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# VISION

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The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia was established on 8 April 1983 as an autonomous, not-for-profit research organisation. ISIS Malaysia has a diverse research focus which includes economics, foreign policy, security studies, nation-building, social policy, technology, innovation and environmental studies. It also undertakes research collaboration with national and international organisations in important areas such as national development and international affairs.

ISIS Malaysia engages actively in Track Two diplomacy, and promotes the exchange of views and opinions at both the national and international levels. The Institute has also played a role in fostering closer regional integration and

international cooperation through forums such as the Asia-Pacific Roundtable, the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS), the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) and the Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT). ISIS Malaysia is a founding member of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) and manages the Council's Secretariat.

As the country's premier think-tank, ISIS Malaysia has been at the forefront of some of the most significant nation-building initiatives in the nation's history. It was a contributor to the Vision 2020 concept and was consultant to the Knowledge-Based Economy Master Plan initiative.



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**Tan Sri Dato' Seri  
Mohamed Jawhar Hassan**  
Chairman

The year 2014 was an eventful and rewarding year for ISIS Malaysia. There was an increase of events and meetings as well as visits from foreign diplomats and scholars.

ISIS Malaysia continued to be at the forefront of the think tank and 'Track Two' community in Malaysia. The 28th Asia-Pacific Roundtable that was held in June was another notable success with a participation of around 400 attendees from the Asia Pacific region and Europe.

The Institute has continued its leading role in the national and regional discourse on key challenges affecting peace and prosperity through other activities as well. Among them were the National Forum on 'Malaysia's Goods and Services Tax (GST)'; the third Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue; and the seventh ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue.

In addition, numerous international scholars and diplomats visited ISIS Malaysia to share their views and opinions on a variety of topics. Some of the high level visits include that of Amb Wendy R Sherman, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, US Department of State; and Amb Jun Shimmi, the Japanese Ambassador of UN Affairs and Cyber Policy, Japan.

ISIS Malaysia remains actively engaged in a wide spectrum of issues ranging from the environment, economics and foreign policy issues. I wish to highlight specially the establishment of a Working Group on Malaysia-Indonesia Relations in April 2014 to undertake sustained and systematic discussions as well as a study to explore ways to improve relations between the two countries.

The Board of ISIS Malaysia expresses its gratitude to Noah Foundation for continuing to fund and support the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies with the appointment of Professor Dr Anthony Milner as the second holder of the Chair in January 2014.

We are grateful for the support and friendship of many individuals, organisations and government entities, both Malaysian as well as international. We thank our friends and partners for collaborating with us throughout 2014, and we look forward to continuing these fruitful partnerships.

The Board and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the ISIS Malaysia family for their dedication and fine work, as well as to congratulate Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa for his stewardship in taking the Institute to newer heights.

January 2015



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



**Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa**  
Chief Executive

In my capacity as Chief Executive, I have the pleasure to present the ISIS Malaysia Annual Report 2014. The Report seeks to highlight the activities of the Institute as well as to provide information on the research projects and published works of our research staff.

ISIS Malaysia remains committed to the objective of promoting independent research and serious discussions as well as providing policy advice on various issues of concern to the nation and the world at large. This has been successfully achieved through the many meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences which we organised throughout the year, some of which were done in collaboration with other local and foreign institutions. In that regard, 2014 certainly has been a busy year for us.

ISIS Malaysia once again was able to successfully organise our annual signature event, the Asia-Pacific Roundtable in early June 2014. The 28th Asia-Pacific Roundtable was organised with the full support of the ASEAN-ISIS fraternity and others who had worked with us on many occasions before. It attracted nearly 400 registered participants including policymakers, security experts, scholars, researchers, journalists and business leaders from various parts of the world.

Among the other important meetings organised in 2014 were a number of sessions in our ISIS International Affairs Forum (IIAF) series, which allowed us to host prominent leaders, policymakers, legislators, diplomats and scholars who spoke on a variety of subjects. At the beginning of the year we held a National Forum on 'Malaysia's Goods and Services Tax

(GST)' to stimulate early discussions on the subject in preparation for the implementation of the GST in April 2015. In April 2014, ISIS Malaysia also assisted the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the convening of the National Colloquium on Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN 2015. Additionally, we hosted the third Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue, the seventh ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue, and, for the first time, a Korea Foundation-ASEAN-ISIS Policy Seminar. In collaboration with the United Nations and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia, we hosted the ASEAN-UN Workshop: Regional Dialogue on Conflict Prevention and Maintenance of Peace and Stability in Multi-cultural and Pluralistic Societies. Together with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD), we also hosted a roundtable discussion on 'Regional Responses to Rising Extremism in the ASEAN Region'.

During the year, the Institute continued to maintain links and close cooperation with institutions and think tanks at home and abroad. On 14 July 2014, ISIS Malaysia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) aimed at enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of Malaysia and China as well as promoting friendly institutional relations. ISIS Malaysia also became a partner institution in the Delhi

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Dialogue process led by the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), India. We participated actively in the establishment of the Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks (NACT) in Beijing in July 2014, the work of the Network of East Asian Think Tanks (NEAT), a roundtable involving the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) and the Second Asian Think Tank Summit held in Tokyo.

On behalf of ISIS Malaysia, I wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all our friends and supporters for their invaluable assistance and generous contributions that have enabled the Institute to carry out its activities throughout the year.

I would also like to record my appreciation to the members of the Board of ISIS Malaysia, under the able Chairmanship of Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, for their full support and encouragement. Last but not least, I thank and commend all ISIS staff for their dedication and commitment in ensuring that ISIS Malaysia remains as the nation's premier think tank.

I look forward to greater achievements in the coming year for ISIS Malaysia.

January 2015

# WHO'S WHO IN ISIS MALAYSIA

## Members of the Board



Tan Sri Dato' Seri  
Mohamed  
Jawhar Hassan  
Chairman, ISIS  
Malaysia



Tan Sri Rastam  
Mohd Isa  
Chief Executive,  
ISIS Malaysia



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Executive, ISIS  
Malaysia



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Ja'afar  
Executive Chairman,  
Syarikat Pesaka  
Antah Sdn Bhd



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of Malaya



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Partners, RM  
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Department



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Deputy  
Undersecretary,  
Minister of Finance



Tan Sri Dato'  
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Abdul Majid  
Chairman,  
Bank Muamalat  
Malaysia Bhd



## Management



**Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa**  
Chief Executive



**Dato' Steven C M Wong**  
Deputy Chief Executive  
Research interests: macroeconomic policy, international economics, banking and finance



**Dr Hezri Adnan**  
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**Dr Tang Siew Mun**  
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Research interests: East Asia security, Japan's foreign relations, regional security architecture



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**Mr Ahmad Rafdi Endut**

Senior Analyst  
Research interests: energy economics, economics of trade and environment, applied econometrics



**Mr Alizan Mahadi**

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Research interests: sustainable development, green economy and governance

## Research Staff



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Senior Analyst

Research interests: impact of trade reforms on wage inequality, gender inequality, poverty and Free Trade Agreements



**Ms Zarina Zainuddin**

Analyst

Research interests: Malaysia-Japan relations



**Mr Woo Hon Weng**

Researcher

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**Ms Mazlena Mazlan**

Researcher (*until 31 August 2014*)

Research interests: technical and vocational education and training (TVET), human capital development and labour economics



**Mr Kamal Zharif Jauhari**

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Research interests: financial economics, economics and financial development, risks management



**Ms Michelle Kwa**

Researcher

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**Ms Joann Saw**

Publications Executive



## Non-Research Staff



- 1 Administration
- 2 Public Affairs & Conference Services
- 3 Secretarial
- 4 Library



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

In 2014, ISIS Malaysia was actively involved in the organisation as well as collaboration of numerous conferences and meetings. This section highlights seven major conferences and a public lecture, which was delivered by Prof Dr Anthony Milner. A series of ISIS International Affairs Forums are featured here as well. These forums covered a wide variety of topics on economics, energy, and politics and security in the region and beyond. A number of Roundtable Discussions were also held on our premises. Some of these meetings were closed-door discussions with visiting diplomats. Additionally, there were visits by institutions from several countries, including the United States, China, Japan, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

## CONFERENCES

### National Forum on 'Malaysia's Goods and Services Tax (GST): Possible Lessons from United Kingdom and Singapore'

26 February 2014,  
Sheraton Imperial, Kuala Lumpur



The National Forum on Malaysia's GST was convened after the announcement by the Prime Minister of Malaysia on the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), which will take effect on 1 April 2015. As Malaysia is relatively new in the area of tax reform, ISIS Malaysia took the initiative to organise a forum to provide an avenue for all sectors of Malaysian society — especially GST policymakers, implementers and practitioners — to learn from British and Singaporean practitioners.

