk Ibrahim Ali of PERKASA, Dr. Ong Kian Ming, MP of Serdang, Datuk Sri Kalimullah of ECM Libra, Mr. Jerald Joseph of Pusat KOMAS and Mr. Herizal Hazri of The Asia Foundation.

Nation Building, Unity and the Malaysian Dream: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Conference

Date: 16 September 2015

Venue: Institut Intergriti Malaysia (IIM), Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a conference titled 'Nation Building, Unity and the Malaysian Dream: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow' which was led by 21 IDEAS' National Unity Youth Fellows in leading the discourse on national unity in terms of historical, current and future perspectives. There were four sessions titled 'Nation Building and National Unity – Historical Perspectives', 'Macro and Micro Realities – The Challenges Malaysia Faces Today', 'Workshop Discussion on the Various Challenges towards Unity' and 'The Malaysian Dream – Prospects for the Future'.

IDEAS 1st Liberalism Conference 2015

Date: 19 September 2015

Venue: Connexion Conference & Event Centre, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS held its 1st Liberalism Conference with the theme centred around 'Trends, Challenges and Future Prospects'. Panelists discussed the state of and challenges facing liberalism in Malaysia and the region. The discussion touched on the framing of the discourse in South East Asia. There were specific focuses on the relationships between liberalism, religion and nationalism. There was also a session on the viability of economic liberalism, in light of the blaming of market economics for the financial crisis of 2009. The conference sought to provide a different narrative on liberalism as opposed the conventional one propagated by the Government.

Roundtable Discussion: A Peek into Private Schools in Malaysia – Are They Really Better than Government Schools?

Date: 24 October 2015

Venue: University of Nottingham Teaching Centre, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a roundtable discussion on 'A Peek into Private Schools in Malaysia – Are They Really Better than Government Schools?' which was based on the case studies IDEAS conducted on a selection of private schools, Chinese independent schools and private religious schools. The event was panelled by Ms. Nina Adlan Disney, CEO of Asia Pacific Schools, Ms. Grace Lee, Associate Professor of Monash University Malaysia and Ms. Altaf Deviyati, Director of IMAN Research and moderated by Dato' Satinah Syed Salleh, Education Advisor of Khazanah Nasional.

Public Forum: Successes and Challenges of Public Private Partnerships in Education

Date: 5 November 2015

Venue: Parkroyal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum on 'Successes and Challenges of Public Private Partnerships in Education' to address questions on how PPPs in education in Malaysia can be further promoted and improved. Some of the speakers were Tengku Nurul Azian Tengku Shahriman, Director of Education of PEMANDU and Mr. Tan Jing Kuan, COO of Brighton Education Group. The session was moderated by Mr. Dzameer Dzulfikli, Co-founder and Managing Director of Teach for Malaysia.

Launch of International Property Rights Index 2015

Date: 16 November 2015

Venue: Parkroyal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS, through its project SEANET organised the launch of the International Property Rights Index 2015 which was attended by 45 individuals from IP related sectors, academics, NGOs and the media. Speakers of the event were Mr. Lorenzo Montanari, Executive Director of Property Rights Alliance; Prof. Sary Levy-Carciente, Professor of Economics at Universidad Central de Venezuela; Mr. Ganesh Muren, Founder of Saora Industries; Mr. Burhan Irwan Cheong, Lead Negotiator for the IP Chapter, Ministry for Domestic Trade, Cooperatives, and Consumerism and Mr. Bienvenido Oplas Jr, Senior Fellow, Southeast Asia Network for Development.

Public Forum: Liberalism as a Force Against Racism

Date: 3 December 2015

Venue: Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS hosted Mr. Mmusi Maimane, the first black leader of the Democratic Alliance, and Leader of the Opposition in South Africa to speak on 'Liberalism as a Force Against Racism: The South African Experience'. The commentary of Mr. Maimane's speech was delivered by Dr. Lee Hwok Aun, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Economics and Administration, Universiti Malaya. The session was moderated by Mr. Wan Saiful Wan Jan, CEO of IDEAS.

