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# Welcome to the 34<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Roundtable

After a pandemic-induced hiatus in 2020, ISIS Malaysia is back with its signature Asia-Pacific Roundtable. The 34<sup>th</sup> APR, titled Disruption Redux, will go virtual and look at COVID-19's impact on regional security, the economy and societies.

Join ISIS Malaysia and the ASEAN-ISIS Network on 17-18 August as prominent experts discuss and dissect this changed and still changing world.

For more information on our sessions, speakers and to register, visit <https://www.isis.org.my/apr34>

**Herizal Hazri**  
ISIS Malaysia Chief Executive





## Welcoming Remarks

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### **Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak**

Chair, ASEAN-ISIS Network;  
Professor and Director  
Institute of Security and  
International Studies (ISIS) Thailand  
Thailand



### **Mr Herizal Hazri**

Chief Executive  
Institute of Strategic and  
International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia  
Malaysia

## Opening Remarks

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### **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

Director-General  
World Health Organization (WHO)  
Geneva



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# Session 1

## The Pandemic and Global Realignment

Instead of tempering major power competition, the pandemic has instead become yet another avenue of rivalry and has forced the world to confront issues of governance competency, economic resilience and adaptability, and socio-cultural cohesion.

### Instigator



**Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak**  
Professor and Director  
Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS) Thailand  
Thailand

### Speakers



**Mr Richard Maude**  
Executive Director of Policy  
Asia Society Australia;  
Senior Fellow  
Asia Society Policy Institute  
Australia



**Professor Tosh Minohara**  
Graduate School of Law  
and Politics  
Kobe University  
Japan



**Dr Shafiah F Muhibat**  
Head  
Department of International  
Relations  
Centre for Strategic and  
International Studies (CSIS)  
Indonesia

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## Session 2

### The Social and Political Costs of the Pandemic in Southeast Asia

As borders closed throughout the region, its knock-on effects began to reverberate, effecting labour and supply chains, to services and capital, and human mobility. Beyond economics, what are the human and political costs of border shutdowns in Southeast Asia?

#### Instigator



**Mr Herman Joseph S Kraft**  
Professor, Department of Political Science  
University of the Philippines-Diliman;  
Fellow, Asia Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation (APPF)  
The Philippines

#### Speakers



**Associate Professor Simon Tay**  
Chairman  
Singapore Institute  
of International Affairs (SIIA)  
Singapore



**Dr David Capie**  
Director, Centre for  
Strategic Studies;  
Professor, School of History,  
Philosophy, Political Science  
and International Relations  
Victoria University of Wellington  
New Zealand



**Dr Sarena Che Omar**  
Deputy Director of Research  
Khazanah Research Institute (KRI)  
Malaysia

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# Session 3

## Digital Sovereignty: Contesting Ideas, Singular Objectives

Pre- and post-pandemic, approaches to digital sovereignty have been coloured by techno-nationalism, innovation mercantilism and development gaps, even as digital adoption has skyrocketed. Is Cyberspace still a Wild West, beyond taming?

### Instigator



**Ms Briony Daley Whitworth**  
Assistant Director  
Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology Branch  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)  
Australia

### Speakers



**Dr Xu Longdi**  
Associate Research Fellow  
China Institute of International  
Studies (CIIS)  
People's Republic of China



**Mr Abid Adam**  
Group Chief Risk  
& Compliance Officer  
Axiata Group Berhad  
Malaysia



**Ms Farlina Said**  
Analyst, Foreign Policy  
& Security Studies  
Institute of Strategic &  
International Studies (ISIS)  
Malaysia

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# Ambassadorial Session 1: Beyond Disruption



**H.E. Ambassador Ouyang Yujing**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the People's Republic of China to Malaysia

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## Session 4

### Simmering Waters and Unsettling Undercurrents: The New Normal of the South China Sea Dispute

Separating East and West Malaysia, the South China Sea is one of Malaysia's most strategic but vulnerable maritime domains. The multi-stakeholder territorial dispute continues with the status quo increasingly being defined by might-makes-right, instead of norms grounded in international law.

#### Instigator



**Dr Asyura Salleh**  
Co-Founder  
Global Awareness & Impact Alliance (GAIA)  
Brunei Darussalam

#### Speakers



**Mr Gregory B Poling**  
Senior Fellow for  
Southeast Asia;  
Director, Asia Maritime  
Transparency Initiative  
Centre for Strategic &  
International Studies (CSIS)  
United States of America



**Dr Wu Shicun**  
President  
National Institute for  
South China Sea Studies  
(NISCSS)  
People's Republic of China



**Dr Nguyen Nam Duong**  
Associate Professor of  
Political Science;  
Deputy Director-General,  
South China Sea Institute  
Diplomatic Academy of  
Vietnam (DAV)  
Vietnam

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## Session 5

### Recovery Disrupted: The Challenge of Vaccine Distribution and Diplomacy

With demand for Covid-19 vaccines fast outstripping supply in Southeast Asia, governments are racing not just to secure vaccines but also to administer them. At the same time, vaccine diplomacy adds a significant new dimension in regional strategic calculations.

