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@ Gala dinner after AGC-IAS-SBE's "Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration: Book Launch and Symposium" on 28 May 2024.

## Note from the Director

Noor Azam Othman

Professor, Acting Director  
of IAS

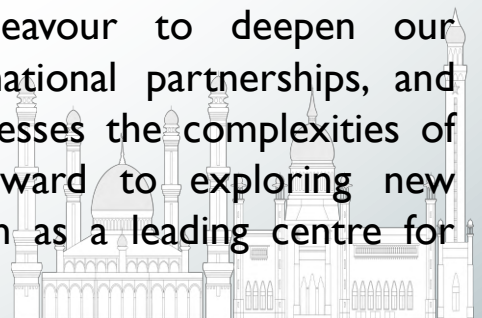


Dear Colleagues, Partners, and Friends of IAS,

I am pleased to address you as the new Acting Director of the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) at Universiti Brunei Darussalam. I would like to begin by expressing my deepest appreciation to our former Director, Yang Mulia Dk Dr Noor Hasharina Pg Hj Hassan, for her leadership, dedication, and invaluable contributions to IAS. Her efforts have laid a strong foundation for our institute, and we remain committed to building upon the legacy.

The past few months have been a period of dynamic activity and progress for IAS. In this issue, we report on our activities, including academic seminars that have fostered meaningful discussions on pressing regional issues. Our researchers have actively engaged in collaborative projects, strengthening ties with institutions across Asia and beyond. Additionally, we have strengthened our outreach initiatives, ensuring that our work resonates not only within academia but also with the broader community.

As we move forward, IAS shall endeavour to deepen our interdisciplinary research, enhance international partnerships, and promote innovative scholarship that addresses the complexities of Asia's evolving landscape. We look forward to exploring new opportunities and uphold IAS's reputation as a leading centre for Asian studies.



## RECENT STAFF PUBLICATIONS

### Professor Noor Azam Othman

1. **Noor Azam Haji-Othman.** (2024). English and Nation-building: Brunei Darussalam. In S. Boun & C.S. Duran (eds.), *English Education in Southeast Asian Contexts: Policy, Practice, and Identity*, Salem State University.
2. Deyuan, P. & **Noor Azam Haji-Othman.** (2024). Anxiety in English Language Learning. In A. Cirocki, B. Indrarathne & S. McCulloch (eds), *Cognitive and Education Psychology for TESOL*. Springer Texts in Education. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-66532-5\\_14](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-66532-5_14).
3. **Noor Azam Haji-Othman.** (2024). *Bilingualisme, Pembangunan Negara dan Wawasan Negara*. In Rampak Serantau (Bil.29, 2023, 356-382). *Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka*.
4. Sotello-Bravo, K., McLellan, J., & **Noor Azam Haji-Othman.** (2024). Brokering content communication through translanguaging: Teachers' discursive practices in Philippine EMI online classrooms. *Language Learning Journal Special Issue*, Taylor & Francis.
5. Siti Nur Afiyah Haji Fu'ad, **Noor Azam Haji-Othman** & McLellan, J. (2024). English education in Brunei: Secondary Students' views on EMI in Mathematics and Science. *Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Journal*.
6. Salinayanti Salim & **Noor Azam Haji-Othman.** (2025). Perceptions of Muslim Converts of the Influence of Media in Combating Islamophobia: A Phenomenology Study in Sabah and Sarawak. *Jurnal Komunikasi*.

The list above outlines six publications by Noor Azam Haji-Othman and collaborators between April 2024 and 2025, focusing on language, education, and sociocultural issues in Brunei and Southeast Asia. Key themes include English language education's role in nation-building in Brunei, language anxiety in learning, and bilingualism's impact on national development. Other works explore translanguaging in Philippine EMI (English-medium instruction) classrooms, Bruneian students' perspectives on EMI in STEM subjects, and Muslim converts' views on media and Islamophobia in Sabah and Sarawak. These wide-ranging topics reflects his diverse interests in language, identity, education and the role of the media.