Public Forum: Reforming the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission

Date: 16 December 2015

Venue: Pullman Hotel, Kuching

IDEAS in collaboration with the Malaysian Bar, Transparency International Malaysia, Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4) and the Citizens' Network for a Better Malaysia jointly organised a public forum on 'Reforming the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)'. The forum aimed to propose a set of legal and institutional reforms to improve anti-corruption efforts in Malaysia and featured Ms. Tricia Yeoh, Chief Operating Officer of IDEAS; Mr. Steven Thiru, President of the Malaysian Bar and Mr. Leonard David Shim, President of the Advocates Association of Sarawak as speakers.

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Public Forum: Reforming the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission

Date: 24 January 2016

Venue: Vistana Kuantan City Centre Hotel, Pahang

IDEAS organised a public forum to discuss the Citizen's Network for a Better Malaysia's legal and institutional reform proposals for the MACC to improve its effectiveness to combat corruption. Speakers included Mr. Wan Saiful Wan Jan, CEO at the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), Ms. Cynthia Gabriel, founder of the Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4) and Mr. Hon Kai Ping, Member of Pahang State Bar Committee.

The Asia Liberty Forum and IDEAS 6th Anniversary Dinner

Date: 18 - 20 February 2016

Venue: Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS hosted the 4th Asia Liberty Forum in which leaders of the freedom movement across Asia met to discuss regional challenges and to collaborate on advancing free market reform. The forum's first session was a panel discussion featuring six founders of new liberal think tanks on their personal accounts of starting their own think tanks as well as initiatives and organisations they were engaged in. The second panel concluded with the Freedom Dinner and the final day coincided with a gala dinner on celebrating IDEAS 6th Anniversary Dinner and the 113th birthday of Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Public Forum: Catching Monkeys – Fighting Corruption in Malaysia

Date: 24 February 2016

Venue: Syeun Hotel, Ipoh

IDEAS organised a public forum titled 'Catching Monkeys: Fighting Corruption in Malaysia'. Speakers included Ms. Shaza Onn, Senior Executive at IDEAS; Ms. Cynthia Gabriel, Executive Director of C4 and Dato Sri Hj. Zakaria, former Deputy Commissioner of MACC. During the forum, four proposals were suggested in reforming MACC, namely creating an Independent Anti-Corruption Commission, expanding MACC powers, amending the Official Secrets Act 1972 and Whistleblower Protection Act 2010 and separating the offices of the Attorney General (AG) and the Public Prosecutor (PP).

Public Forum: Should the Roles of the Attorney General (AG) and the Public Prosecutor (PP) be Separated?

Date: 4 June 2016

Venue: Persatuan Alumni Universiti Malaya (PAUM) Clubhouse, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum titled "Should the Roles of the Attorney General (AG) and the Public Prosecutor (PP) be Separated?" Speakers included Dato' Rajpal Singh, Co-chairperson of Law Reform & Special Areas Committee and Deputy Chairperson of Criminal Law Committee, Bar Council; Dato' Zaid Ibrahim, Former Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Ms. Cynthia Gabriel, Executive Director of The Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4) and was moderated by Mr. R. Nadeswaran, editor of The Sun under Special Reporting and Investigations. The forum also saw the launch of the #NyahKorupsi Campaign which aimed to introduce four key proposals, namely creating a constitutional commission, expanding the investigative powers of the MACC, amending the Official Secrets Act 1972 and Whistleblower Protection Act 2010 as well as separating the offices of the Attorney General and the Public Prosecutor.

Public Forum: #NyahKorupsi Campaign Launch East Malaysia Edition

Date: 13 August 2016

Venue: Kuching, Sarawak

IDEAS organised a public forum in conjunction with launching its East Malaysia edition of the #NyahKorupsi campaign. The campaign was launched as a part of an ongoing goal to promote the separation of the roles of the Attorney General and Public Prosecutor, and strengthening the effectiveness of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) in the fight against corruption. #NyahKorupsi was first launched in Kuala Lumpur on 4 June 2016 as a nationwide campaign aimed at reforming the landscape of anti-corruption efforts in Malaysia through legal and institutional reforms.

IDEAS 2nd Liberalism Conference 2016

Date: 24 September 2016

Venue: Pullman Hotel, Bangsar

IDEAS held its 2nd Liberalism Conference with the theme centred around 'Can Liberalism Save Malaysia?' There were three plenary panel discussions. The first panel discussion was titled 'Can a Liberal order prevent a GLC scandal?'. The second panel was titled 'Liberalism and Multiculturalism – Does freedom unite or divide?'. The third panel was titled 'Getting to General Election 14 – When will race and religion stop being used to win elections?'.

