

The Newsletter of the Institute of Asian Studies
Universiti Brunei Darussalam

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ABOUT

The Institute of Asian Studies

The Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) is committed to advancing research, fostering scholarly productivity, and stimulating intellectual exchange on Borneo and Southeast Asia at the crossroads of East and South Asia. Through its book series, seminars, working papers, workshops, and events, IAS brings together scholars and graduate students from the region and beyond to cultivate interdisciplinary dialogue and collaborative inquiry. It offers a dynamic hub for scholars and students alike to engage Southeast Asia's rich historical, socio-cultural, and ethno-linguistic diversity, while critically addressing the region's most pressing contemporary political, economic, and environmental challenges.

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Director's Message

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Dear Colleagues, Students, Partners and Friends of IAS,

I am honoured to address you as the Director of the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) for July 2025 to June 2026. On behalf of IAS, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to our former Acting Director, Professor Dr Haji Noor Azam Bin OKMB Haji Othman, for his leadership and contributions to IAS.

Over the past months, the Institute saw a flurry of activities and developments. Our research outputs and activities are documented in the ensuing pages. Here, I would like to draw your attention to some of our key achievements.

First, 2025 marks the **tenth anniversary of the [Asia in Transition book series](#)**.

Over the past decade, the Series has seen thirty titles being successfully produced. Having now matured into an established book series for Asian studies, we look forward to the next milestone of growth and development as we continue to support and promote scholarship in and from the region.

Second, the Institute hosted the **[Urban Transformations in Southeast Asia workshop](#)** in June 2025. Bringing together thirteen invited speakers from outside Brunei and seven speakers from Brunei, the workshop provided a platform for scholarly discussion and exchange on current research on urban issues that are being undertaken by the presenters. We were also honoured to have the presence of officers from the Town and Country Planning Department.

Third, the Institute welcomed **Dr Goh Chun Sheng** in August 2025 as we bid farewell to **Professor Hoon Chang-Yau**, **Professor Lee Cheuk-Yin**, **Professor Lian Kwen Fee**, and **Dr Nobumichi Teramura** during July 2025 to January 2026. We look forward to Dr Goh's contributions, especially through his expertise on Borneo. At the same time, we thank our former colleagues for their contributions and dedicated service during their time at IAS, and look forward to continued engagements and interactions.

Speaking of continued engagements, the Institute hosted the short-term visits of our former colleagues, **Professor Victor King** and **Professor Hoon Chang-Yau**, in November and December 2025 respectively. During their visits, they delivered research seminars, conducted graduate student workshops, and engaged in informal discussions concerning ongoing collaborations.

We are also grateful to Professor Victor King for his generous support for the **Victor T. King Prize in Borneo Studies**. Inaugurated in 2022, the Prize recognises the best final-year undergraduate essay on a research topic related to Borneo Studies. During his visit to IAS, Professor Victor King gave out the awards for prizes for the [academic years 2022/2023 and 2024/2025](#).

Last but not least, IAS celebrated the **graduation of four graduate students** (one PhD and three Master's of Arts by Research) during the convocation in August 2025. We wish them the very best of success in their next endeavours, and invite them to remain connected with the Institute as their careers develop.

Meeting the people at IAS

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Celebrating 10 Years of the IAS- Springer Book Series *Asia in Transition*

IAS is delighted to mark the 10th anniversary of its Book Series, a decade of scholarly contribution and engagement. Initiated in 2015 as part of UBD's strategic vision to enhance its international reputation in research excellence, the *Asia in Transition* Series is published under the auspices of the Institute of Asian Studies in conjunction with Springer Nature. The Series addresses the interplay of local, national, regional and global influences in Southeast Asia and Borneo at the crossroads of East and South Asia. Its first volume was published in 2016, and the dedication to publishing original disciplinary and interdisciplinary research from the social sciences and humanities has advanced understanding of significant issues and challenges facing the region. We congratulate its achievements, the openness and inclusiveness of its editorial policy and Springer's commitment to accessibility for interested readers.



The Series has matured into the premier book series at UBD for social sciences and humanities scholarship. Thanks to the generous support of UBD, this success demonstrates the ability of a Brunei based advanced research institute to compete with renowned Centres and Institutes publishing on the region.