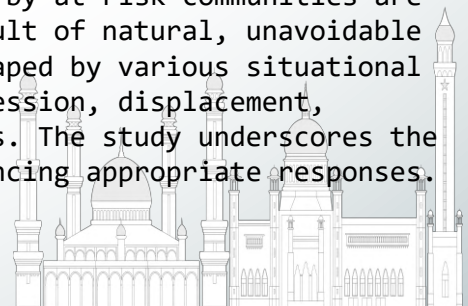


## Dr Sin Yee Koh

1. Koh, S. Y. (2024). Lifestyle migrants' urban citizenship and right to have rights: The Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) programme during a time of crisis. *Cities*, 153, 105308. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2024.105308>
  - **Lifestyle migrants' urban citizenship:** The article uses the case of the Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) programme during a time of crisis to highlight the scalar tensions in normative understandings of lifestyle migrants' urban citizenship. In doing so, it challenges empowering and emancipatory accounts of (migrant) urban citizenship.
2. Huda, F. Y., Kamruzzaman, L. (Md), Nikfalazar, S., Koh, S. Y., Arunachalam, D., & Lukose, D. (2024). The trends and patterns of informal housing practices in Australia. *Urban Policy and Research*, 42(4), 445–462. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08111146.2024.2399031>
  - **Informal housing practices in Australia:** This article reports on a study documenting informal housing practices in Australian cities using 2021–2022 data gathered through web scraping. The findings reveal a significant weekly gap between demand and supply, seasonal demand spikes, and spatial mismatches. These insights highlight the need for targeted population-, place-, and time-based policy interventions and provide a benchmark for monitoring policy effectiveness.
3. Koh, S. Y., & Yeoh, B. S. A. (2025). Post-2020 mainland Chinese student mobility to Malaysia: Trends and drivers. *Asian Population Studies*, 21(1), 33–45. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441730.2024.2421587>
  - **Mainland Chinese student mobility to Malaysia:** This article provides a brief report on the recent trend characterised by a substantial increase in application and enrolment numbers from Chinese students to Malaysia for tertiary education. It argues that this trend must be viewed through the lens of historical and contemporary interactions between Malaysia and China, alongside Malaysia's evolving higher education landscape and internationalisation efforts.
4. Shin, H. B., Zhao, Y., & Koh, S. Y. (Eds.). (2025). *The urbanising dynamics of global China: Speculation, articulation, and translation in global capitalism*. Routledge.
  - **Urbanising dynamics of global China:** This edited volume focuses on the urban dimension of global China, especially regarding the impacts of its urbanising dynamics on the (re)imaginings and manifestations of global urban futures. It situates China's urban question in contemporary global change, and vice versa, by understanding the rise of global China as an urban process that weaves together compressed spaces, variegated times and trans-scalar power dynamics in the making of global capitalism. The book is originally published as a special issue of *Urban Geography*.

## Associate Professor Paul J. Carnegie

1. Carnegie, P. J. (2025). Contours of Precarity: A Perspective of Vulnerability and Insecurity in *Southeast Asia Pacific Affairs*, 98(1); 5–22.
  - **Carnegie on the Contours of Precarity in Southeast Asia:** Associate Professor Paul J. Carnegie of the Institute of Asian Studies at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (IAS @ UBD) recently published a paper in *Pacific Affairs* on Contours of Precarity in Southeast Asia. Drawing on detailed observations over several years, combined with a review of relevant literature and the use of illustrative examples, the paper details how and why the concept of precarity is particularly useful for understanding contemporary forms of jeopardy in Southeast Asia. This conceptual shift is arguably crucial for understanding and mitigating vulnerabilities. Rather than relying on limited frames of reference, a grounded and disaggregated precarity perspective can bring greater awareness to localized distress stemming from untrammelled accumulation, extractive activities, speculative development, and indebtedness and help decipher the less acknowledged forces and interests shaping circumstances we seek to prevent.
2. Carnegie, P. J. (2024). Disaster, Risk and Conducting Human Security Research in *Southeast Asia Southeast Asia Multidisciplinary Journal* 24(3): 185–197.
  - **Carnegie on Disaster, Risk and Human Security in Southeast Asia:** Associate Professor Paul J. Carnegie of the Institute of Asian Studies at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (IAS @ UBD) recently published an article on disaster, risk and conducting human security research in *Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Journal*. This paper analyses the political, environmental and economic drivers amplifying exposure to disaster in Southeast Asia. While typhoons, storm surges and sea-level rise pose major risks to life and livelihoods and demand state-level action, the prominence and frequency of these symptomatic disasters often divert attention from underlying systemic and situational issues. The study findings reveal that the vulnerability and insecurity experienced by at-risk communities are not wholly random or exclusively the result of natural, unavoidable events. Exposure to disasters is also shaped by various situational factors, including habitat loss, dispossession, displacement, marginalisation and limited opportunities. The study underscores the importance of this appreciation for advancing appropriate responses.