The Forum was officiated by the Deputy Finance Minister, Datuk Ahmad Hj Maslan. ISIS Malaysia — together with the support of the United Kingdom

Foreign and Commonwealth Office — brought in Mr Andrew Webb, HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), United Kingdom, and Ms Chia-Tern Huey Min, Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore, to share their experiences and possible lessons from the implementation of the GST in their respective countries. Discussions also focused on the following issues: 'Are consumption taxes really more efficient and resilient?' and 'Impact of GST on the poor and underprivileged'.

- 1 Datuk Ahmad Hj Maslan, Deputy Ministry of Finance Malaysia
- 2 From left: Ms Chia-Tern Huey Min, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa and Mr Andrew Webb
- 3 From left: Mr Verinderjeet Singh, Prof Datuk Dr Norma Mansor, Mr Subromaniam Tholasy and Dr Lim Kim Hwa
- 4 From left: Mr Khairul Anwar Hj Bachok, Prof Rajah Rasiah, Dato' Paul Selva Raj and Mr Mohd Rozlan Mohamed Ali
- 5 From left: Ms Chia-Tern Huey Min, Mr Raja Kumaran, Dato' Steven Wong, Dato' Kamariah Hussain and Mr Andrew Webb

# National Colloquium on Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN 2015

8-10 April 2014,  
DoubleTree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UITM) and ISIS Malaysia, hosted a National Colloquium on Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN. The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak officiated the event by delivering the keynote address.

The objective of the Colloquium was to discuss possible programmes and projects for Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2015. Participants included various stakeholders from the government sector, practitioners,

academicians, think tanks, civil society and non-governmental organisations, youth groups and the media. The Colloquium proved to be a constructive event where numerous proposals, comments and observations were shared by the participants.

- ① The Hon Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak giving the Keynote Address
- ② Participants at the National Colloquium on Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN 2015
- ③ From left: Prof Dr Rahmat Mohamad, Mr Bala Kumar Palaniappan, Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak and Dr Tang Siew Mun
- ④ From left: Dr Tan Yew Chong, Dato' Sri Nazir Razak, Tan Sri Dr Mohd Munir Abdul Majid and Dr Yeah Kim Leng



# 28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable

2–4 June 2014,  
Hilton Kuala Lumpur



ISIS Malaysia and ASEAN-ISIS' flagship event attracted about 400 security experts, scholars, researchers and journalists from the Asia Pacific region as well as Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

The keynote address of the Hon Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, was delivered by Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Minister of Home Affairs, Malaysia.

Some of the high level role players include the Hon Mr Norio Mitsuya, Senior Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan; Amb Viorel Isticioaia Budura from The European External Action Service (EEAS), The European Union; Prof Dr Chen Dongxiao, President of Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS), China; Prof Dr Paul Evans from University of British Columbia, Canada; Maj Gen Jun Nagashima from the National Security Secretariat, Japan; and Dr Zaw Oo, Economic Advisor to the President of Myanmar.

The two-day programme — which received wide coverage from the national and international media — was divided into ten plenary sessions. Discussions centred on peace and security in the Asia Pacific; 'new type' of major power relations; Sino-Japanese relations; ASEAN post-2015 agenda; maritime commons in the South China Sea; Japan and India's rise; and Thai politics.

The 28th Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) was successfully organised with the partnership of six sponsors and three other supporters.

- 1 Minister of Home Affairs, Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, delivering the Keynote Address
- 2 From left: Dr Kim Sung-han, Amb Viorel Isticioaia Budura, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Maj Gen Jun Nagashima and Ms Kelly E Magsamen
- 3 From left: Dr Carlyle A Thayer, Dr Mely Caballero-Anthony and Dr Vijay Sakhuja
- 4 From left: Dr T J Pempel, Amb Yoshiji Nogami, Dr David A Welch and Dr Richard J Samuels



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- 5 From left: Dr Ian Hall, Dr Manoj Joshi, Tan Sri Dr Mohd Munir Abdul Majid and Mr Pramit Pal Chaudhuri
- 6 From left: Mr John J Brandon, Mr Bunn Nagara, Dr Carol G Hernandez and Dr Andrew Walker
- 7 The Hon Mr Norio Mitsuya, Senior Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
- 8 Dr Chen Dongxiao, President, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, China
- 9 Mr Hitoshi Tanaka, Chairman, The JRI Institute for International Strategy
- 10 Prof Dr Paul Evans, University of British Columbia
- 11 Dr Zaw Oo, Economic Advisor to the President of Myanmar



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# ASEAN-UN Workshop: Regional Dialogue on Conflict Prevention and Maintenance of Peace and Stability in Multi-cultural and Pluralistic Societies

24–25 June 2014,  
Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Kuala Lumpur



The ASEAN-UN Regional Dialogue, co-organised by the Malaysian Government, the United Nations and ISIS Malaysia, was held within the framework of the ASEAN-UN Comprehensive Partnership. The framework was agreed in 2011 to strengthen ASEAN-UN relations through collaborative activities in the areas of political-security, economic and socio-cultural cooperation as well as cooperation between the ASEAN Secretariat and the United Nations.

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Malaysia officiated the opening of the Dialogue. Participants included senior representatives of ASEAN member countries, regional conflict experts and senior officials from the United Nations. The two-day programme featured regional and international cases of preventing conflict; the escalation of conflict through inclusive dialogue; and promoting tolerance and social cohesion to enhance peace and stability.

- 1 Participants of the ASEAN-UN Workshop
- 2 Dato' Hamzah Zainudin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Malaysia
- 3 Mr Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, UN Assistant Secretary-General
- 4 Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Chief Executive of ISIS Malaysia

# The Third Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue

13–14 October 2014,  
Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur



The third Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue, organised by ISIS Malaysia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, served as a platform for security experts and related area specialities from Germany and Malaysia to exchange views on international security issues of mutual interest.

The sessions drew attention to the following areas:

- Towards an ASEAN Community: Consolidation, Coordination and Centrality;
- Militant Extremism, the State and National Security: The Case of Afghanistan;
- South China Sea: Current Issues and Recent Developments in Maritime Security;
- Freedom vs Security in Cyberspace: Striking a Better Balance Between Rights & Responsibilities;
- The Third Party in Conflict Resolution: As Facilitator, Mediator or Arbitrator;
- Challenges and Opportunities in Search-and-rescue Operations, Post-MH370;
- Ukraine and Iraq: From National Interests to Regional Geopolitics.