Open Government Partnership Conference 2016

Date: 20 October 2016

Venue: Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS as part of the coalition on Governance, Integrity, Accountability, and Transparency (GIAT) jointly organised the annual Open Government Partnership (OGP). The OGP is a multilateral initiative that aims to secure commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. The full day event was attended by over 100 delegates, including representatives from the US and Japanese Embassies.

Public Forum: The Many Faces of Corruption in Malaysia - What Are We Going to Do About It?

Date: 18 November 2016

Venue: Thistle Hotel, Johor Bahru

IDEAS organised a public forum on strengthening ongoing advocacy efforts for institutional reform to combat corruption and promote good governance. A part of the ongoing #NyahKorupsi campaign, speakers included Mr. Danni Rais from the Organisation for National Empowerment; Datuk Seri Zakaria Jaffar, President of Yayasan Anti-Rasuah Malaysia and Ms. Tricia Yeoh, Chief Operating Officer of IDEAS with Ms. Shaza Onn, Senior Researcher of IDEAS.

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Public Seminar: Lifestyle Regulations and Impacts on Businesses

Date: 24 March 2017

Venue: Eastin Hotel, Petaling Jaya

The event started with an opening address by YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz, who talked about the concept of freedom and responsibility. The panellists included Dr. Chong Chee Keong from Ministry of Health, Mr. Chew Phye Keat from ASEAN Intellectual Property Association, Dato' Paul Selvaraj from the Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations (FOMCA) and Mr. Ikhbal Zakaria who represented the Malaysia E-Vaporizers and Tobacco Alternative Association (MEVTA).

National Higher Education Conference 2017: How to Make Our Universities More Autonomous?

Date: 23 May 2017

Venue: Sime Darby Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS in collaboration with Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD) organised a conference which was attended by Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh, Minister of Higher Education, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Mohd Zahid Mohd Noordin, author of the Wan Zahid Report 2005 (a set of proposals to improve higher education in Malaysia), and Tan Sri Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, Chair of IDEAS Project on Higher Education which aimed to study how higher education institutions in Malaysia can be improved by giving them more autonomy, yet ensuring they are accountable at the same time. Two panel discussions were held where the two key issues of autonomy and accountability in higher education institutions were revisited from the historical, financial and international perspectives.

Public Seminar: Improving Health Innovation and Access to Medicines

Date: 2 June 2017

Venue: Connexion Conference & Event Centre, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public seminar in which four distinguished speakers were invited to share their thoughts on the matter. The seminar focused on the role of patents in pharmaceutical innovation and fair, affordable access to health care.

Public Seminar: Tax and Regulatory Policies - Impacting How Malaysians Do Business

Date: 13 July 2017

Venue: Royal Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public seminar in partnership with the Coalition for Business Integrity (CBI) on the aforementioned title. The discussion centred on how Malaysia's tax and regulatory policies have affected multinational corporations.

IDEAS Cafe: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Malaysia in 2017

Date: 15 July 2017

Venue: Kenny Hills Bakers, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised its first cafe session where founder and president, YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz shared his thoughts on nation building and governance.

Launch of GIAT's Good Governance Agenda for Malaysia

Date: 19 July 2017

Venue: Royal Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS in collaboration with the Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4), Sinar Project, Transparency International-Malaysia and Friends of Kota Damansara as part of the Governance, Integrity, Accountability and Transparency coalition (GIAT) launched the Good Governance Agenda for Malaysia. The agenda was launched in line with GIAT's principles of impartiality, justice, openness, solidarity and honesty and to present a list of demands categorised into the areas of asset declaration, political financing, access to information, budget transparency and independent institutions related to good governance to the different political parties heading into the 14th General Election.

Public Lecture: Book Launch - Minister of Finance Incorporated: Ownership and Control of Corporate Malaysia

Date: 10 August 2017

Venue: University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public lecture in conjunction with launching the book 'Minister of Finance Incorporated: Ownership and Control of Corporate Malaysia' by Prof. Terence Gomez, Ms. Thirshalar Padmanabhan, Mr. Fikri Faisal, Ms. Norfaryanti Kamaruddin and Mr. Sunil Bhalla. In the lecture, Prof. Gomez suggested the creation of a government body with operational oversight of GLICs/GLCs for the purpose of providing policy coherence and coordinate GLIC/GLC activities to achieve social & economic objectives.