3. Ade Roddiane bin Haji Mohd Rosdi & Carnegie, P.J. (2024). Coordinating Maritime Protections to Combat Illegal Fishing in Brunei's Exclusive Economic Zone, *Frontier* 5: 30–45.
  - Ade Roddiane and Carnegie on IUU fishing in Brunei's EEZ: Associate Professor Paul J. Carnegie of the Institute of Asian Studies at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (IAS @ UBD) recently co-authored an internally classified article on combatting illegal fishing in Brunei's Exclusive Economic Zone with Cmdr. Ade Roddiane bin Haji Mohd Rosdi, Royal Brunei Navy for the MINDEF's Frontier Journal to coincide with 63rd Royal Brunei Armed Forces Day. The study examines the challenges of protecting Brunei's vital territorial waters from the threat of illegal fishing. It identifies strategies to tackle illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing activities in Brunei's Exclusive Economic Zone. In doing so, the study highlights the importance of stakeholder involvement, maritime coordination and information sharing in maintaining food security and developing a sustainable fisheries industry into the future.

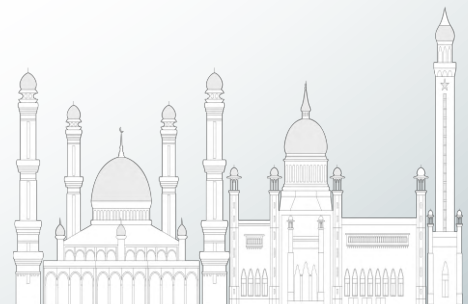
### Professor HOON Chang Yau

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2. Rodríguez, Á. S. ... Hoon, C.Y., et al. (2025). Overcoming Low Status or Maintaining High Status? A Multinational Examination of the Association between Socioeconomic Status and Honor. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 64(1), DOI: 10.1111/bjso.12854.
3. Hoon, C.Y. (2025). Book Review: Ethics of Belonging – Education, Religion and Politics in Manado, *Asian Studies Review*, DOI: 10.1080/10357823.2024.2435559
4. Sulaiman, L., & Hoon, C.Y. (2025) Glowing gains in Brunei despite diversification growing pains, *East Asia Forum*.
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6. Thung, J., Yuniarto, R., and Hoon, C.Y. (2024). China-Style Tourism in Indonesia: Prospects for People-to-People Bonds, *South East Asia Research*, 32(3): 263–282.
7. Zhao, K. & Hoon, C.Y. (2024). Preserving Chinese Culture through a Chinese Religious Organization in Brunei Darussalam: The Case of Teng Yun Temple. *Taiwan Journal of East Asian Studies*, 21(2): 117–139.
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10. Ananta, A., Musa, S.F., Arifin, E.N., & Hoon, C.Y. (2024). Towards a ‘Modern Monarchical Welfare Regime’: Identifying the Welfare Regime of Brunei Darussalam, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*. 46(2): 215–41.
11. Zhao, K. & Hoon, C.Y. (2024). “China-Brunei Economic Cooperation under the BRI: Achievements, Challenges and Prospects”. *Journal of South China Sea Studies* (in Chinese), 10(2): 91–101.
12. Hoon, C.Y. & Yeremia, A.E. (2024). China’s Cultural Diplomacy in Indonesia, *Trends in Southeast Asia*, Issue 4. Singapore: ISEAS Publishing.
13. Ho, H.M.Y. & Hoon, C.Y. (2024). Chinese Language Education in Brunei Darussalam: An Instrument of China’s Soft Power? In Leo Suryadinata (Ed.), *Rising China’s Soft Power in Southeast Asia: Impact on Education and Popular Culture* (pp. 200–214). ISEAS Yusof-Ishak Press.
14. Liu, Y., & Hoon, C.Y. (2024). Southeast Asia and Australia, in *The Routledge Handbook of Megachurches*. Ed. Afe Adogame et al. Routledge, pp. 89–102.

## Professor LEE Cheuk Yin

1. Lee, C. Y. (2025). *Chinese Culture and Daily Life*. City University of Hong Kong Press.
  - Professor LEE Cheuk Yin’s new book, entitles *Chinese Culture and Daily Life* (in Chinese, 文化與生活), has been published by City University of Hong Kong Press in January 2025. The book is a collection of 12 academic papers on Chinese culture which include: Legend and Reality- Zheng He in Southeast Asia; History and Imagination- The Image of Confucius in Historical Writings and its Creation; Knowledge and Taste- The Gold Fish Breeding Culture of the Ming Literati; and Tradition and Innovation- The Traditional New Year Prints in the New Age.