① Participants of the third Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue

② Dato' Shahrul Ikram Yaakob, Director-General, ASEAN National Secretariat, Malaysia

③ Brig-Gen Rainer Meyer zum Felde, Germany's Defence Advisor to NATO

④ Tan Sri Ajit Singh and Dr Knut Kirste

⑤ Dr Claas Knoop and Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan

⑥ From left: Dr Peter Roell, Lt-Gen Datuk Dr William R Stevenson and Dato' Dr B A Hamzah

⑦ From left: Lt-Gen (R) Dato' Seri Zaini Mohamad Said, Nils Wörmer and Dr Ralf Brauksiepe, MdB



# Korea Foundation–ASEAN-ISIS Policy Seminar

17 November 2014,  
JW Marriot Kuala Lumpur



A Policy Seminar, jointly organised by ISIS Malaysia and The Korea Foundation (KF), brought together scholars and experts from the ASEAN think tank institutions as well as South Korea to develop a better understanding of the unification policies of South Korea.

The Seminar revolved around three policies:

- Policy on Korean Peninsula: Trust-building Process and Inter-Korean Relations;
- Policy on Northeast Asia Region: Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Initiative;
- Policy on Unification: Dresden Declaration and Initiative for Unification.

- 1 Participants of the Korea Foundation–ASEAN-ISIS Policy Seminar
- 2 From left: Dr Byungjae Cho, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa and Mr Yong-Shik Choi
- 3 From left: Dr Bilveer Singh, HE Mr Pou Sothirak, Dr Sang Hyun Lee and Mr Khin Maung Lynn
- 4 From left: Dr Nguyen Thai Yen Huong, Pengiran Datin Shazainah Shariffuddin, Dr Ho-Yoel Yoo and Dr Carolina G Hernandez
- 5 From left: Mr Lee Sang-Hwa and Mr Emirza Adi Syailendra



# The Seventh ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue

18–20 November 2014,  
Prince Hotel and Residence, Kuala Lumpur



This annual meeting, organised by ISIS Malaysia in collaboration with Asialink and the Asia New Zealand Foundation, was participated by 40 scholars and experts from think tank institutions and universities as well as diplomats and policymakers from the ASEAN countries, Australia and New Zealand.

Tan Sri Dr Mohd Munir Abdul Majid gave a Luncheon Address on 'The ASEAN Economic Community: Consolidation and Challenges Beyond 2015'. The programme featured the following:

- Cooperation and Contestation: Managing Strategic Dynamics in the Asia-Pacific;
- Open for Business: Asia-Pacific Economic Integration at a Crossroads?;
- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Management: Lessons from MH370;
- 40 Years of ASEAN-Australia Relations: Lessons Learned and Years Ahead;
- Evolution in Cyber Affairs: National Security and International Law in Cyber Space;
- Between Connectivity and Community: Irregular Migration in a People-Centred ASEAN.

1 Tan Sri Dr Mohd Munir Abdul Majid delivering the Luncheon Address

2 From left: Dr Andrew Butcher, Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan and Ms Jenny McGregor

3 From left: HE Mr Pou Sothirak, Mr Paul Sinclair, Dr Sow Keat Tok and Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak

4 From left: Dr Nguyen Thai Yen Huong, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Prof Anthony Milner, HE Mr Simon Merrifield and HE Mr Wiryono Sastrohandoyo

5 From left: Dr Joe Burton, Dr Carolina G Hernandez and Mr Tim Scully

6 From left: Mr Garry Ibrahim, Capt Muhammad Ruzelme Ahmad Fahimy, Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak and Adm (R) Christopher Alexander Barrie

# Regional Responses to Rising Extremism in the ASEAN Region

18 December 2014,  
Kuala Lumpur



The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Singapore, and ISIS Malaysia hosted a regional brainstorming meeting on 'Extremism and Militancy: Challenges to the ASEAN Region in 2015', bringing together relevant ASEAN member states, international organisations and civil society actors. Beyond regional experts and practitioners, the meeting included subject matter experts from other regions affected by similar phenomena.

The participation of ASEAN member state officials, ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) Governing Council members and AIPR Advisory Board members

would contribute to the overall goal of making the region more resilient through the efforts of dialogue and regional collaboration towards peace building.

The meeting focused on the following:

- Overview of Rising Militancy and Extremism;
- Regional Case Studies of Countering Extremism;
- Regional Responses to Militancy and Extremism;
- The Role of ASEAN Civil Society.

① From left: Dr Michael Vatikiotis, Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan and Mr Thomas Koruth Samuel

② Tengku Datuk Abdul Ghafar Tengku Mohamed, AIPR Advisory Board Member

③ Mr Pratap Parameswaran, Director, ASEAN Secretariat

④ HE Mr Ong Keng Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang University of Technology, Singapore



## PUBLIC LECTURE

### Group Binding, Moral Balance and *Nama*: Themes and Origins of Malaysian Foreign Policy

Prof Dr Anthony Milner  
Second Holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in  
International Studies

1 December 2014,  
Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur



The Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies was established in 2012 to honour the contributions made by the late Tun Hussein Onn, ISIS Malaysia's first Chairman. The Chair is based at ISIS Malaysia and is funded by the Noah Foundation.

Prof Dr Anthony Milner, appointed as the second holder of the Chair, delivered a public lecture entitled 'Group

Binding, Moral Balance and *Nama*: Themes and Origins of Malaysian Foreign Policy'.

HRH Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, the Sultan of Perak Darul Ridzuan, members of the late Tun Hussein Onn's family and the Noah Foundation as well as invited guests of ISIS Malaysia were present at the lecture.

- 1 Prof Dr Anthony Milner delivering his lecture
- 2 Dignitaries at the event
- 3 ISIS Malaysia Board, ISIS Royal Fellow, Members of the late Tun Hussein Onn's Family, the Noah Foundation and the Tun Hussein Onn Chair

# ISIS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FORUMS



## Topic

Climate Change and the Nexus of Water, Food and Energy Security

## Date

18 February 2014, DoubleTree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur

## Speakers

Sir David King (L), Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change, United Kingdom; and Dato' Sri Dr James Dawos Mamit (R), Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Malaysia

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## Topic

Stumbling Giant: The Threats to China's Future

## Speaker

Mr Timothy Beardson, Author of *Stumbling Giant: The Threats to China's Future*

## Date

9 April 2014



## Topic

The Fed's Tapering: Economic and Strategic Impact from Advanced Economies to Emerging Asia

## Speaker

Dr Dan Steinbock, Research Director, International Business, India, China and America Institute, USA, and Visiting Fellow, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, China

## Date

11 April 2014

## Topic

Beyond GDP: Towards an Inclusive Measure of Wealth

## Speaker

Professor Anantha Duraiappah, Executive Director, International Human Dimension Programme (IHDP) on Global Environmental Change in Germany

## Date

25 April 2014





**Topic**

The Next Indonesian Presidency and the Future of Malaysia-Indonesia Relations

**Date**

22 August 2014

**Speakers**

Mr Achamad Sukarsono (L), Principal Consultant, The Habibie Center (THC) Associates, Indonesia; and Dr Farish A Noor (R), Senior Fellow, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technology University, and Visiting Fellow, ISIS Malaysia

**Topic**

US-Malaysian Relations and Regional Security

**Speaker**

Dr Patrick Cronin, Senior Advisor and Senior Director, Asia-Pacific Security Program, Centre for a New American Security (CNAS), Washington, DC

**Date**

9 September 2014

**Topic**

Waste Management in Japan and Malaysia: Centralise or De-centralise?