- **30** titles published.
- Strong reputational visibility for UBD.
- Raised UBD's international research profile in the social sciences and humanities.
- Expanded inter-faculty collaboration across IAS, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), Academy of Brunei Studies (APB), Center for Advanced Research (CARE), and the UBD School of Business and Economics (UBD SBE).
- *(Re)presenting Brunei Darussalam* by Lian Kwen Fee, Paul J. Carnegie and Dk Noor Hasharina bte Pg Haji Hassan has garnered 96,000 downloads since its publication in 2023.
- Open Access and Scopus Indexing increase the impact of staff research and publications.
- Higher citation counts and H-indexes to progress UBD in the global rankings.

Celebrating the Graduation of IAS Graduate Students

IAS celebrated the graduation of 4 graduate students at the 37th Convocation Ceremony 2025.

Duong Van Bien - PhD in Asian Studies

“The Localization of Religion in Vietnam: The Case of Marian Devotion”

Supervisors: Assoc. Prof. Liam Kelley and Prof. Hoon Chang-Yau

Halimah Dewi Irawan - MA (Research) in Asian Studies

“Deciphering the Joko Widodo Administration’s Policies on Laut Natuna Utara (2016-2022): Between Domestic Politics and International Relations”

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Paul Carnegie

Adi Ailin Binti Mohd Addly - MA (Research) in Asian Studies

“Through the Bruneian Lens – Transnational Crime During the Covid-19 Pandemic”

Supervisors: Assoc. Prof. Liam Kelley and Dr. Nobumichi Teramura

Le Cong Duc - MA (Research) in Asian Studies

“Vietnamese Media Perspective in the 2021 Coup in Myanmar”

Supervisors: Assoc. Prof. Liam Kelley, Senior Prof. Phan Le Ha, and Prof. Hoon Chang-Yau



Farewells to Our Long-Serving Colleagues

In 2025, IAS marked the departure of Professor Hoon Chang-Yau, Professor Lee Cheuk-Yin, Dr Nobumichi Teramura, and also Professor Lian Kwen Fee, the Institute's longest-serving member since the founding of IAS. During their time with the Institute, they have played a pivotal role in shaping its intellectual direction, contributing not only as distinguished scholars, but also as dedicated colleagues, mentors, and drivers of the Institute's academic life. Their commitment, generosity, and collegial spirit have left an enduring imprint on IAS and on those who have worked alongside them. We take this opportunity to honour their achievements and to extend our warmest wishes.



WORKSHOP

‘Urban Transformations in Southeast Asia’

The Institute of Asian Studies (IAS), Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) organised a two-day workshop titled ‘Urban Transformations in Southeast Asia’ from 4th to 5th June 2025.

The workshop brought together 13 invited international speakers and seven speakers from Brunei Darussalam, to present and discuss papers on this theme. The line-up included two keynote speakers: Professor Gavin Shatkin from Northeastern University, United States of America (USA) and Professor Tim Bunnell from National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore.

Other invited international speakers were Dr Erin Collins from Dartmouth College, USA; Professor Erik Harms from Yale University, USA; Dr Dian Irawaty from Rujak Centre for Urban Studies, Indonesia; Professor Abidin Kusno from York University, Canada; Dr Ng Keng-Khoo from NUS College, Singapore, Associate Professor Rita Padawangi from Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore; Associate Professor Redento Recio from University of the Philippines Diliman, the Republic of the Philippines; Dr Napong Tao Rugkhapan from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; Associate Professor Claudio Sopranzetti from Central European University, Austria; Dr Courtney Wittekind from Purdue University, USA; and Professor Orlando Woods from Singapore Management University, Singapore.

The seven speakers from Brunei Darussalam included Dayangku Dr Noor Hasharina Pengiran Haji Hassan from Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Professor Hoon Chang-Yau from the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS), UBD; Dr Izni Azrein Noor Azalie from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), UBD; Gabriel Yong from FASS, UBD; Dr Angela Tritto from IAS; and Napak Serirak (UBD), a PhD student at IAS.

