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Affiliations

Institute of Malaysian and International Studies(IKMAS), National University of Malaysia
School of Economics, University of East Anglia
Centre for Behavioural and Experimental Social Sciences (CBESS), University of East Anglia

Research Interests

Behavioural Economics, Development Economics, Political Economy, Experimental Economics

Doctoral Studies

09/2015 – present

PhD in Economics

University of East Anglia, United Kingdom
Provisional thesis title: “Role of prestige in leadership”
Thesis Advisors: Prof. Robert Sugden and Dr Abhijit Ramalingam

Pre-Doctoral Studies

2012 – 2013

Master of Science in Applied Economics (with Merit)

University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
Dissertation advisor: Prof. Abigail Barr

2004 – 2008

Bachelor of Economics (with First Class Honors)

International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia

Work Experience

2014 – present

Junior Research Fellow, **Institute of Malaysian & International Studies (IKMAS), National University of Malaysia**

2016 – 2017

Field research manager in Sarawak, Malaysia for **Status, Trust and Representative Leadership: Lab-in-the-field experiments**

2008 – 2012

Researcher, **Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia**

Publications

Refereed

“Moving up the value chain in ICT: ASEAN Trade with China” (2016). *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 46(4), pp.680-699 (with Tham Siew Yean and Andrew Jia Yi Kam) – Q1 in Area Studies

“United States foreign direct investment in East Asia: Strategy and policy issues” (2009). *Asian Economic Policy Review*, 4(2), pp.248-266 (with Mahani Zainal Abidin)

Non-Refereed

“Book Review: Richard Thaler (2015). Misbehaving: The making of behavioral economics, *Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies*, 52(2)

“Achieving the AEC 2015: Challenges for the Malaysian Private Sector” (2012) in *Achieving the ASEAN Economic Community 2015: Challenges for Member Countries and Businesses*, Editor: Sanchita Basu Das (with Mahani Zainal Abidin, Loh Geok Mooi)

“Malaysia” (2012) in *ASEAN-China Free Trade Area: Challenges, Opportunities and the Road Ahead*. Editors: Keith E. Flick & Kalyan M. Kemburi

“A Strong start for Malaysia” (February 28,2012) in *New Straits Times*

White Paper “Reform of the real estate industry in Malaysia” (2009) in *The Ease of Doing Business in APEC: The Impact of Regulatory Reforms* (with Mahani Zainal Abidin, Steven Wong and Terence Too)

Research in Progress

“Social status and trust in representation: Experimental evidence from Borneo”, in preparation

“Social status and public spirit in representation: Experimental evidence from Borneo”, in preparation

Scholarships, Honors and Awards

2015 – present **Academic Training Scheme for Public Universities Scholarship (SLAI)**, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia and National University of Malaysia

2012 – 2013 **Chevening Scholarship**, BAE System UK and Foreign & Commonwealth Office UK

2008 **Rector’s List**, International Islamic University Malaysia for graduating in the top 1% of the graduating class

2008 **Book Prize Award for Best Student in International Economics**, Kulliyyah (Faculty) of Economics and Management Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia

2008 **TPPTN Scholarship** (student loan write-off), National Higher Education Fund Corporation for graduating with first class honors

Grants

Project: “Status, Trust and Representative Leadership: Lab-in-the-field experiments”, 2016-2018

International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics (IFREE) Small Grant

Amount: USD 10,000

ESRC NIBS Small Grant

Amount: GBP 2,500

CBESS Small Grant

Amount: GBP 1,500

School of Economic, University of East Anglia Small Grant

Amount: GBP 1,800

Presentations

“Social status and public spirit in representation: Experimental evidence from Borneo”, CBESS-CeDEx-CREED Meeting, Nottingham (06/2017)

“Social status and trust in representation: Experimental evidence from Borneo”, CeDEx Brown Bag Seminar, University of Nottingham (05/2017)

Summer Schools, Workshops and Seminars

- 07/2017 Psychological Game Theory Workshop and Summer School, University of East Anglia, UK
06/2017 Experiments Summer School, University of East Anglia, UK
04/2017 Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDEC) 2017, University of East Anglia, UK
03/2017 Workshop on Social Norms, University of Nottingham, UK
11/2016 Workshop on Social Preferences and Incentives, University of Nottingham, UK
04/2016 Workshop on Experimental Development Economics: Lab-in-the-Field, Centre for Behavioural and Experimental Social Sciences(CBESS) & Choice Lab, University of East Anglia, UK
04/2015 Workshop on Experimental Development Economics: Lab-in-the-Field, Centre for Behavioural and Experimental Social Sciences(CBESS) & Choice Lab, University of East Anglia, UK
08/2014 Course on Experimental Method for Environmental and Resource Economics, Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA), Malaysia
06/2013 Summer School on Economics of Social Networks, University of Nottingham, UK

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, Economic Science Association, Malaysian Economic Association,

Other Certifications

JPAL101x: Evaluating Social Programs (2014)

IT and Computer Skills

STATA, LaTeX, Python, Open Data Kit(ODK)

Language Skills

English (fluent), Malay (native), Arabic (basic)

Major Research Projects Involvement at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)

Malaysia

Services Exports from the Developing World: Lessons for Everyone (Exploring Niches for Exporting: The Case of Malaysia) Funder: **World Bank** (2010)

A Strategic Plan of Action for the Empowerment of Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) Funder: **Malaysia Investment Development Authority (MIDA)** (2009)

Reforms of the Real Estate Industry in Malaysia in East of Doing Business in APEC: The Impact of Regulatory Reforms. Funder: **World Bank** (2008)

ASEAN Economic Forum – Research Project on Trade in Services (Third Cycle). Funder: **World Bank** (2008-2009)

Forum on Rising Prices and People's Welfare: Current Measures and Future Steps. Funder: **Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department** (2008)

Other Relevant Research Experiences

- 2007 Research Assistant for Ruzita Md Amin, **International Islamic University Malaysia**
- 2006 Enumerator for Ataul Huq Pramanik, **International Islamic University Malaysia**

Extra – Curricular Activities

Trail running