**Speaker**

Dr Kohei Watanabe, Associate Professor, Teikyo University, Tokyo, Japan

**Date**

11 September 2014

**Topic**

Latin America and Asia Pacific: Realities that Define the Agenda

**Speaker**

Dr Ignacio Bartesaghi, Coordinator of Latin America-Pacific Observatory, Latin America Integration Association (ALADI)

**Date**

2 October 2014







**Topic**

The Crisis in Ukraine and Emerging Geo-Political Issues

**Speaker**

Mr Joseph Cirincione, President of Ploughshares Fund, Washington, DC

**Date**

7 October 2014

**Topic**

The Globalisation of Conflict: Humanitarian Perspectives and Responses

**Speaker**

Mr Yves Daccord, Director General, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

**Date**

2 September 2014



**Topic**

US Mid-Term Election and Implications for the Asia-Pacific and Malaysia

**Speaker**

Mr Marc Mealy, Vice President-Policy, US-ASEAN Business Council

**Date**

5 December 2014

**Topic**

Where is the Moderate Muslim?

**Speaker**

HE Omar Saif Ghobash, Ambassador of United Arab Emirates to Russia

**Date**

12 December 2014



## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS



### Topic

Closed-Door Discussion on Japanese Maritime Policy and Engagement

### Speaker

HE Mr Ichita Yamamoto,  
Minister in Charge of Ocean  
Policy & Territorial Issues,  
Japan

**Date** 13 January 2014



### Topic

Closed-Door Discussion on  
'Developments Relating to the  
Forthcoming Parliamentary  
and Presidential Elections in  
Indonesia'

### Speaker

Dr Farish A Noor, Senior  
Fellow, S Rajaratnam School  
of International Studies  
(RSIS), Nanyang University  
of Technology, Singapore,  
and Visiting Fellow of ISIS  
Malaysia

**Date** 14 February 2014



### Topic

Roundtable Discussion on 'Enduring Present Matters: How the US Navy's Longstanding Role in Southeast Asia Contributes to Contemporary Regional Security, Stability and Prosperity'

### Speaker

Rear Admiral Cynthia M Thebaud, Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific

**Date** 19 February 2014



### Topic

Closed-Door Discussion on  
the Middle East and Malaysia

### Speaker

Dr Jon B Alterman, Senior  
Vice President, Zbigniew  
Brzezinski Chair in Global  
Security and Geostrategy,  
and Director, Middle East  
Program, CSIS Washington,  
DC

**Date** 28 February 2014



### Topic

Roundtable Discussion  
with Ambassador Wendy R  
Sherman

### Speaker

Ambassador Wendy R  
Sherman, Under Secretary  
for Political Affairs, US  
Department of State

**Date** 6 March 2014





**Topic**

Closed-Door Discussion on 'India's Enhanced Look East Policy'

**Speaker**

Mr Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, India

**Date** 17 March 2014



**Topic**

Closed-Door Discussion on Japan's Security Policy

**Speaker**

Ambassador Jun Shimmi, Ambassador of UN Affairs and CyberPolicy, and Deputy Director General, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

**Date** 26 March 2014



**Topic**

Roundtable Discussion on 'President Obama's Visit to Asia and Next Steps for Engagement in the Region'

**Speaker**

Ambassador Scot Marciel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, US Department of State

**Date** 19 May 2014



**Topic**

Closed-Door Roundtable with Senator Robert Corker

**Speaker**

Senator Robert Corker, Ranking member, US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Member, US Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

**Date** 7 August 2014



**Topic**

Closed-Door Discussion on Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2015

**Speakers**

Datuk Dr Ong Hong Peng, Secretary General, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Datuk Dr Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, Secretary General, Ministry of International Trade and Industry; and Dato' Shahrul Ikram Yaakob, Director-General, ASEAN National Secretariat, Malaysia

**Date** 20 November 2014, Prince Hotel & Residence Kuala Lumpur



## VISITS FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS



- ① Malaysian Armed Forces Defence College 2014 Course Participants, 16 January 2014
- ② Pakistan Navy War College, 13 March 2014
- ③ Scholars and Government Officials from Guangzhou Province, China, 2 April 2014
- ④ Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College, Singapore, 29 April 2014
- ⑤ Delegation from the Turki Al-Faisal Academy of Arab Saudi, 6 May 2014





- 1 US National War College, 7 May 2014
- 2 The Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA), China, 14 July 2014
- 3 Defence Service Command and Staff College, Sri Lanka, 19 August 2014
- 4 Officers from Foreign Affairs Office of China's Ministry of Defence, 20 August 2014
- 5 Delegation led by Mr K Okada, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr A Nagatsuma, Former Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan, 4 September 2014





- ① Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Hanoi, Vietnam, 10 September 2014
- ② Higher Defence Management Course (HDMC-10) of India, 29 October 2014
- ③ The Japan Foundation, 30 October 2014
- ④ KD Sultan Idris, 27 November 2014
- ⑤ 101st National Management Course (NMC), National School of Public Policy Pakistan, 28 November 2014
- ⑥ Curtin University, 16 December 2014

# RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The Institute's research output is reflected in this section. Our research covers a wide range of topics on economics, foreign policy, security studies, international politics, energy, innovation, environment and sustainable development.

## Projects

The Institute routinely undertakes research and consultancy projects at any one time. In the previous year, we were involved in ten projects; some of which were near completion.

### Enhancing and Deepening Malaysia's Political and Strategic Relations with China

The study strives to contribute towards Malaysia's strategic thinking and approach towards China. It is concerned with enhancing and consolidating our political and strategic relations with China and aims to provide relevant recommendations. The project — which began in March 2012 — was completed with the final policy paper submitted to the Prime Minister and Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 November 2014.

### Green Technology Roadmap Review for Green Malaysia 2030 Master Plan

This was commissioned by the Malaysian Green Technology Corporation. The study was an input by ISIS Malaysia in preparation of Malaysia's Green Technology Master Plan. The final report of the review was submitted in April 2014.

### Malaysia's Conceptual Framework on Sustainable Development for the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Malaysia Chapter

The project was proposed by the SDSN Malaysia Chapter Leadership Council for an overall conceptual framework of sustainable development in Malaysia

### Malaysia's Sustainable Consumption and Production Indicators (MySCPI)

Commissioned by the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) of Malaysia.

### National Interest Analysis (NIA) on Malaysia's Involvement in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Negotiations

Commissioned in September 2013 by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Malaysia, a study team from ISIS Malaysia met with academicians, non-governmental organisations, lead negotiators, key political figures and captains of various sectors of industry and services to obtain their viewpoint.

A draft of the final report of the study was submitted to MITI in December 2013. It was then revised based on comments from MITI, Ministry of Human Resources (MoHR), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE), Ministry of Finance (MoF) and the Economic Planning Unit (EPU). The findings of the study were presented to the Minister of MITI on 20 January 2014.

### Non-Tariff Barriers in ASEAN and Major Trading Partners Which Have Negative Impact on Thailand's Exports

The study is commissioned by the Thai Embassy in Kuala Lumpur. The project began in October 2014 and will complete in March 2015. The aim of the study is to understand the difficulties faced by Bruneian and Malaysian importers when importing goods from Thailand and to recommend ways in solving this issue.

### Policy Reforms and Institutional Framework in Support of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and Post 2015 Development Agenda

This project and study involves the collaboration of ISIS Malaysia with the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) of the Prime Minister's Department and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

### Strategic Partnership for an Implementation Framework in Preparation of the Proposed Goals and Targets on Sustainable Development for Post-2015 Development Agenda

This project and study involves the collaboration of ISIS Malaysia with the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) of the Prime Minister's Department and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

### United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Analytical Paper on Malaysia Beyond 2020: The Next Generation

The study was prepared for UNICEF to discuss the issue of socioeconomics of Malaysia beyond 2020. The report explores the global and national scenario for Malaysia and the challenges that Malaysia will face when attaining the status of high income nation. The study began in October 2014 and was presented in the UNICEF Malaysia Strategic Moment of Reflection meeting on 13 November 2014. The final report was submitted to UNICEF Malaysia on 28 November 2014.