Discussion with Daniel Hannan on Why Brexit Is Good

Date: 20 November 2017

Venue: Kenny Hills Bistro, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS hosted Member of European Parliament, Mr. Daniel Hannan. A key member of the Leave campaign, Mr. Hannan spoke of the virtues of free trade, free markets and the importance of a global, open economy but also warned of democratic problems countries might encounter when entering into a political union.

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Roundtable Discussion: Malaysia's Path to a Knowledge Economy – Lessons from Home and Abroad

Date: 3 May 2018

Venue: InterContinental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a roundtable discussion on 'Malaysia's Path to a Knowledge Economy – Lessons from Home and Abroad'. The session was attended by key officials, lawyers, academics and researchers. The roundtable was made up of Mr. He Jing, a partner from Anjie Law Firm, China; Mr. Stephen Ezell, Vice President of the Information Technology and Innovation of Foundation, United States; Mr. Philip Stevens, Director of Geneva Network, United Kingdom; Mr. Azwar Kamarudin, Director of Corporate Affairs of Pfizer, Malaysia and Ms. Berly Martawardaya, Program Director of the Institute for Development of Economics and Finance, Indonesia.

Post-GE14 Conference: Making Democracy Deliver

Date: 2 June 2018

Venue: University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a conference after Malaysia's 14th General Election to discuss the broader direction of Malaysian society in light of the recent change in political administration. The first panel titled 'Malaysia's Democratic Wave: Expecting the Unexpected?' featured Prof. William Case, Head of School of Politics, History and International Relations at the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus and human rights lawyer; Ms. Fadiah Nadwa Fikri and was moderated by Ms. Aira Azhari, Senior Executive at IDEAS while the second panel titled 'Is Democracy a "Weapon for the Weak"?' featured Mr. Badrul Hisham Ismail, Dr. Rusaslina Idrus, Dr. Faizal Musa and was moderated by Mr. Imran Rashid.

Rare Disease Symposium: Challenges and Solutions

Date: 16 August 2018

Venue: Renaissance Hotel Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised the Rare Disease Symposium: Challenges and Solutions in conjunction with the launch of the project 'Championing for the Rare'. This project aimed to raise public awareness and support as well as develop and advocate for a national policy.

Public Seminar: Government in Business - Diverse Forms of Intervention

Date: 28 August 2018

Venue: University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public seminar in conjunction with launching of IDEAS Report – 'Government in Business: Diverse Forms of Intervention'. Together with IDEAS Senior Fellow, Prof. Terence Gomez and his team at University of Malaya, published a book entitled 'Minister of Finance Incorporated: Ownership and Control of Corporate Malaysia' was published. This study provided insights on how GLCs function in the Malaysian economy.

Public Seminar: Evaluation of Agricultural Subsidies and the Welfare of Rice Farmers

Date: 6 December 2018

Venue: University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public seminar in conjunction with launching a policy paper aiming to provide viable recommendations that correct fiscal imbalances, improve allocative efficiency and mitigate adverse consequences for the poor. Based on data collected from 125 farmers and numerous interviews with institutional officers, this study explores the efficiency of subsidies in Malaysia's rice and paddy sector and its effect on farmers' income, cost, yield and behaviour.

IDEAS 3rd Liberalism Conference 2018

Date: 22 September 2018

Venue: Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS held its 3rd Liberalism Conference in which a range of issues were discussed – from the role of GLCs in the economy, the cost of living and wages as well as freedom of speech. The first panel was on the topic 'What should be the role of GLCs in the Malaysian economy?'. The second panel aimed at exploring whether rising costs or stagnant wages was the problem faced by many Malaysians today and was titled 'High cost of living or low pay: which is the real problem?'. The third panel of the day was on 'Freedom of speech in Malaysia - the opening of discourse after GE14', where the panellists explored issues such as censorship, media ownership and media regulation.