The opening ceremony of the workshop on 4th June commenced with welcoming remarks by Professor Noor Azam Haji Othman, the Acting Director of IAS and Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Education) of UBD, before being officially opened by the guest of honour, UBD Vice-Chancellor Dr Hazri Haji Kifle.



At the workshop, Dr Hazri pointed out that urban issues remain key to the understanding of sustainability at the local, national, regional, and international levels. He also highlighted that the workshop aligned well with the UBD Sustainability Master Plan's pillars, in particular 'Pillar 1: Driving Innovation through Sustainability Research' and 'Pillar 5: Empowering Sustainable and Resilient Communities through Engagement and Partnership.'

Since its establishment in 2012, the IAS has successfully organised a series of research workshops as part of the institute's flagship research activities. The 'Urban Transformations in Southeast Asia' workshop contributes to the development of cutting-edge and interdisciplinary urban scholarship at IAS and beyond.

The invited speakers shared that they felt very welcomed in Brunei Darussalam and UBD. For most, it was their first time to the Sultanate and they appreciated the opportunity to visit and to contribute to the workshop. Many of them expressed a keen interest in learning more about the country and UBD.

Professor Gavin Shatkin said, "Everyone I've been interacting with, almost to the person, is not only friendly but kind [and] personable." When asked to use one word to capture his experience, Professor Shatkin said, "Embracing – I feel like I've been brought in and welcomed."

Professor Orlando Woods said, "Although it's my first time [in Brunei], it feels very comfortable here. UBD is a university that I know and respect very highly. So when I was invited I was very excited to come and visit the university and contribute to the workshop. There is a richness to the discussions [in the workshop] and I've been learning a lot." Similarly, Professor Tim Bunnell commented that the "academic conversations have been excellent".

Dr Erin Collins said, "I've gone to a lot of different workshops in different places, and the level of care is just really clear here. The fact that so many people were so thoughtful about how to organise this experience – you just can feel it; you can notice it. I feel a strong sense of care of labour, care of people, and care of scholarship. It feels like a very caring community."

Similarly, Dr Courtney Wittekind shared, "I haven't previously been to a workshop with so many people working on Southeast Asian cities. So it feels very special to be part of that."



Politics, Precarity, and Statecraft in Southeast Asia

Paul J. CARNEGIE



I recently published research on studying precarity in Southeast Asia. By showing how dominant state-led discourses, policy practices, and market logics routinely obscure the lived, situated, and uneven character of precarity, it makes the case for moving beyond narrow and technocratic framings of risk and vulnerability. The research advances precarity as a generative analytical lens for bringing into focus the entangled relations between politics, commercial interests, environmental degradation, and inequality that shape contemporary vulnerability in Southeast Asia. It reveals the power relations and interests through which vulnerability is produced, managed, and reproduced across the region.

I've co-authored published research on Indonesian Statecraft in the North Natuna Sea with Halimah Dewi Irawan. Based on fieldwork interviews with key informants, the study offers an in-depth analysis of the drivers behind Jakarta's strategic behaviour in the North Natuna Sea. While structural accounts of power distribution, regional balancing, and economic interdependence help explain the strategic behaviour of middle powers amid great power competition, they do not fully capture the specificity of Indonesia's hedging approach. Instead, this research highlights the influence of domestic politics, institutional contestation, and competing priorities among state agencies.

I also undertook another published collaborative research project on Brunei and Thailand Halal Industry Cooperation with Nurul Jannah Kosor. It drew on interview data from key stakeholders in Bruneian and Thai government and business sectors. The research investigated the opportunities and constraints shaping Brunei's halal industry development and considered whether further bilateral cooperation with Thailand could enhance its competitive market positioning.



Mobile Pathways in Brunei and Beyond

Hannah Ming Yit HO



Living in Brunei, and on Borneo more broadly, has steadily stirred my interest in the maritime histories of Southeast Asia. This interest first came to fruition in the early publication of *Transnational Southeast Asia* (Springer) this year, an edited volume for which I took great pleasure in commissioning chapters that explore, among other themes, the utility of the transnational in configuring the flows and ebbs of movement and migration within and across national borders. Of note is the book's sections on contestations and cultures that examine the relationship between mobility, place, and identity. These sections are particularly compelling for the meanings that they bring to the Southeast Asian region and, in turn, to the Bruneian nation that many continue to call home.