### Working Group on Malaysia-Indonesia Relations

The Working Group on Malaysia-Indonesia Relations was established to undertake sustained and systematic discussions and a study to explore ways to improve relations between the two countries. The inaugural meeting of the Working Group was held on 15 April 2014 at ISIS Malaysia. Members of the Working Group are drawn from the business community, government, academia and research institutes.

## Published Works

Research teams are also encouraged to publicise their research to a wider audience. Their research and articles have been published in books or as book chapters, in the print and online media, as well as journals.

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## Presentations

Members of our research staff are often invited to speak and present their research at conferences, seminars, forums or discussion meetings. Below is a list of their presentations in 2014, both nationally and internationally.

### Mr Ahmad Rafdi Endut

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### Mr Alizan Mahadi

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'The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Malaysia Chapter — Towards Effective Coordination and Implementation of Solution Initiatives,' International Conference on Sustainable Development Practice (ICSDP), organised by Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and Global Science & Innovation Advisory Council (GSIAC), 17–24 September 2014, New York, USA.

### Ms Elina Noor

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'Responding to the Threats and Challenges of Cyber Security: The Way Forward,' Defence Services Asia 2014: Cyber Security Conference, organised by the National Defence University of Malaysia, 16 April 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

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'Countering Online Extremism,' Workshop on Extremism and Terrorism Online: A Multidisciplinary Examination of Current Trends and Challenges, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, 13–14 October 2014, Singapore.

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'Beyond Tier One City,' Malaysia-China Business Forum: Challenges and Opportunities, organised by Persatuan Pedagang dan Pengusaha Melayu Malaysia (PERDASAMA), 31 May 2014, Shah Alam, Selangor.

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'Assessing External Linkages of Natural Resources,' International Resource Panel Workshop on Resource Nexus, hosted by UNEP and the International Resource Panel with the cooperation of the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy of France (MEDDE), 7–8 October 2014, Paris, France.

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'The Scope of Work in ISIS and the Economics Division,' briefing to post-graduate students at the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Waseda University, 30 July 2014, Tokyo, Japan.

'Wage Inequality and Trade Reforms in Malaysia,' 31 July 2014, IDE-JETRO Institute, Tokyo, Japan.

'The Challenges and Barriers Faced by Malaysia in Joining RCEP: The Short-run Negative Impact of Trade Reforms on Wage Inequality Between Skilled and Unskilled Workers in Malaysia,' NEAT Working Group Meeting on Accelerating the RCEP Process Through Strengthening the APT Cooperation, organised by China Foreign Affairs University, 6 August 2014, Beijing, China.

'Trade Reforms and Wage Inequality in Malaysia,' International Statistical Institute Regional Statistics Conference 2014: Statistical Science for a Better Tomorrow, organised by the International Statistical Institute (ISI) and its Southeast East Asia Regional Network in collaboration with Bank Negara Malaysia, Department of Statistics, Malaysia and the Malaysia Institute of Statistics, 16–20 November 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'From Geo-Politics to Geo-Economics: The Challenges for Malaysia as Chairman of ASEAN 2015 and in Dealing with the AEC, RCEP and TPP,' by Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Firdaos Rosli and Juita Mohamad, MIER National Economic Outlook Conference 2015–2016, organised by the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER), 3 December 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Political, Security and Economic Developments in Malaysia and the Region,' briefing by Elina Noor and Juita Mohamad to the Summer Students of Curtin University, 16 December 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

### Ms Mazlena Mazlan

'Managing Malaysia's Urbanisation Challenge,' NEAT Working Group Meeting on A New Wave of Urbanisation: Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Collaboration, organised by NEAT Singapore and East Asian Institute (EAI), National University of Singapore, 1 August 2014, Singapore.

### Mr Bunn Nagara

'Thailand's Political Future,' The 28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable, organised by ASEAN-ISIS and ISIS Malaysia, 2–4 June 2014.

'Empowering the East Asian Community,' ASEAN-ROK Forum on Positive Roles of ASEAN and ROK as Middle Powers for an East Asian Community, organised by the Foreign Ministry of Myanmar, 27–28 November 2014, Yangon, Myanmar.

### Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

'Role of Myanmar Civil Societies & ASEAN People's Forum,' Workshop on Myanmar's Reform: Achieving Progress through Democracy, organised by the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (Myanmar ISIS), The Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) and Singapore Institute of International Studies (SIIA), 17 January 2014, Yangon, Myanmar.

'The ASEAN Charter and Reforming ASEAN Process,' Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship — The Way Forward, organised by the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (Myanmar ISIS), The Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) and Singapore Institute of International Studies (SIIA), 18 January 2014, Yangon, Myanmar.

'Reconciling Contending Visions and Expectations of Regional Security Architecture,' Second Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Regional Security Architecture, 10–12 February 2014, Jakarta, Indonesia.

'Regional Architecture in Asia Pacific: Role of India and ASEAN,' Delhi Dialogue VI, organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, India, in partnership with the Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), 6–7 March 2014, New Delhi, India.

'Myanmar's Chairmanship in ASEAN in 2014, Future of East Asia Summit (EAS), and ASEAN in 2014–2015 and Beyond,' Myanmar East Asia Summit Seminar, organised by Asialink at the University of Melbourne, 12 March 2014, Naypyitaw, Myanmar.

'The Relationship Between Regional Security and Economic Development in Southeast Asia,' Inaugural Conference of the Jeffrey Cheah Institute of Southeast Asia: Overcoming the Middle-Income Trap and Keeping Balance Amid Global Turbulence, organised by the Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia and the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI), 18–19 March 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Regional Cooperation and the Maritime Silk Road for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,' Fourth Think Tank Summit of the Eighth Pan-Beibu Gulf (PBG) Economic Cooperation Forum, organised by the China Development Institute (CDI), 15 May 2014, Nanning, China.

'Crisis in the Middle East from Diplomatic and Humanitarian Perspectives,' forum organised by the International Institute of Islamic Thought, 15 August 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Malaysia's Foreign Policy,' lecture for the Class of the 21<sup>st</sup> Singapore Civil Service Senior Management Programme, 20 August 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Physical Connectivity and Soft Infrastructure,' Third Roundtable of ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINT), 25–27 August 2014, Hanoi, Vietnam.

'The Way Forward for ASEAN-Indian Relations,' Third Roundtable of ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINT), 25–27 August 2014, Hanoi, Vietnam.

'The Importance of ASEAN for Financial Resilience,' CEO Forum 2014 on Malaysia: Surviving the Next Global Financial Crisis, organised by Perdana Leadership Foundation, 24 September 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'The Art of Diplomacy: The Perspectives of a Malaysian Diplomat,' talk at S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, 30 September 2014, Singapore.

Panelist at The 10<sup>th</sup> East Asian Institutes Forum on Global Value Chains and East Asian Economic Integration, organised by Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) and Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), 9 October 2015, Danang City, Vietnam.

Panelist at The ASEAN-Korea Research Institutes Meeting on Moving Up the Value Chain and Enhancing Development Cooperation in East Asia, organised by Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), 10 October 2014, Danang City, Vietnam.

'Penjawat & Pentadbiran Awam Kelas Dunia: Cabaran dan Harapan,' talk at the Majlis Bicara Profesional, organised by Terengganu Integrity & Strategic Studies Institute (T-ISSI), 12 October 2014, Kuala Terengganu.

'ASEAN and Peace Processes in Southeast Asia,' 12<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Security Sector Reform and Peace Processes in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments, organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia (IPF-SSG), 22–23 November 2014, Manila, The Philippines.