## Professor KWEN Fee Lian

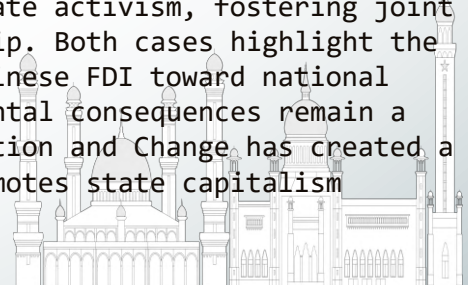
1. Kwen, F.L., & Alas, Y. (2025): When is a Dusun a Dusun: Ethnic Formation in Brunei, *Asian Ethnicity*, DOI: 10.1080/14631369.2025.2484008.

- This paper examines how the Dusun in Brunei have been constructed by colonists and census categories used by colonial and post-colonial governments and how they have been represented by scholars. Drawing on interviews with informants from selected lowland Dusun communities in Tutong, we discuss how the Dusun themselves make sense of their identity against the backdrop of social and economic changes in the 1950s–1990s, as Brunei transitioned from colonial administration to an independent and modern economy. By triangulating the three contrasting perspectives, we reflect on Dusun ethnic formation and deconstruct existing notions of Dusun-ness. Colonial ascription has given way to self-identification through the gradual process of nation-building even though the ties of kinship and residential proximity are still meaningful to the Dusun. We argue that essentializing Dusun-ness does not reflect their self-identification, which is multi-faceted, multicultural, and heterogenous.

## Dr Angela Tritto

1. Tritto, A. (2025). Statism and State Activism in Response to China's Belt and Road Initiative: Indonesia and Malaysia's Approaches to Developing the EV sector, *Competition & Change*, p. 10245294241311417.

- **Statism and State Activism in Response to China's Belt and Road Initiative: Indonesia and Malaysia's EV Sector:** In her latest publication, Dr Tritto investigates how Indonesia and Malaysia strategically engaged with Chinese investments under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to develop their electric vehicle (EV) sectors. The study shows how both countries adopted different blends of state capitalism: Indonesia leaned toward statism, using industrial policies and regulatory tools to restructure its nickel sector for EV battery production; Malaysia embraced state activism, fostering joint ventures like the Proton-Geely partnership. Both cases highlight the agency of host countries in directing Chinese FDI toward national goals, though unintended socio-environmental consequences remain a concern. This study published in *Competition and Change* has created a new conceptualization of how the BRI promotes state capitalism efforts.



2. **Tritto, A., Haini, H. & Wu, H. (2024).** Help with Strings Attached? China's Medical Assistance and Political Allegiances during the Covid-19 Pandemic, *World Development*, 178, 106568.
  - In this study, co-authored with colleague Dr Haini and her former student Hongsen Wu, Dr Tritto provides the first empirical study of China's Covid-19 medical assistance and its links with recipient countries' positions on China's key human rights issues. The analysis reveals that countries supporting China on issues like Hong Kong and Xinjiang at the UN received significantly more aid—up to 174% more medical equipment and 205% more vaccines. While the association was strongest during the early stages of the pandemic, the study also shows that some countries later shifted their stance, raising questions about the long-term impact of geopolitical aid. The findings suggest China's vaccine diplomacy was more politically driven than need-based. The study was published in *World Development*.
3. **Rodrigues-Santiago, A., & Tritto, A. (2025).** China-Africa Community with Shared Benefits: Health Cooperation and its Wider Political and Economic Implications. In: *Palgrave Handbook of China-Europe-Africa Relations*.
  - In this chapter Dr Tritto, together with soon-to-be Dr Anabela Rodrigues Santiago explore the evolving role of health cooperation as a core component of China's foreign assistance to Africa. Moving beyond infrastructure and trade, Tritto and Santiago highlight how medical aid—delivered through in-kind donations and dispatched health teams—serves not only humanitarian objectives but also broader geopolitical strategies. The authors frame this within China's vision of a “community of shared future for mankind,” presenting health diplomacy as both a developmental tool and a soft power strategy. While this cooperation is largely bilateral, the chapter also discusses implications for trilateral partnerships with the EU and Africa. The work emphasizes that public health is becoming a key domain in shaping China-Africa relations and potentially redefining the terms of global development assistance. The work was published in the *The Palgrave Handbook of China-Europe-Africa Relations* (2025) edited by Yichao Li, Francisco José B. S. Leandro, Jorge Tavares da Silva, and Carlos Rodrigues.



