

MIDDLE POWER AGENCY IN AN INDO-PACIFIC ERA



UBC-IKMAS-EAIR-BAA-KAS WORKSHOP

12-13 July 2023

Le Méridien, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Day 1: 12 July 2023 (Wednesday)

0900 Registration

Parry Room (Level 6), Le Méridien Kuala Lumpur

0930 Welcoming Remarks:

Ms. Miriam Fischer (*Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Malaysia*)

Prof. Dr. Sufian Jusoh (*Director, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies [IKMAS], Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia [UKM]*)

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1000 Panel One: Workshop Overview

Think In: Purpose and Parameters

Prof. Paul Evans (*University of British Columbia*)

Prof. Kuik Cheng-Chwee (*EAIR Caucus/IKMAS, UKM*)

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1030 Coffee break

Sentral 2 Counter (Foyer Area), Level 6, Le Méridien Kuala Lumpur

1045 Panel Two: Setting the Scene

Prof. Moon Chung-In (*Yonsei University*)

Prof. Evelyn Goh (*Australian National University*)

Dr. Felix Heiduk (*German Institute for International and Security Affairs*)

Commentator: Prof. Dato' Dr. Zakaria Haji Ahmad (*HELP University/Malaysian Armed Forces Defence College*)

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1245 Lunch break

Gastro Sentral (Lobby Level), Le Méridien Kuala Lumpur

1415 Panel Three: Political Security

Assoc. Prof. Ryo Sahashi (*University of Tokyo*)

Dr. Shafiah F. Muhibat (*Deputy Executive Director for Research, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta*)

Prof. David Capie (*Victoria University of Wellington*)

Commentator: Prof. Dato' Dr. Hamzah Bin Ahmad (*National Defence University of Malaysia*)

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1615 Coffee break: Informal discussions and networking

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1700 Day 1 ends

Day 2: 13 July 2023 (Thursday)

0930 Panel Four: Economic Security

Prof. Helen Nesadurai (*Monash University Malaysia*)
Assoc. Prof. Shiro Armstrong (*Australian National University*)
Dr. Jeffrey Reeves (*Onyx Strategic Insights*)

Commentator: Dato' Dr. Ilango Karuppanan (*International Institute of Public Policy & Management, University of Malaya*)

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1130 Coffee break

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1145 Panel Five: Wrap Up: Recommendations for collective middle-power action

Wrapping up and recommending actionable multi-track steps for: (a) constraining unilateral actions and shaping the major powers' policy choices; (b) creating options for Middle Power diplomacy; and (c) cultivating space for continuous cooperation for all in the Indo-Pacific era.

[All participants]

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1245 Lunch break

Latest Recipe (Level 5), Le Méridien Kuala Lumpur

1415 Policy Roundtable

Based on the recommendations concluded at the Dialogue, this closed-door roundtable discussion further examines the desirability, feasibility, and possibilities of ASEAN, ASEAN-minus, ASEAN-plus, and non-ASEAN multi-track cooperation across critical domains to mitigate risks while maximizing shared interests, aspirations, and agency.

Speakers:

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Syed Hamid Syed Jaafar Albar (*Former Foreign Minister of Malaysia*)
Dr. Rizal Sukma (*Senior Fellow, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta*)

Moderator: Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan (*Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya*)

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1615 Coffee break: Informal discussions and networking

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1700 Workshop ends

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