Public Seminar: Launch of ASEAN Prosperity Initiative

Date: 11 December 2018

Venue: InterContinental Hotel, Singapore

IDEAS organised a public seminar in conjunction with launching the ASEAN Prosperity Initiative (API) in partnership with the Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Asian Trade Centre (ATC) and supported by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF). The ASEAN Prosperity Initiative was IDEAS' new project, designed to identify the major opportunities and challenges relating to ASEAN's future prosperity. Two reports were published; 'ASEAN Economic Integration: Report Card' to measuring performance against the ambitious targets set in the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and a report on the ASEAN-EU Free Trade Agreement considering the potential and pitfalls of a trade deal between these two regional blocs.

Public Seminar: Ethnicity, Religion and the Tunku

Date: 13 December 2018

Venue: Wisma Sejarah, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public seminar in conjunction with launching a project titled 'Ethnicity, Religion and the Tunku' aiming a present critical outlook on how the ideals and wisdom of Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Malaysia's Father of Independence can be relevant to today's debates around ethnicity and religion in Malaysia.

IDEAS Events 2019



Events in 2019

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IDEAS Workshop: Ratifying the CPTPP – What's in It for Malaysia?

Date: 15 January 2019

Venue: InterContinental Hotel Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a workshop in conjunction with the launch of IDEAS Brief entitled 'CPTPP: The Case for Ratification' where author and IDEAS Director of Research, Mr. Laurence Todd, presented the brief. In line with talks of open trade, the workshop also hosted Dr. Chris Lingle from Universidad Francisco Marroquín in Guatemala who presented moral and ethical arguments behind free trade and the pitfalls of protectionism.

The Rare Diseases Day Symposium: Towards a National Policy

Date: 28 February 2019

Venue: The Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a symposium in conjunction with 'Rare Disease Day' as part of IDEAS' Championing for the Rare Project in an effort to push for a National Policy for Rare Diseases, aiming to highlight difficulties faced in accessing pharmaceutical treatment options for rare diseases, orphan drugs, and potential funding options to resolve. The symposium saw the launch of IDEAS' latest policy paper titled 'Improving Access to Orphan Drugs in Malaysia', written by Dr. Asrul Akmal Shafie from Universiti Sains Malaysia. There was a panel discussion and Q&A session with YB Maria Chin, Dato' Jagjit Singh, Puan Azuwana Supian and Dr. Asrul Akmal Shafie which addressed multiple issues that was mainly focused on how to finance orphan drugs.

ISTAC-IDEAS International Forum: Global Refugee Challenges - Multidimensional Perspective

Date: 29 April 2019

Venue: Asia School of Business, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS and the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC) organised an international forum titled 'Global Refugee Challenges - Multidimensional Perspective'. Distinguished Prof. Dr. Osman Bakar of ISTAC and YB Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution, Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs spoke at the forum. A panel discussion with YB Nurul Izzah Anwar, Member of Parliament, Mr. Mehmet Simsek, former Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey and Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya, CEO of Chobani and founder of Tent Partnership for Refugees USA, with the panel moderated by Ms. Deborah Priya Henry. Here, IDEAS' launched a policy paper titled 'Economic Impact of Granting Refugees in Malaysia the Right to Work', written by Mr. Laurence Todd, Mr. Adli Amirullah, and Ms. Wan Ya Shin. Mr. Mohammad Hasson, a Burmese refugee born in Bangladesh, delivered a speech and told his hardship-filled story about his journey from Bangladesh in a boat to reaching Malaysia, which culminated with his position as a Policy and Healthy Coordinator at the Geutanyoe Institute.

Public Forum: The Next Four Years - What Now for Malaysia?

Date: 28 June 2019

Venue: Connexion Conference & Event Centre, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS launched its second edition of Projek Pantau, a report card that assessed the government's performance in implementing its promises in the Buku Harapan. YB Dr. Ong Kian Ming, Deputy Minister for International Trade and Industry delivered the keynote. A forum was held with YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Member of Parliament for Batang Sadong, Ms. Cynthia Gabriel, Executive Director of the Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4) and Mr. Ali Salman, CEO of IDEAS as panellists to discuss the report and areas of focus in moving forward.

Public Forum: Budget 2020 – Making Shared Prosperity a Reality

Date: 19 September 2019

Venue: University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum featuring presentations by YB Nik Nazmi who presented on how growing income inequality is a major global challenge, Dr. Jeyakumar Devaraj of Parti Sosialis Malaysia who highlighted figures of low level productivity in Malaysia's economy and Prof. Dr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram who spoke on 'Developmental, Counter-cyclical Fiscal Policy Urgently Needed'. A panel discussion on the issues Malaysia currently faces and policy proposals relevant to the title of discussion was held and moderated by Ms. Tricia Yeoh, Senior Fellow at IDEAS.