## Dr Nobumichi TERAMURA

1. Nottage, L., Teramura, N., & Tanna, J. (2024). Lawyers and Non-Lawyers in International Arbitration: Discovering Diminishing Diversity. *Loyola of Los Angeles International & Comparative Law Review*, 47(2), 139–171.
2. Teramura, N., Nottage, L., & Jetin, B. (Eds.). (2024). *Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration*. Singapore: Springer.
3. Teramura, N., Nottage, L., & Jetin, B. (2024). Bribery and Other Serious Investor Misconduct in Asian Investment Arbitration. In N. Teramura, L. Nottage, & B. Jetin (Eds.), *Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration* (pp. 1–36): Springer.
4. Nottage, L., & Teramura, N. (2024). Foreign Investment Treaties, Arbitration and Corruption: Comparing Japan. In N. Teramura, L. Nottage, & B. Jetin (Eds.), *Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration* (pp. 285–310): Springer.
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8. Teramura, N. (2024). Execution of Small Claims Orders [in Japanese]. In S. Kawashima (Ed.), *Introduction to Civil Execution Law and Civil Provisional Remedies Law* (pp. 169–171). Nippon Hyoronsha Publishing.
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10. Nottage, L., & Teramura, N. (2025). Corruption Control Needs a Clean-up in Asia. *East Asia Forum*.
11. Papp, E., & Teramura, N. (2025). Enforcing Singapore Judgments in Cambodia: Reciprocity under the Loupe. *Asian Journal of International Law*, 1–29 [First View].
12. Teramura, N., & Nottage, L. (2025). Corruption-related Provisions in East and South Asian Investment Agreements: An Empirical Analysis. *Journal of International Economic Law*, 1–28 [Advance Article]

## IAS CONFERENCES

### Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration: AGC-IAS-SBE Book Launch and Symposium

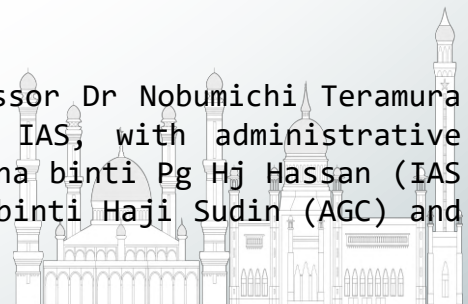
On 28 May 2024, the Institute of Asian Studies at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (IAS @ UBD) co-organised a conference, “**Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration: Book Launch and Symposium**” with UBD School of Business and Economics (SBE) and the Attorney General’s Chambers (AGC) at the Golden Jubilee Hall in the Law and Courts Building in Bandar Seri Begawan.

The IAS-SBE International Symposium on [“Academic Perspectives on Corruption and Foreign Direct Investment in the Asia-Pacific Region”](#) on 29 May 2023 has culminated in a conference volume entitled [“Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration \(Springer, 2024\)”](#). This AGC-IAS-SBE event celebrated the book’s successful publication with invited chapter contributors and local experts, such as IAS Eminent Visiting Professors Dr Michael Hwang SC, Professors Luke Nottage and Simon Butt (Sydney Law School) and Justice Anselmo Reyes (Singapore International Commercial Court). The celebration was followed by knowledge-sharing sessions in which the contributors discussed diverse issues on corruption and other serious misconduct in Asian investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), based on the book chapters but including the latest updates.

The symposium was attended by 100 speakers and guests from Brunei and abroad, including Attorney General Yang Berhormat Datin Paduka Dayang Hajah Nor Hashimah binti Haji Mohammed Taib (who kindly launched the book) as the guest of honour, and Vice Chancellor Dr Hazri bin Haji Kifle and Solicitor General Hajah Zuraini binti Haji Sharbawi as distinguished guests.

This event was organised by Assistant Professor Dr Nobumichi Teramura and Associate Professor Dr Bruno Jetin of IAS, with administrative support from IAS Director Dk Dr Noor Hasharina binti Pg Hj Hassan (IAS Director), Datin Paduka Dayang Hajah Suhana binti Haji Sudin (AGC) and Siti Munirah binti Abu Bakar (AGC).

The event was introduced in [Borneo Bulletin](#).