'Security Sector Reform (SSR) in the Context of Peace Processes in Southeast Asia,' 12<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Security Sector Reform and Peace Processes in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments, organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia (IPF-SSG), 22–23 November 2014, Manila, The Philippines.

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'The Future of Energy: West-East Corridor,' The National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD) West-East Corridor — Future of Energy Forum, 15 December 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

### Mr Shahrman Lockman

'Regional Security Issues and Challenges,' Diplomatic Training Course for International Participants, organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), 11 March 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Role of Maritime Forces in the South China Sea,' Fourth Annual CSIS Conference on the South China Sea, organised by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), 10–11 July 2014, Washington, DC, USA.

'US-Malaysia Relations and Regional Issues,' briefing by Elina Noor and Shahrman Lockman to the US CAPSTONE Delegation, 4 August 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Proactive NTS Cooperation,' Workshop on the East Asia Summit and Regional Security, organised by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) and La Trobe Asia, 29 August 2014, Singapore.

### Dr Tan Jun-E

'Contrasting the Social and Solidarity Economy in Argentina and Malaysia,' discussion organised by the Malaysian Network of Community Economy, 29 May 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Developments in the Social and Solidarity Economy in Asia: Innovations in Theory, Practice and Policy,' roundtable discussion held by the Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC)/RIPESS-Asia on 16 June 2014, Manila, The Philippines.

'Green Technology in the Bigger Picture,' YaHijau Green Youth Summit, organised by Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) and the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water (KeTTHA), 16 October 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Research on the Malaysian Social and Solidarity Economy,' Roundtable Discussion on People Economy, organised by the Global Movement of Moderates, 5 December 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

### Dr Tang Siew Mun

'Malaysia's Security Perception,' NIDS Workshop on Asia Pacific Security, organised by the National Institute of Defense Studies (NIDS), Japan Ministry of Defense, 22–23 January 2014, Tokyo, Japan.

'Briefing on the Procedural Matters Relating to CSCAP,' CSCAP EU Inaugural Meeting, 18–19 March 2014, Brussels, Belgium.

'Changing Security Landscape in Asia,' International Conference on Asia and Europe: Emerging Dynamics, organised by the European Union Delegation in Vietnam and the University of Social Sciences and Humanities of Vietnam, 25 March 2014, Hanoi, Vietnam.

'Regional Security,' briefing to the Australian Defence College Delegation, 7 April 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Political Security Community,' National Colloquium on Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN 2015, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia in collaboration with Universiti Teknologi MARA, the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations and ISIS Malaysia, 8–10 April 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'US Pivot and Implications for Asia,' Jeffrey Cheah Institute of Southeast Asia (JCI) Forum on US Pivot to Asia, 24 April 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Civil-Military Relations in Malaysia,' International Affairs Forum on Armed Forces in Southeast Asia, organised by The Asia Center and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 30 April 2014, Paris, France.

'South China Sea and Regional Security,' Regional Security Discussion, organised by the British High Commission, 11 June 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Regional Security Challenges and Possibilities of Trilateral Cooperation to Address These Challenges,' United States-



Japan Relations and Southeast Asia, Workshop 3, organised by the East-West Center and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), 12–13 June 2014, Singapore.

'Asian Toolkit for Conflict Resolution,' Workshop on How Do Asians See Their Future, organised by the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), 22–28 June 2014, Tokyo, Japan.

### Ms Wan Portia Hamzah

'Urbanisation and Sustainable Development of Cities: A Ready Engine to Promote Economic Growth and Cooperation,' Economic Cooperation in Asia Pacific: 2014 and Beyond — PECC 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting, organised by China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CNCPECC), 10–11 September 2014, Beijing, China.

'Mainstreaming Climate Change, Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction: What are Some of the Issues for Malaysia?' Forum on Disaster Risk Management in the ASEAN Region, organised by Asia Foundation in Bangkok, 15–16 September 2014, Bangkok, Thailand.

'Alternatives for Energy Supply — Shale Gas and Fracking and the Role of Renewable Energies,' Australia, Asia, Europe and Climate Change Conference, organised by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and Australian Institute for International Affairs, 17–18 November 2014, Melbourne, Australia.

'Strengthening Regional and Global Energy Cooperation,' CSCAP First Energy Security Study Group, 14–16 December 2014, Singapore.

### Dato' Steven C M Wong

'Myanmar's Political, Economic & Social Reforms and Peace Process,' Workshop on Myanmar's Reforms: Achieving Progress Through Democracy, organised by the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (Myanmar ISIS), the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) and Singapore Institute of International Studies (SIIA), 17 January 2014, Yangon, Myanmar.

'The EAS and G20,' Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship: The Way Forward, organised by the Myanmar Institute and International Studies (Myanmar ISIS) and Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), 18 January 2014, Yangon, Myanmar.

'Physical Connectivity,' PECC-SINCPEC-CNCPEC Conference 2014 on New Priorities of Regional Economic Integration: Mandate for APEC, organised by Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), Singapore National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (SINCPEC) and China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CNCPEC), 10–11 February 2014, Singapore.

'Medium-term Economic Outlook for Malaysia,' Malaysian Danish Business Council (MDBC) Breakfast Meeting, hosted by the Embassy of Denmark in Kuala Lumpur and the Malaysian Danish Business Council, 5 March 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Malaysia's Strategic Direction,' J P Morgan Macro Tour, 14 April 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Vulnerability of Our Exports ... Sustaining Competitiveness,' Roundtable on Managing Rising Costs in the Current Business Environment, organised by National Chamber of Commerce and Industry Malaysia (NCCIM), 17 April 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'ASEAN at the Crossroads,' Asan Plenum 2014, organised by the Asan Institute for Policy Studies, 22–23 April 2014, Seoul, Korea.

'Microeconomic Aspects of Chapters 3 & 4 of World Development Report 2014,' Seminar on World Development Report 2014, organised by the World Bank and Bank Negara Malaysia, 29 April 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Cost of Living,' Business Times Insight Series Roundtable, organised by New Strait Times Press, 21 May 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'The Regional Implications of Unification,' Workshop on How Do Asians See Their Future?, organised by the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), 22–28 June 2014, Tokyo, Japan.

'Debate: The Benefits of China's Economic Growth Outweigh the Drawbacks for Its Neighbours,' Workshop on How Do Asians See Their Future?, organised by the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), 22–28 June 2014, Tokyo, Japan.

'Economic and Security Dimensions of Malaysia-US Relations,' briefing by Steven Wong and Elina Noor to the American University students, 4 July 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Emerging Regional Economic Landscape,' TU-ASEAN International Conference 2014 — ASEAN: Emerging Global and Regional Player?, organised by the Center for ASEAN Studies, Thammasat University (TU), 7–8 July 2014, Bangkok, Thailand.

'Discussion paper on report by Peter Hughes and Arja Keski-Nummi entitled: Beyond Operation Sovereign Borders: A Long Term Asylum Seeker Policy for Australia,' High Level Roundtable on Refugee and Asylum Seeker Policy, organised by Australia 21, University of New South Wales (Kaldor Centre) and the Centre for Policy Development, 11 July 2014, Canberra, Australia.

'ACI's Proposed Maritime Silk Road Vision (MSRV) 2030/ Asia Economic Connectivity Vision (AECV) 2030,' ACI Review Seminar on Proposed Maritime Silk Road Vision (MSRV) 2030/

Asia Economic Connectivity Vision (AECV) 2030, Updating Competitiveness Ranking, Geweke Causality Analysis on Economic Development and ASEAN-10 as a Food Basket, organised by Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS), 26 August 2014, Singapore.