Growing up, Kampung Ayer (Water Village) has always been a source of intrigue and fascination. Located in Brunei's capital city of Bandar Seri Begawan, memories of floating markets and girl guide trips to visit schools and homes on stilts evoke a sense of nostalgia and appreciation for what once was, especially in the wake of ongoing shifts towards land-based communities. Mentions of Kampong Ayer often spark the imagination: visions of an abundant, unfiltered diet of fish; the earthy wooden planks stamped on eagerly by groups of schoolchildren; and the ever-present, foreboding yet majestic sight of saltwater crocodiles casually sunbathing.

More recently, I have turned to Tina Afiqah's beautifully crafted Anglophone novel *The Bubble Princess and the Stone Heart* (2022) as an entry point into alternative renderings of Bruneian culture that gravitate not only towards its historically expansive landmass but also towards its distinctive waters and the life they sustain. Literature's capacity to tease out and reflect folklore and myth offers an avenue through which to navigate the cultural imaginaries of a people who are indigenous to water as much as to land. Continuous movements between water and land which are driven by twofold processes of urbanisation and modernisation have resulted in shifting localities that define, rather than undermine, the identities of those growing up with, amid, and around bodies of water.

To this end, the latest issue on Southeast Asian Literatures, for which I serve as guest editor, published in the *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* (Taylor & Francis 2025), invites an archipelagic approach to reading Southeast Asia. My article theorising an alter-native cultural imaginary of Brunei appears alongside essays that critically examine literary texts from Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia. Together, these contributions engage with islanded and archipelagic formations that complicate, yet enrich, the stories, identities, and imaginaries that continue to emerge from this distinctive region.

The Story Behind *Life Beyond the Checklist*

Angela TRITTO



Every paper has a story, but *Life Beyond the Checklist* stands out as one of those that still makes me smile when I think back.

The journey began in 2018, when a group led by Daniele Brombal invited me to a forest retreat in the Cansiglio woods to discuss sustainability in China's Belt and Road Initiative. At the time, I was a postdoc in Hong Kong, just starting my research on the topic. That same year, I was invited to contribute to a workshop for a [Horizon Scan of China's Belt and Road Initiative](#) in Kunming, and I chose that opportunity instead. Practical constraints played a role—but if I'm honest, I was also intimidated by the retreat itself. Co-creation? Theory U? A forest, bunk beds, and strangers? It felt far outside my comfort zone.

A few years later, after reading the [Cansiglio Declaration](#) produced by that first meeting, I realised how much I shared with this group: a love for nature, a concern for biodiversity and culture, and—above all—deep unease about the social and environmental consequences of the Belt and Road Initiative, which my own fieldwork had increasingly brought to light.

So when the invitation came again in 2022, I decided to say yes. Armed with courage (and, admittedly, some pepper spray), I headed to Venice. Post-pandemic, it felt like the right moment to try something new.

From the start, the group felt welcoming and energising. Our backgrounds were diverse but united by a shared commitment to sustainability and real-world impact. Kelli, with her fantastically cheerful and outgoing personality, guided us through creative exercises that pushed us to empathise with communities and rethink how Environmental Impact Assessments are done—not as technocratic checklists, but as processes centred on people, language, and lived experience.

Try it yourself...

1. Close your eyes (but close them really)
2. Think about the place where you feel home
3. Describe the feelings, the sensations that come to mind when you are in this place, what is so special about it?
4. Now think that a new proposed development project will be built right next to your place
5. How would you feel? What comes to mind?

Questions this simple can help you connect with people who may have completely different personalities, background, or ways of life. That retreat reshaped how I think about EIA, a practice I had long seen as overly pro-development and often detached from affected communities. The article that emerged reflects

those conversations: how to redesign EIA, how to make language more inclusive, and how to put communities back at the centre.