## IAS WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES

**21 August 2024: Dr Sanjeev Routray (IAS, UBD)**

Who is a Construction Worker? Bureaucratic Arbitrariness, Entrepreneurial Unions, and Performances of Eligibility in Delhi

**4 September 2024: Dr Ly Slesman @ Sulaiman bin Mohd Aliis (CARE, UBD)**

Can Money Buy Happiness? Income and Multidimensional Life Satisfaction in Brunei Darussalam

**11 September 2024: Dr Sin Yee Koh (IAS, UBD)**

Facilitating Mainland Chinese Student Mobilities to Malaysia: Student Agents, Social Media, and Brokerage Tactics

**23 October 2024: Dr Angela Tritto (IAS, UBD)**

Greenfield Smart Cities in Myanmar: Politics and Technicalities of Pipe Dreams

**30 October 2024: Prof Lian Kwen Fee (IAS, UBD)**

Census-Taking and the Colonial Project: Sarawak and Brunei

**6 November 2024: Prof Roberta Rabellotti (University of Pavia, Italy)**

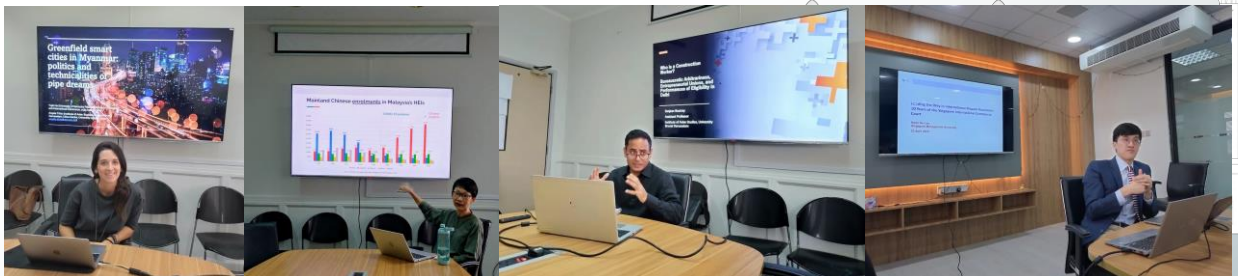
Digital and Green Translations: Opportunities and Challenges for Europe and China

**12 March 2025: Napak Serirak (IAS, UBD)**

Making Neighbours, Making Kin: Reflections on Fieldwork in Brunei

**22 April 2025: Dr Kwan Ho Lau (Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University (SMU))**

Leading the Way in International Dispute Resolution: 10 Years of the Singapore International Commercial Court



## ‘ASIA IN TRANSITION’ BOOK SERIES

- **Volume 21**

Jose Monfred C. & SyAnaneza P. Aban (eds.), *Reimagining Development in Southeast Asia: Alternative Practices from the Grassroots and Social Movements* (2025).

- **Volume 22**

Nobumichi Teramura, Luke Nottage & Bruno Jetin (eds.), *Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration* (2024).

- **Volume 23**

Ahmed M. Khalid & Bruno Jetin (eds.), *Brunei Darussalam's Economic Transition in a Shifting Global Asia* (2025).

- **Volume 25**

Debajyoti Biswas & John C. Ryan (eds.), *Environmental Humanities in India* (2025).

- **Volume 27**

Himanshu Upadhyaya, *Critical Insights on Colonial Modes of Seeing Cattle in India (1850–1980): Tracing the Pre-history of Green and White Revolutions* (2025).

- **Volume 28**

Julian Patrick Ward, Kelly Kar Yue Chan & Chi Sum Garfield Lau (eds.), *The Myriad Faces of Heroes and Heroines: Folkloric Tradition and Modern Contemporaries in Asia* (2025).

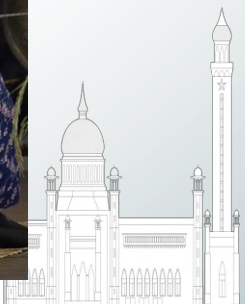
- **Volume 29**

Hannah Ming Yit Ho & Ying-kit Chan(eds.), *Transnational Southeast Asia: Communities, Contestations and Cultures* (2025).



## IAS WORKING PAPER SERIES

- Mohammad Adi and Muhammad Arafat. 2024. *Rolling Heritage: Gulintangan as inalienable gift in Brunei Darussalam*. IAS Working Paper No. 78.
- Victor T. King. 2024. *Covid-19 and Post-Covid Transitions: Case Material from the Lao People's Democratic Republic in a Southeast Asian Context*. IAS Working Paper No. 79.
- Amirah Japar. 2024. *Polygamy in Brunei: Examining the Family Structure and Experiences of Half-Siblings*. IAS Working Paper No. 80.
- Lee Cheuk Yin. 2024. *Wisdom of the East: Zheng He and his Maritime Expeditions*. IAS Working Paper No. 81.
- Siti Nurfarina Hasriana and Sin Yee Koh. 2025. *University Graduates and Online Food Entrepreneurship in Brunei Darussalam*. IAS Working Paper No. 82.
- Hjh Nur Hazirah Hj Awang Hamdani. 2025. *Living with Landslide Risk in Penanjong, Tutong*. IAS Working Paper No. 83.
- Westly Lo Siong Wei. 2025. *Doing Fieldwork on Indonesian Chinese Migrant Workers in Brunei Darussalam*. IAS Working Paper No. 84.