Public Forum: IDEAS' ASEAN Prosperity Forum

Date: 26 September 2019

Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum titled 'ASEAN Prosperity Forum' which saw the launch of three reports: 'ASEAN Integration Report 2019', 'An Evolving ASEAN: Vision and Reality' and finally, 'The Importance of Intellectual Property Rights for Progress: A Reform Agenda for the ASEAN Countries'. Two panel discussions were held, the first relating to 'An Evolving ASEAN: Vision and Reality'. The second panel was on 'Reforming Intellectual Property Rights Towards a Knowledge-based Economy'. This event also saw the launch by Dr. Jayant Menon, Lead Economist at Asian Development Bank of his book titled 'An Evolving ASEAN: Vision and Reality'.

IDEAS 4th Liberalism Conference 2019

Date: 19 October 2019

Venue: Renaissance Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS held 4th Liberalism Conference with the theme centred on the notion of 'Identity'. There were three plenary panel discussions. The first panel discussion was titled 'Redefining Malaysian Politics, Moving Away from Identity to Policies'. This was followed by two presentations from the Property Rights Alliance. The second panel was titled 'The Role of the State in Arts and Culture'. The third panel was on the topic of 'Celebrating Diversity vs Promoting National Unity' with focus on the area of education.

ASEAN Prosperity Forum 2019

Date: 22 October 2019

Venue: InterContinental Hotel, Bangkok

IDEAS and the ASEAN Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University jointly organised the ASEAN Prosperity Forum to present and discuss the findings of the ASEAN Prosperity Initiative. Keynote at the forum was delivered by Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, former Minister of Commerce, Thailand. There was a panel discussion consisting of Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, Dr. Suthad Setboonsarng, former Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN, Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat from ASEAN Studies Centre, Chulalongkorn University and Dr. Deunden Nikomborirak, Director of Research, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI).

Public Forum: GLC Monitor - The State of Play since GE14

Date: 30 October 2019

Venue: The Asian International Arbitration Center (AIAC), Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public forum in tandem with the launch of the GLC Monitor brief. Prof. Terence Gomez conducted a presentation on the reality of political power and configuration around GLCs in Malaysia. After that, there was a Q&A session involving Mr. Lau Zheng Zhou (IDEAS Research Manager), and Prof. Terence, moderated by Mr. Laurence Todd (IDEAS Research Director).

Public Lecture: The Future of Liberal Democracy in Asia

Date: 1 November 2019

Venue: The Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS organised a public lecture on 'The Future of Liberal Democracy in Asia'. The event featured presentations by Prof. Alexander Goerlach, Founder of Save Liberal Democracy, and Dr. Bridget Welsh, Honorary Research Associate from University of Nottingham Asia Research Institute Malaysia followed by a panel discussion moderated by Mr. Keith Leong.

IDEAS Seminar: Achieving Food Security - Evaluating the effectiveness of State Trading Enterprises in Malaysia and Indonesia

Date: 29 November 2019

Venue: The Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Kuala Lumpur

IDEAS hosted a seminar titled 'Achieving Food Security - Evaluating the effectiveness of State Trading Enterprises in Malaysia and Indonesia'. The purpose of this seminar is to launch our latest report titled "Effectiveness of State Trading Enterprises in Achieving Food Security: case studies from BERNAS in Malaysia and BULOG in Indonesia". The report looks into the effectiveness of state trading enterprises in achieving food security.