Looking back, this experience captures why I love being a researcher. It involved animal sounds around a bonfire, encounters with wild deer, lots of posters and sticky notes, being in the forest with complete strangers and getting lost in a convent in Venice only to end up in the enclosure. It also involved conversations with people whose lives and stories deeply inspired me. I met [Prince Papa](#) who wrote a song that fought against the development of the Lamu coal power plant in Kenya, and [Vittorio \(Toio\) De Savorgnani](#), an Italian alpinist who after losing part of his fingers and toes in an accident while ascending one of Himalaya's highest peaks became an environmental activist.

So while I am still perplexed about some terms like “more-than-human” used by other disciplines, *Life Beyond the Checklist* is a one-of-a-kind publication, one showing that meaningful research can emerge from unexpected settings—and that interdisciplinary collaboration is not just valuable, but transformative. Once again, I am thankful to Daniele, Daniela, Mengmeng, Kelli, Marc and the rest of the magic people of the forest for these memories and the hard work that they put in this amazing publication.



Photo from Angela Tritto

Learning with Borneo

Chun Sheng GOH



ASEAN often prides itself on doing things quietly. No grand theories, no binding rules, but just patience, consensus, and a preference for harmony over confrontation. This approach, commonly labelled the “ASEAN Way,” has helped a very diverse region stay at the same table for decades. But as Southeast Asia grapples with climate change, energy transition, labour mobility, and uneven development, the real challenge is no longer whether cooperation matters, but how it actually works on the ground.

One place stands out as an unusually rich site for observation and learning: Borneo.

Shared by Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, and Indonesia, while sitting right next to the Philippines, Borneo is ASEAN in miniature. It is politically divided, yet deeply interconnected. It is rich in resources, culturally diverse, and undergoing rapid transformation. Most importantly, cooperation here is not a diplomatic slogan. It is a daily necessity. This makes Borneo not merely an object of study, but a living reference point for understanding Southeast Asia as it is actually experienced across borders.

At first glance, Borneo looks fragmented. Different countries, different laws, different development priorities. Yet ecologically and socially, the island functions as a single system. Rivers cross borders. Forests do not stop at customs checkpoints. Workers move from Kalimantan to Sabah and Sarawak to fill labour shortages, shaping livelihoods on both sides. Massive projects, such as hydropower dams, power grids, industrial corridors, roads and ports, and even Indonesia’s new capital, may be planned nationally, but their impacts ripple across the island.

For local communities, Borneo’s interconnectedness is lived reality. For practitioners, it brings new opportunities and perspectives. For policymakers, it raises a practical question: are we looking at the right scale?

Most governance in Borneo still operates at two familiar levels: national and sub-national. Both matter. National governments provide authority and resources; local governments understand community needs. But many of Borneo’s toughest challenges, whether environmental degradation, labour flows, energy systems, or supply chains, do not fit neatly into either box. Address them nationally, and cross-border effects are missed. Handle them locally, and bigger patterns disappear. The island scale sits in between. It does not challenge sovereignty, but it makes interdependence visible.

Borneo already offers concrete examples of this thinking at work. The Heart of Borneo initiative, launched in 2007, was a rare moment when three governments openly treated the island’s forests as one ecological whole. Under BIMP-EAGA, Borneo has also become a testing ground for regional economic cooperation. Since 2016, Sarawak has supplied renewable electricity to West Kalimantan through the Trans-Borneo grid, lowering costs and improving access without fanfare. Meanwhile, indigenous communities have quietly practised their own version of ASEAN cooperation in the borderlands. Groups divided by borders have come together through alliances like FORMADAT to protect shared lands, cultures, and livelihoods.



Photo taken by C.S. Goh in Semporna, Sabah, 2010

What ties these experiences together is not grand integration, but sharing of resources, information, risks, and responsibilities. Thinking regionally reframes Borneo not as three separate development spaces, but as a shared home. It encourages coordination through everyday decisions rather than lofty declarations. For an institute committed to regional understanding, this reinforces the value of sustained, island-based engagement rather than distant, capital-centric perspectives.

Seen this way, Borneo is more than a region to be managed. It is a learning space for the ASEAN Way. The island concentrates many of Southeast Asia's core dilemmas: balancing growth and sustainability, managing mobility without exclusion, coordinating across different systems, and ensuring development benefits local communities. How these tensions are handled in Borneo offers lessons far beyond the island. As the region looks toward a more connected and resilient future, Borneo deserves attention not as a peripheral frontier, but as a central testing ground, where cooperation is not theoretical, but lived.