## OTHER NEWS

- **Professor Noor Azam Othman** delivered 'Professorial Lecture: The ecology of language in Brunei: Diversity, interplay and equity' at UBD on 30 April 2025.



- **Associate Professor Paul J. Carnegie** presented a paper entitled *From Mundane to Meaningful: A Sociology of the Everyday in Brunei Darussalam* at the **Brunei Forum 2024**, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.
- **Associate Professor Paul J. Carnegie** presented a paper entitled *Beyond Ordinary: A Sociology of the Everyday* at the **15<sup>th</sup> Asian Conference on Social Sciences (ACSS2024)**, Tokyo, Japan.

- **Dr Sin Yee Koo** gave the following international presentations:
  - *Conceptualising Migration Brokerage in (Im)Mobile Times*, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 25-26 Apr 2024 (paper presenter).
  - 'Back to the Future: Academic and Social Views on Southeast Asian Studies', Center for Southeast Asian Studies, South China Normal University, China, 22 Jun 2024 (invited speaker).
  - *International Workshop on "Global Korea/Asia-Pacific, Transnational Koreans/Asians"*, Jeju, South Korea, 29 May-1 Jun 2024 (invited speaker).
  - The 13th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 13), Surabaya, Indonesia, 28 July - 1 August 2024 (paper presenter).





- Dr Koo also gave the following international research presentations:
- *ASEAN-China People-to-people Exchanges: Progress and Prospects*, 8th Network of ASEAN-China Academic Institutes (NACAI) International Symposium, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 14 Nov 2024 (invited speaker).
- *International Workshop on Migration, Mobility, and Social Transformation*, Centre for Asian Studies, GITAM University, Bangalore, India, 21-22 Apr 2025 (invited speaker).
- *Gender and New Educational Mobilities*, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 24-25 Apr 2025 (paper presenter).
- *International Migration: From Root Causes to Drivers*, Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration & Integration Program, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada, 13-15 May 2025 (invited speaker).

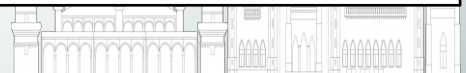




- **Professor HOON Chang Yau** delivered the following international talks:
  - “Negotiating Identities: The Conundrum of Chinese Christians in Indonesia”. Symposium of Chinese Diaspora Research Network, Kyung Hee University, South Korea, 09 Nov 2024. (Invited Keynote Speaker).
  - “Embracing Cultural Diversity: Towards a Future Ready Inclusive Southeast Asia”, SEAMEO Centres Policy Research Network Summit. 23-26 Apr 2024. (Invited Keynote Speaker).
  - “Brunei-China Economic Connectivity under the BRI”, 1st China (Henan)-ASEAN International Academic Conference, Zhengzhou University. 24-26 May 2024. (Invited Speaker).



- In April 2024, **Dr Angela Tritto** participated to the International Studies Association Conference in San Francisco, where together with her former colleague and co-author Dr Yujia He she presented a new paper on Smart Cities in Myanmar: politics and techniques of smartwashing. She also acted as discussant for a panel on energy governance.
- In May 2024, **Dr Tritto** attended a semiconductor tour in Penang, organized by the government think tank REFSA, together with several high-ranking government officers from Malaysia, representative from the World Bank, think tanks, and eminent scholars. During the three days, they visited more than ten semiconductor companies across some well-known high-tech industrial parks.



- In September 2024, Dr Tritto delivered a keynote for the University of Mataram in Lombok, titled the Importance of quality social science research in today's Indonesia at the Conference on Migration and Development: Human Rights and Resource Economy in Coastal Societies. She also interviewed several local tourism stakeholders as part of an upcoming research project. (See left below.)