'ACI's Competitiveness Ranking of ASEAN-10,' ACI Review Seminar on Proposed Maritime Silk Road Vision (MSRV) 2030/ Asia Economic Connectivity Vision (AECV) 2030, Updating Competitiveness Ranking, Geweke Causality Analysis on Economic Development and ASEAN-10 as a Food Basket, organised by Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS), 26 August 2014, Singapore.

'Geweke Causality Analysis Model for Economic Development on Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore,' ACI Review Seminar on Proposed Maritime Silk Road Vision (MSRV) 2030/ Asia Economic Connectivity Vision (AECV) 2030, Updating Competitiveness Ranking, Geweke Causality Analysis on Economic Development and ASEAN-10 as a Food Basket, organised by Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS), 26 August 2014, Singapore.

'Is the World Headed Towards Another Financial Catastrophe?' CEO Forum 2014 on Surviving the Next Global Financial Crisis, organised by Perdana Leadership Foundation, 24 September 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'How Strong is Malaysia? A Crisis Resilience Scorecard for Malaysia,' CEO Forum 2014 on Surviving the Next Global Financial Crisis, organised by Perdana Leadership Foundation, 24 September 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Evolving Value Chains under REI,' 29<sup>th</sup> Pacific Economic Community Seminar on Improving Supply Chain Connectivity Towards a Seamless Regional Community, organised by Chinese Taipei Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (CTPECC) and Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER), 7–8 October 2014, Taipei, Taiwan.

'ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and the Opportunities It Presents,' Economic and Foreign Exchange Forum 2014, organised by AmBank Group, 5 November 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

Panelist at Roundtable on A Critical Reappraisal of the Brain Drain and Talent, organised by University of Malaya and University of Leeds, 11 November 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Risks in the Malaysian Socio-political Landscape,' 2014 CEO Forum, organised by Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad (MARC), 18 November 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

'Peaceful East Asia,' The 12<sup>th</sup> East Asia Forum (EAF), organised by ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat, 24–26 November 2014, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

'Structural Policies for Sustained and Inclusive Growth: Past Success, Future Direction,' Economics Research Workshop 2014, organised by Bank Negara Malaysia, 1 December 2014, Kuala Lumpur.

## Conference Reports

Conferences, forums and seminars are held regularly by ISIS Malaysia. The following reports, written by our research staff, were published in *ISIS Focus*.

### Mr Ahmad Rafdi Endut

ISIS National Forum Report on 'Malaysia's Goods and Services Tax (GST): Possible Lessons from the United Kingdom and Singapore,' compiled by Ahmad Rafi Endut with the assistance of Kamal Zharif Jauhari, Zarina Zainuddin and Gan Zhi Ming, April 2014, pp. 1–12.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable Conference Report, compiled with the assistance of Ahmad Rafdi Endut, Elina Noor, Juita Mohamad, Jun-E Tan, Mazlena Mazlan, Melody Goh, Michelle Kwa, Shahriman Lockman, Thomas Daniel, Woo Hon Weng and Zarina Zainuddin, Special Edition 2014, pp. 1–20.

### Ms Elina Noor

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### Dr Juita Mohamad

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### Mr Kamal Zharif Jauhari

ISIS National Forum Report on 'Malaysia's Goods and Services Tax (GST): Possible Lessons from the United

Kingdom and Singapore,' compiled by Ahmad Rafi Endut with the assistance of Kamal Zharif Jauhari, Zarina Zainuddin and Gan Zhi Ming, April 2014, pp. 1–12.

### Ms Michelle Kwa

ISIS International Affairs Forum Report on 'Beyond GDP: Towards An Inclusive Measure of Wealth,' May 2014, pp. 5–9.

ISIS International Affairs Forum Report on 'Waste Management in Japan and Malaysia: Centralise or De-centralise?' October 2014, pp. 5–9.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable Conference Report, compiled with the assistance of Ahmad Rafdi Endut, Elina Noor, Juita Mohamad, Jun-E Tan, Mazlena Mazlan, Melody Goh, Michelle Kwa, Shahrman Lockman, Thomas Daniel, Woo Hon Weng and Zarina Zainuddin, Special Edition 2014, pp. 1–20.

### Ms Mazlena Mazlan

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### Mr Shahrman Lockman

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### Dr Jun-E Tan

The 28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable Conference Report, compiled with the assistance of Ahmad Rafdi Endut, Elina Noor, Juita Mohamad, Jun-E Tan, Mazlena Mazlan, Melody Goh, Michelle Kwa, Shahrman Lockman, Thomas Daniel, Woo Hon Weng and Zarina Zainuddin, Special Edition 2014, pp. 1–20.

### Mr Woo Hon Weng

A Report on the third Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue, compiled with the assistance of Woo Hon Weng and Abu Bakar Badruddin, December 2014, pp. 1–14.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable Conference Report, compiled with the assistance of Ahmad Rafdi Endut, Elina Noor, Juita Mohamad, Jun-E Tan, Mazlena Mazlan, Melody Goh, Michelle Kwa, Shahrman Lockman, Thomas Daniel, Woo Hon Weng and Zarina Zainuddin, Special Edition 2014, pp. 1–20.

### Ms Zarina Zainuddin

ISIS International Affairs Forum Report on 'Whither the Southern Thailand Peace Process?' February 2014, pp. 1–5.

ISIS National Forum Report on 'Malaysia's Goods and Services Tax (GST): Possible Lessons from the United Kingdom and Singapore,' compiled by Ahmad Rafi Endut with the assistance of Kamal Zharif Jauhari, Zarina Zainuddin and Gan Zhi Ming, April 2014, pp. 1–12.

ISIS International Affairs Forum Report on 'The Fed's Tapering: Economic and Strategic Impact from Advanced Economies to Emerging Asia,' May 2014, pp. 1–4.

ISIS International Affairs Forum Report on 'The Next Indonesian Presidency and the Future of Malaysia-Indonesia Relations,' October 2014, pp. 1–4.

ISIS International Affairs Forum Report on 'Latin America and Asia Pacific Realities: Defining the Agenda,' November 2014, pp. 3–7.

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## Media Engagement

ISIS Malaysia staff frequently provides expert input on local and international affairs, including media interviews and commentaries/opinions on RTM, TV3, Astro, BFM89.9, NTV7, CCTV, Reuters, and other news media. Listed below is the media engagement of our staff in 2014.

### Ms Elina Noor

"Chinese vessels entering Beting Serupai/James Shoal," Current Affairs, BFM, 28 January.

"The politics of sports," The Bigger Picture, BFM, 28 January.



“ESSCOM: Sink or swim?” Current Affairs, BFM, 27 June.

“Radicalization and Malaysian terrorism,” The Bigger Picture, BFM, 16 July.

“The perfect surveillance state,” BFM, 11 August.

“Being buddies with Uncle Sam,” DurianAsean, 4 September.

“United Nations General Assembly,” Bloomberg TV Malaysia, 26 September.

“Moving Malaysia,” Bloomberg TV Malaysia, 7 October.

“Malaysia’s non-permanent membership of the UNSC,” News, NTV7, 18 October.

### Mr Firdaos Rosli

Interview on GST, Selamat Pagi Malaysia, RTM1, 10 April.

Interview on GST, Hello on Two, RTM2, 14 April.

Comments in article by Lum Chee Hong, Syalikha Sazili and Norashikin Leman, “Perkukuh hubungan dagang,” *Berita Harian*, 1 June.

Comments in article by Zaidi Isham Ismail, “Invest in other Chinese cities, local firms told,” *New Straits Times*, 2 June.

“Mega trade blocs: TPP and RCEP,” DurianAsean, 25 September.

“Budget 2015,” TV AlHijrah, 6 October.

“Bajet: Rakyat faham?” TV AlHijrah, 8 October.

“Budget 2015,” Hellow on Two, TV2, 8 October.