Publications and Engagement

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4. **Goh, C.S.** (in press). Book Review: Border History from a Borneo Longhouse: The Search for a Life that is Very Good by Valerie Mashman, New York: Routledge, 2024. *Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Journal*.

Invited talks, seminars, conferences and workshops

1. **Carnegie, P.J.** “Towards a Sociology of the Everyday in Southeast Asia” at the 15th Asian Conference on Cultural Studies (ACCS2025), Tokyo, Japan.
2. **Carnegie, P.J.** “Breaking the Cycle: Indonesia’s strategy against militant extremism” at the 16th Asian Conference on Social Sciences (ACSS2025), Tokyo, Japan.
3. **Ho, H.M.Y.** 3rd Global South Think Tanks Forum. Global South Think Tanks Alliance. Shanghai, China. 3-4 December.
4. **Ho, H.M.Y.** Narrating Transnational Chinese Cultural Belonging: Oral Histories, Inter-Asia Linkages and Civilisational Dialogues in Brunei Darussalam. 10th China-South and Southeast Asian Think Tank Forum. Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences. Kunming, Yunnan, China. 10-12 October.
5. **Ho, H.M.Y.** The First Global Circumnavigator: A Malay Man. Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Conference. Walailak University. Thailand. 23-25 July.
6. **Ho, H.M.Y.** Digital Humanities: Language, Literature, and Culture in the New Media Era. International Seminar Undergraduate Conference on Language, Literature, and Culture (UNCLLE), Universitas Dian Nuswantoro. Indonesia. 17 May.
7. **Ho, H.M.Y.** The Inscrutable Voices: Subjective Writing in Transnational Anglophone Chinese Bruneian Poetry. The Sigur Center for Asian Studies. The George Washington University. United States of America. 5 February. ([Link](#))
8. **Koh, S.Y.** ‘Student Agents and Mainland Chinese Students’ Geographical Mobility to Malaysia’. Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. 1 Dec 2025.
9. **Koh, S.Y.** “Southeast Asia Forum” 2025 International Conference, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, South China Normal University. Guangzhou, China. 15–16 Nov 2025.
10. **Koh, S.Y.** Shifting Identities and the Future of Diversity in Urban Centres. ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. Singapore. 29 Jul 2025.
11. **Koh, S.Y.** SEANNET Inter-Institutional Meeting. Singapore University of Social Sciences. Singapore. 7–8 Jul 2025
12. **Koh, S.Y.** International Migration: From Root Causes to Drivers. Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration & Integration Program. Toronto Metropolitan University. Toronto, Canada. 13–15 May 2025.
13. **Koh, S.Y.** International Workshop on Migration, Mobility, and Social Transformation. Centre for Asian Studies, GITAM University. Bangalore, India. 21–22 Apr 2025.
14. **Koh, S.Y.** ‘Publishing Your First Journal Article’, Royal Geographic Society (with the Institute of British Geographers). Online. 25 Mar 2025.

15. **Koh, S.Y.** Transnational Interactions: East and Southeast Asia (TIES) Research Bootcamp. Monash University Malaysia. 27–29 Nov 2025.
16. **Routray, S.** ‘Space, Caste Capital, and Occupational Monopoly: Labor Market Inequality among Plumbers in Delhi’ 5th ISA (International Sociological Association) Forum of Sociology. Rabat, Morocco. 6-11 July 2025.
17. **Routray, S.** IJURR Alumni Inspirational Speaker. Online. 27 June 2025.
18. **Tritto, A.** Future of Borneo: a Horizon Scan Exercise. 3rd Borneo Studies Network Conference (BSN 2025).
19. **Tritto, A.** The 2nd International Symposium on Asia-Europe Development: “China and Asian Connectivity in the Era of Global Geo-economic Fragmentation”
20. **Tritto, A.** “China’s BRI and industrial parks in Southeast Asia: the case of Morowali and large-scale landscape transformations”, The University of Hong Kong, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning
21. **Tritto, A.** Do Grand Narratives Resonate on the Ground? (Mis)knowledge of the Indonesia Morowali Industrial Park (with Austin Strange). SASE 2025.