**Brunei Darussalam  
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### Towards A More Efficient Dispute Resolution: Best Practice in Asia and Beyond






**Dr Michael Hwang SC**  
(Singapore)

**David Ravenscroft**  
(Hong Kong)

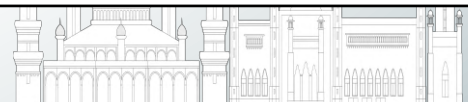
**Prof. Luke Nottage**  
(Australia)

**Dr Nobu Teramura**  
(Brunei)

**“Embracing Shifts Towards Arbitration and Mediation”**

*In recent years, the legal landscape has witnessed a notable transition towards Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) as a preferred method for resolving disputes. This shift reflects a growing recognition of the increasing desire for more efficient, cost-effective, and collaborative means of dispute resolution. Embracing ADR offers parties the opportunity to navigate legal disputes with greater flexibility, confidentiality, and the potential for preserving valuable relationships. The panel will highlight the reception of this shift by legal practitioners and businesses across different jurisdictions, provide an insight into the trends of ADR in the East and what the future holds in the dispute resolution arena.*

- On 29 May 2024, Brunei Darussalam Arbitration Centre held a seminar entitled “Towards A More Efficient Dispute Resolution: Best Practice in Asia and Beyond”. In this event, **IAS Eminent Visiting Professor Dr Michael Hwang SC** delivered a keynote lecture on “Guerilla Warfare in International Arbitration”. The lecture was followed by a panel session by Dr Hwang, **Professor Luke Nottage** (also **IAS Eminent Visiting Professor**), Mr David Ravenscroft and **IAS Assistant Professor Dr Nobumichi Teramura**.



- Dr Teramura delivered the following presentations in international conferences and seminars:
- 'Confidentiality and Privacy of International Commercial Arbitration: Their New Identities in the Digital Era'. Presentation in 'Unveiling Arbitration's (New) Identity' Conference (9 May 2025, online)
- 'Corruption and Illegality in East and South Asian Investment Agreements: An Empirical Analysis'. Presentation with Professor Luke Nottage in 'Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration: Book Launch and Symposium' at the Attorney General's Chambers of Brunei Darussalam (28 May 2024).
- 'Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration'. Presentation in 'Collaborative Research Network 33 East Asian Law and Society Book Introduction Session' organised by Law & Society Association at Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Centre in the US (6 June 2024).
- 'Book Overview'. Presentation in 'Corruption and Investment Arbitration in Asia: New Frontiers' seminar at Sydney Law School (1 August 2024).



Organized by G. Colombo,  
J. Kartton, M. Piers and P. Ortolani

## Programme

**PANEL 1 09.00-10.00 AM CET -  
RECONSIDERING THE  
THEORETICAL CORNERSTONES OF  
ARBITRATION**  
ZOOM MEETING ID: 865 6125 9854

Moderated by G. Colombo

1. Benjamin Hayward - Feeling Unfriendly About Being Arbitration Friendly? It's OK!
2. Eva Litina - Unveiling Arbitration's (New) Regulation in a Changing World: Dilemmas, Prospects and Challenges
3. Ata Türkfiliz - Reconsideration of the Confidentiality of Arbitration for the New Space Age
4. Eva Storskrubb - Arbitration and the Rule of Law - New Pressures and/or Opportunities in the EU?
5. Anabela Gonçalves and Sara Peixoto - Electronic Arbitral Awards: Enforcement Under The New York Convention - Do We Have A Choice?

**PANEL 2 10.30-12.30 AM CET -  
THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY**  
MS TEAMS MEETING ID: 385 519 502 631 3  
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Moderated by M. Piers

1. Nobumichi Teramura - Confidentiality and Privacy of International Commercial Arbitration: Their New Identities in the Digital Age
2. Magdalena Lagiewska - The Importance of Artificial Intelligence in the Context of the Work of Arbitrators: The SVAMC Perspective
3. Paul-Raphael Shehadeh - On-chain enforcement by arbitrators - a novel jurisdiction or something else?
4. Mansour Vesali-Mahmoud; Hosna Sheikhattar - The Black Box of AI in Arbitration: Examining the Challenges to Arbitral Integrity

Online conference  
9 MAY 2025

Unveiling arbitration's  
(new) identity



- Dr Teramura also gave a guest lecture, 'The Heirs to the Sultanate of Sulu v Malaysia: Arbitration as Friend or Foe?' at Faculty of Law, University of Malaya (21 May 2025). (See left below)



- In November 2024, IAS had the pleasure of hosting **Professor Roberta Rabbellotti** from the University of Pavia, sponsored by the Erasmus+ program. She delivered a series of lectures on several topics including renewable energy and digital innovation for IAS, SBE, IPS, and FASS over the course of one week. (See right above.) She also attended with us the UBD Staff Appreciation night.



- In May 2025, IAS had the pleasure of hosting Asst Professor Kwan Ho Lau from the Singapore Management University (SMU). He delivered a series of talks on international dispute settlement.





**Thank you for reading!**  
**See you in the next issue!**