#### Instigator



**Dr Khor Swee Kheng**  
Visiting Fellow  
Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia;  
Associate Fellow, Chatham House  
The United Kingdom

#### Speakers



**Dr Jerome Kim**  
Director General  
International Vaccine  
Institute (IVI)  
Republic of Korea



**Dr Mely Caballero-Anthony**  
Professor of International Relations;  
Head of Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies  
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)  
Nanyang Technological University (NTU)  
Singapore



**Dr Anna Powles**  
Senior Lecturer  
Centre for Defence and  
Security Studies  
Massey University  
New Zealand



**Ambassador Igor Driesmans**  
European Union  
Ambassador to ASEAN  
Jakarta



**Major General Qjan Lihua**  
Vice Chair  
Council for Security Cooperation  
in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) China  
People's Republic of China

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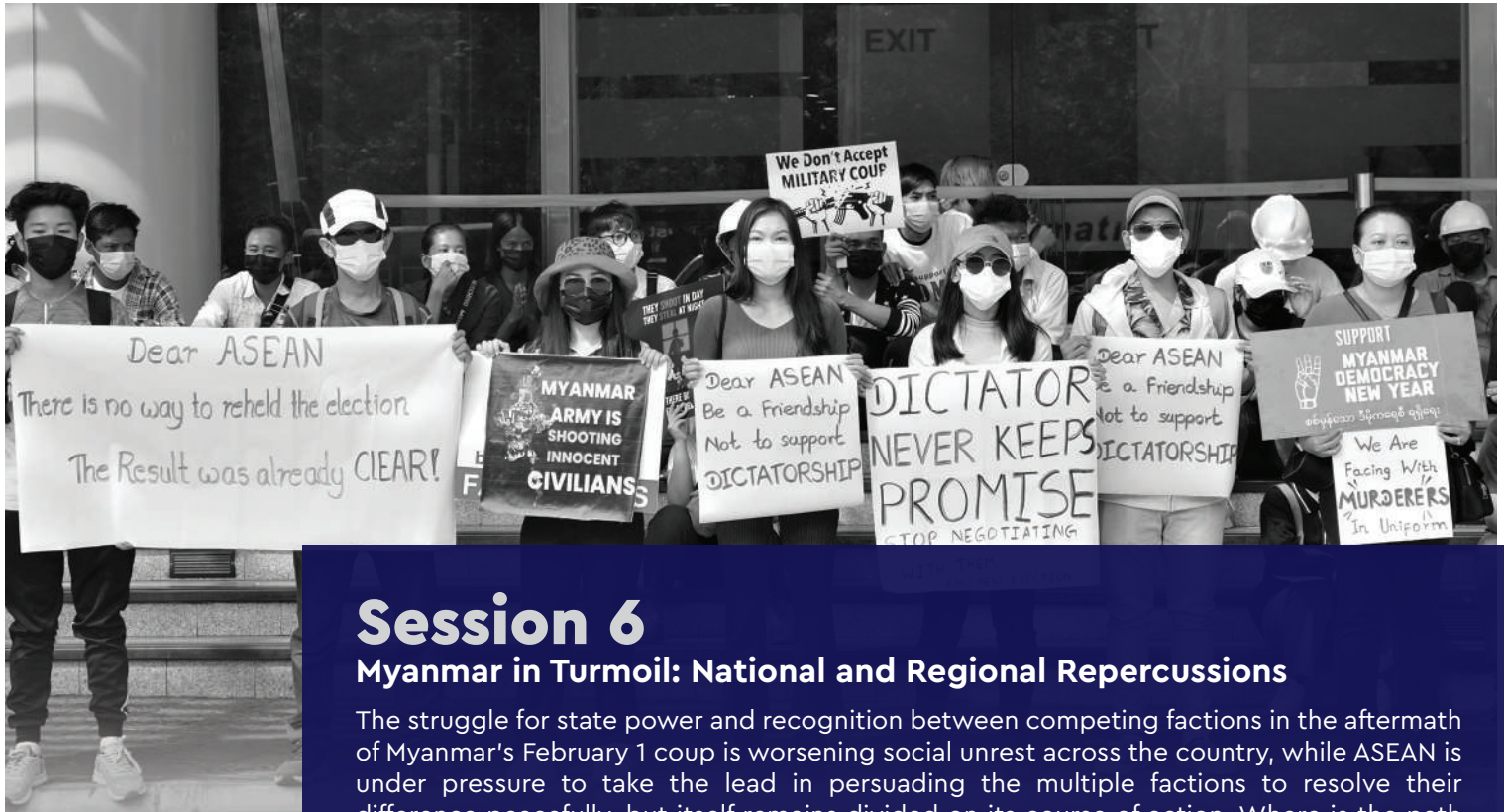
## Ambassadorial Session 2: Partnering Through Disruption: From The Pandemic To The South China Sea



**H.E. Dr Justin Lee**  
High Commissioner of Australia to Malaysia

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## Session 6

### Myanmar in Turmoil: National and Regional Repercussions

The struggle for state power and recognition between competing factions in the aftermath of Myanmar's February 1 coup is worsening social unrest across the country, while ASEAN is under pressure to take the lead in persuading the multiple factions to resolve their difference peacefully, but itself remains divided on its course of action. Where is the path forward?

#### Instigator



**Ambassador Pou Sothirak**  
Executive Director  
Cambodian Centre for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)  
Cambodia

#### Speakers



**Ambassador Rizal Sukma**  
Senior Researcher  
Centre for Strategic  
and International Studies  
(CSIS)  
Indonesia



**Ms Gwen Robinson**  
Editor-At-Large,  
Nikkei Asian Review  
Senior Fellow, Institute of  
Security and International  
Studies (ISIS) Thailand  
Thailand



**Mr Stephan Pierre Sakalian**  
Head of Delegation in Myanmar  
International Committee of  
the Red Cross (ICRC)

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## Closing Remarks



**Mr Herizal Hazri**  
Chief Executive  
Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia  
Malaysia

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