Exhibition and representation

1. **Carnegie, P.J.** “Indonesian statecraft in the North Natuna Sea” Brunei Darussalam Maritime Week 2025. BRIDEX ICC, Brunei.
2. **Carnegie, P.J.** IAS Book Series. IHEEIC Innovation Festival 2025. Chancellor Hall, UBD.
3. **Carnegie, P.J.** East Asia Security Outlook by SHHBIDSS. Empire Hotel, Brunei.
4. **Tritto, A.** East Asia Security Outlook by SHHBIDSS. Empire Hotel, Brunei.
5. **Tritto, A.** Closing the Loop @UBD: Creating a Reverse Vending Machine with Digital Reward System. IHEEIC Innovation Festival 2025. Chancellor Hall, UBD.
6. **Tritto, A.** Precious Plastic Brunei – with Reef Check. IHEEIC Innovation Festival 2025. Chancellor Hall, UBD.

IAS Working Papers and Seminars

IAS Working Paper Series in 2025 (82-88)

1. Siti Nurfarina Hasriana, & **Koh, S.Y.** (2025). Necessity-Passion, Entrepreneurship Education, and Family Support: Online Food Entrepreneurship as a Career Choice Amongst Degree Graduates in Brunei Darussalam. IAS Working Paper Series No. 82.
2. Hjh Nur Hazirah Hj Awang Hamdani (2025). Living with Landslide Risk in Penanjong, Tutong. IAS Working Paper No. 83.
3. **Lo, W.S.W.** (2025). Doing Fieldwork on Indonesian Chinese Migrant Workers in Brunei Darussalam. IAS Working Paper No. 84.
4. li Arina Zainul (2025). Urang versus Orang: The frequency of Bruneian students' use of Standard and Brunei Malay. IAS Working Paper No. 85.
5. **Lee, C.Y.** (2025). Ong Sum Ping and the Early History of Borneo in Chinese Sources. IAS Working Paper No. 86.
6. Kosor, N.J. and **Carnegie, P.J.** (2025). Brunei and Thailand Halal Industry Cooperation and the implications for Wawasan 2035. IAS Working Paper No. 87.
7. **Goh, C.S.** (2025). Mobility, Inequality, and Identity among the Lun Bawang in the Sarawak-North Kalimantan Borderland. IAS Working Paper No. 88.
8. **King, V.T.** (2025). From the Sociology of the 'Social' to the Sociology of the 'Cultural' in Conceptions of Southeast Asia: A 'State-of-the-Art' Essay. IAS Working Paper No. 89.

IAS Seminar Series in 2025

1. Serirak, N. Making Neighbours, Making Kin: Reflections on Fieldwork in Brunei. 12 March 2025.
2. Lau, K.H. Leading the Way in International Dispute Resolution: 10 Years of the Singapore International Commercial Court. 22 April 2025.
3. Teramura, N. International Arbitration in Brunei Darussalam: An unexpected opportunity for economic diversification? 20 August 2025.
4. Thompson, E. Writing a Story of Southeast Asia. 24 September 2025.
5. **Pan, Y.** Rationality, Identity Negotiation, and Futures: Post-Millennial Ethnic Chinese in Pontianak. 8 October 2025.
6. **Lo, W.S.W.** Exploring Labour Migration Through Gender: West Kalimantan Chinese Workers in Brunei Darussalam. 15 October 2025.

7. **Curaming, R.A.** Liberal Assumptions in the Analysis of Democracy in Indonesia. 22 October 2025
8. **Carnegie, P.J.** Life in the Details: Contributions to a Sociology of the Everyday in Brunei Darussalam, 29 October 2025.
9. **King, V.** Colonial Photography: Hendrik Tillema in Search of the Exotic and the Ethical. 19 November 2025
10. **Hoon, C.Y.** The Myth of Homogeneity: Asian Values and the Cultural Limits of the "Global South", 9 December 2025.

Other events

1. Urban Transformations in Southeast Asia, Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei, 4–5 Jun 2025 (Organised by **Koh, S.Y., Routray, S., and Noor Hasharina Hassan**)