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2010 - 2019



IDEAS in External Events 2010-2019



YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz

- Third Raja Aziz Addruse Memorial Lecture: Inspirations from Raja Aziz Addruse: Morality and the Rule of Law, 24 September 2014, The Royale Chulan Kuala Lumpur
- Inaugural Lecture of the Constitutional Law Lecture Series: Reclaiming our Federal Constitution - Preserve, Protect and Defend, 13 October 2016, University of Malaya
- CIMB ASEAN Research Institute (CARI) Roundtable, Dealing with a changing world order- What will President Trump's economic and foreign policies mean for ASEAN, 14 March 2017, CIMB ASEAN Research Institute
- East Asia & Pacific Regional Report - Riding the Wave, an East Asian Miracle for the 21st Century, 5 December 2017, World Bank Group, IKMAS, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
- National Young Economist Summit, 20-21 Jan 2018, Persatuan Ekonomi Universiti Malaya
- Strengthening Democracy through Cultural Diplomacy, 4 October 2018, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations
- Parliament and civil society: the voice of the rakyat?, 12 December 2018, Parliament of Malaysia
- Key institutions: The bedrock of any democracy, how relevant are they in a world of populist governments?, 10 September 2018, Inner Temple London

Wan Saiful Wan Jan

- Public Talk: Withering Malaysia after Anwar Ibrahim?, 5 March 2015, Australian National University, Canberra
- Public Forum: TPPA - What We Need to Know, 29 November 2015, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
- Public Talk: Citizens Participation in Policy-making and Governance - Can You Play a Greater Role? 28 September 2016, Inti International College Subang Jaya (IICS)
- ASEAN Economic Integration Forum (AEIF) 2016, 5 October 2016, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRC)
- ASEAN Economic Integration Forum 2016 (AEIF 2016), 5 October 2016, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), UKM
- ICON Forum: Re-visiting Democracy: Global and Domestic Trends, 3 November 2016, Bangunan Getah Asli, Kuala Lumpur
- Democratic Transitions in the Muslim World, 27-28 Nov 2017, Istanbul Network for Liberty

Ali Salman

- Public Talk: Public Policy Formulation in a Democracy - The Role of Think Tanks, 16 March 2017, Xiamen University Malaysia Campus, Sepang
- The Economist's Global Illicit Trade Summit 2018, 22 March 2018, Hilton Kuala Lumpur
- The Sharing Economy Conference (SECON) Penang 2018, 6 Sept 2018, Georgetown, Penang
- Kuala Lumpur International Automotive Conference 2018: Economic Outlook for General and Industry-Specific Expectations in the Near and Medium Term, 21 November 2018, MITEC, Kuala Lumpur
- AMEU Economics Summit 2019 Interactive Session, 10 August 2019, Hilton Kuala Lumpur

Tricia Yeoh

- Asia Liberty Forum, 10 - 11 Feb 2017, Centre for Civil Society
- School for Young Malaysian Leaders: Who Runs the World?, 1 March 2016, Impact Hub KL

Laurence Todd

- Malaysian Tax Conference 2019: Malaysia Baru's Tax Reform Agenda - What's Next?, 3-4 April 2019, KLCC Convention Centre
- Malaysia-China Outlook Forum 2019: What's Next After Beijing BRI Forum - Understanding China's Dream and Vision, 8 July 2019, Sheraton Hotel, Petaling Jaya

Aira Azhari

- Malaysia Freedom Summit 2018: Promoting Growth and Tackling Poverty - Finding the Right Balance of Policies, 1 December 2018, Parliament of Malaysia
- Women at Workplace: The Untold Stories, 11 April 2019, WORQ, TTDI

Adli Amirullah

- AMEU Economics Summit 2019 Interactive Session, 10 August 2019, Hilton Kuala Lumpur.
- International Conference on The Emergence of Platform Economy: Challenges and Opportunities in Developing Asia, 4-6 December 2019, ADB HQ, Manila

Lau Zheng Zhou

- MBMR Group's Corporate Briefing Session: Malaysian Economic Outlook and Regional Automotive Industry Trends, 24 October 2019, Le Meridien Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
- 8th Annual Conference by Association of Financial Advisers: Global Market Outlook and Budget 2020, 30 October 2019, Sasana Kijang, Kuala Lumpur

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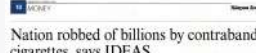


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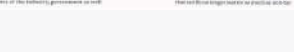
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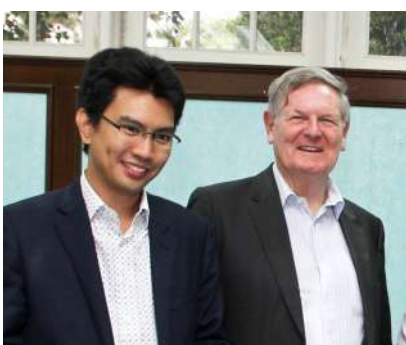


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