“Budget 2015,” DurianAsean, 9 October.

“Budget 2015,” Capital TV, 10 October.

“Fokus hari ini,” Capital TV, 11 October.

“GDP Q2 report, AEC and APEC meetings,” Bloomberg TV Malaysia, 14 November.

“Fuel subsidy removal and IMF’s Article IV report on Malaysia,” Bloomberg TV Malaysia, 26 November.

“Role of GenY in today’s society,” Inspirasi Ikon, Capital TV, 12 December.

“Ke arah 2015, di manakah para belia?” 10 Minit Respons, RTM1, 12 December.

“Halatuju ekonomi Malaysia 2015,” Selamat Pagi Malaysia, RTM2, 22 December.

### Dr Adnan Hezri

“Our Population — Managing the Future,” BFM, 13 July.

Comments in article by Rita Long, “Climate change: How Malaysia is affected?” *The Heat Newsweekly*, Issue 39 (19–25 July), pp. 6–8.

### Mr Bunn Nagara

Interview on online issue by Rakyat Post, 27 January.

Telephone interview on the search for MH370, *The Star*, 16 March.

Comments in article by G Surach, “Need for China to calm situation, strengthen bilateral ties,” *The Star*, 30 March.

“The current South China Sea issues, Japan’s regional policies and Malaysia’s relations with the Philippines and China,” interview by Mr Toshihiro Yamanaka, Asahi Shimbun, 17 April.

“28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable,” TV News, RTM, 4 June.

“The preliminary investigation report on the crash of MH17,” Aljazeera TV, 9 September.

“The advances and gains of the IS (Islamic State) group in Syria and Iraq,” TV3, 25 September.

### Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

“The Turkish Prime Minister’s visit to Malaysia,” interview by Mr Mehmet Ozay, representative correspondent in Malaysia, Turkish Radio and Television (TRT), 8 January.

“The regional security issues and coordination between the countries involved in the rescue mission of MH370,” interview by CNN, 26 March.

“Perjanjian Komprehensif Bangsamoro,” interview by Ms Siti Rohani Ibrahim, Bernama, 1 April.

“ASEAN enlargement and norm emergence,” interview by Ms Kerstin Radtke, Visiting Researcher, EU Centre in Singapore, 7 April.

Comments in article “Pelaburan dari AS dijangka lebih aktif,” *Berita Harian*, 24 April.

“The coming 28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable,” Agenda Awani, Astro Awani, 28 May.

“The official visit of President of United States, Barak Obama to Malaysia,” interview by Mr Sajad Hussain, Turkish Radio and Television (TRT), 29 May.

Interview leading to the 28<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable, Agenda Awani, Astro Awani, 31 May.

“Dinamik baru keselamatan rantau Asia Pasifik,” Astro Awani, 1 June.

“MH17,” Turkish Radio and Television (TRT), 23 July.

“MH17: Formula diplomasi Malaysia,” Selamat Pagi 1Malaysia, RTM1, 24 July.

“MH17,” Rancangan Khas, RTM, 21 August.

### Mr Shahrman Lockman

Comments by Umapagan Ampikaipakan and Shahrman Lockman in article, “National flag-bearers,” *New Straits Times*, 22 July.

### Dr Tang Siew Mun

“Malaysia-China relations,” interview by Hong Kong TVB, 17 March.

Interview with Mr Suzuki of *Yomiuri Shimbun*, 2 April.

Comments in article, “Obama visit will assure Malaysia over South China Sea dispute,” *Bernama*, 24 April.

Comments in article by Teddy Ng, “Malaysia, China put on united front as they mark 40 years of diplomatic ties,” *South China Morning Post*, 1 June.

### Dato’ Steven C M Wong

Comments in article by Cheryl Yvonne Achiu, “Focus on product supply chain,” *New Straits Times*, 26 May.

“Capital gains tax,” TV3, 14 October.

Comments in article by Elliot Brennan, “What to expect from the ASEAN and East Asia Summits,” *The Interpreter*, 11 November.

## Appointments

### Dr Hezri Adnan

Adjunct Fellow, Fenner School of Environment and Society, The Australian National University.

Advisory Board Member, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Malaysia, 2014.

Cleared Advisor Member for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Government of Malaysia.

Distinguished Visiting Professor, Sustainability Science Research Alliance (SUTRA), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

Member of the Editorial Board of *Banwa: Journal of Social Sciences*, University of Philippines Davao, 2014.

Member of Expert Panel of the Peer Review Session for Malaysia’s Environmental Performance Index (EPI).

### Mr Bunn Nagara

Consultant Editor of *Moderation Monitor*, a journal of the Global Movement of Moderates.

### Ms Wan Portia Hamzah

Member of the International Advisory Board of the Center for Climate and Sustainable Development Law and Policy, South Korea.

## Awards

### Dr Hezri Adnan

International Visitor Leadership Programme (Climate Change and Renewable Energy), Department of State, United States of America, 2014.

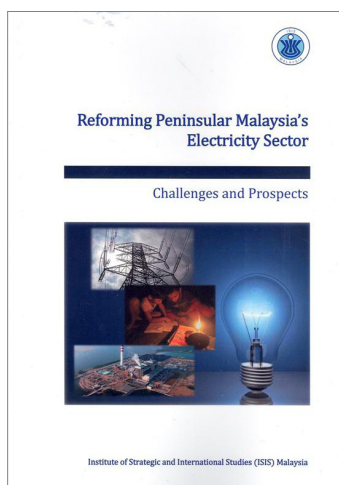
### Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

The Most Distinguished Order of Paduka Seri Laila Jasa (DSLJ) Second Class, which carries the title ‘Dato Seri Laila Jasa’ by HM Sultan of Brunei, 14 August 2014.

# PUBLICATIONS

ISIS Malaysia produced several publications in 2014.

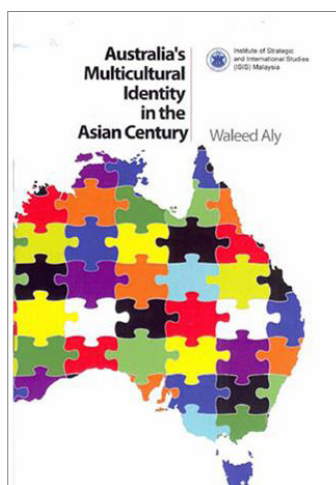
## Books



### **Reforming Peninsular Malaysia's Electricity Sector: Challenges and Prospects**

Kuala Lumpur: ISIS Malaysia, 2014

The e-book discusses the prospects and challenges associated with the objective of reforming the power sector in Peninsular Malaysia. It revolves around four themes: (i) energy market outlook and regional experience with electricity market reform; (ii) electricity tariff review in Malaysia and its expected impact; (iii) reforms to increase competitiveness in Malaysia's electricity sector; and (iv) transition and adaptation to a new sectorial structure. These themes were drawn from the discussions that took place during the *Public Forum on Reforms in Peninsular Malaysia's Electricity Sector*, which ISIS Malaysia and MyPower Corporation co-organised on 7 November 2013.

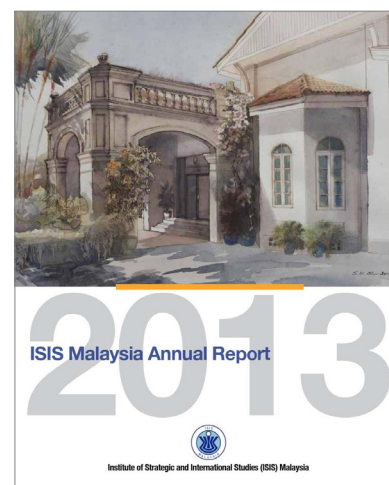


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