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## Education

### B. Soc. Sc. (Hons) in Political Science

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

### M. Soc. Sc. in Strategy and Diplomacy

A joint programme between Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia & Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

### PhD Researcher in Politics and International Relations (Passed Viva; Writing Correction)

Department of Politics and International Relations, The School of Social Science, University of Aberdeen

## Areas of Specialisation

Traditional and Non-traditional security issues  
Theories of International Relations (Particularly constructivism and other critical theories)  
Peace Studies (Culture of Peace)  
Costa Rica's Security and Defence Policies  
Latin American Politics

## Affiliations

### PhD Researcher

Department of Politics and International Relations, School of Social Sciences, University of Aberdeen

### Researcher/ Investigador

Centro de Investigaciones Históricas de América Central (CIHAC)  
Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica

### Researcher

East Asian International Relations (EAIR) Caucus  
Strategic Studies and International Relations Programme  
Centre for Policy and Global Governance, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities  
National University of Malaysia

## Research Grants

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| 2018-2020   | 'Inter-Regionalism and Connectivity: Towards a Global ASEAN' - Co-Researcher with Sufian Jusoh & Rashila Ramli (Institute of Malaysian and International Studies, UKM).   |
| 2013-2019   | 'Security Begins at Home: Ticos' Culture of Peace in Costa Rica's Security Strategies after the Abolishment of the Military' - PhD Research.  |
| 2013 - 2017 | Translation Project (Argentina's History Textbook <i>Breve Historia Contemporanea de la Argentina 1916-2010</i> by Luis Alberto Romero (1994) - Co-Researcher with Rashila Ramli (Institute of Malaysian and International Studies, UKM). |

- 2013-2015 'Malaysia's National Security at the Brink of War: The Lahad Datu Incident' - Co-Researcher with Zairina@Zairina Othman & Nor Azizan Idris (School of History, Politics and Strategic Studies, UKM).
- 2013-2015 'Revisiting the Formation of Malaysia' - Co-Researcher with Richard Mason (Institute of Occidental Studies, UKM) & Kamarulnizam Abdullah (Institute for Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore (ITS), Ghazali Shafie Graduate School of Government, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM).
- 2011 'Concentric Circle of Indonesia's Defence Policies: Challenges in Protecting the Archipelagic Area' - Co-Researcher with Zairina@Zarina Othman (School of History, Politics and Strategic Studies, UKM) & Bakri Mat (Department of International Affairs, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM).

## Selected Publications

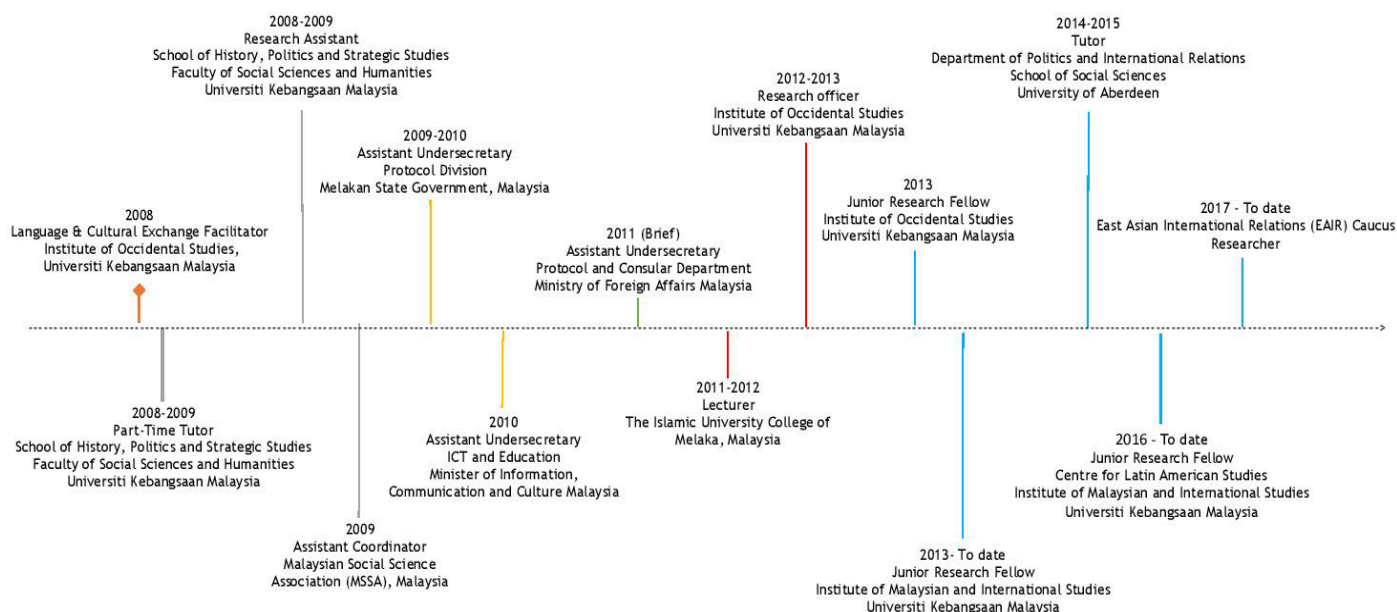
- 2019 (With Ho Wan Beng, Nurhayadi Maclodaia, Huda Mahmoud, Liu Yunzhe and Nguyen Dinh Toan) 'Combating Marine Plastic Debris in the South China Sea,' paper presented at the National Institute for South China Sea Studies (NISCSS), Haikou, Hainan, The People's Republic of China.
- 2019 (With Farizan Khatib) 'IKAL@IKMAS Terajui Kerjasama ASEAN-MERCOSUR' [IKAL@IKMAS Spearheading The ASEAN-MERCOSUR Partnership], *Vista* (8<sup>th</sup> October 2019): 1-2.
- 2018 (With Nik Hasif) 'Demi Keselamatan, Brazil Memilih' [Brazil's 2018 General Election: For Security, Brazilian Vote], *Vista* (14<sup>th</sup> November 2018): 1-2.
- 2017 (With Rashila Ramli) *Sejarah Argentina Abad ke-21* [The History of Argentina in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century] (A translated work from Alberto Romero, Luis. 1994. *Breve Historia Contemporanea de la Argentina 1916-2010*. Buenos Aires: FCE Argentina).
- 2016 (With Zairina@Zarina Othman, Mohd Kamal Omar, Nor Azizan Idris) 'Memelihara Keselamatan Negara Malaysia: Peristiwa Lahad Datu, Sabah' [Safeguarding Malaysia's National Security: The Sabah's Lahad Datu Incident], *GEOGRAFIA: Malaysian Journal of Society and Space*, 12(2): 147-159.

## Student Supervision

1 Student - In Progress

**Syed Musa Al-Kadzim bin Syed Idrus (Malaysian).** 'Tackling Terrorism in Syria: A Synergic Cooperation between Russia and Syria [M. Phil].

## Work Experiences



## Teaching

- 2019 - 'Introduction to Globalisation and Occidentalism' (Postgraduate), UKM; Guest Lecturer
- 2018 - 'Globalisation and Occidentalism: Discourses, Issues and Challenges' (Postgraduate), UKM; Guest Lecturer
- 2017 - 'Globalisation and Regionalisation on "Regional Issues: Latin America' (Undergraduate), IDFR-UKM; Guest Lecturer  
- 'iHola! Exploration of Latin American Culture' (Undergraduate), UKM; Lecturer  
- 'Introduction to Globalisation and Occidentalism' (Postgraduate), UKM; Guest Lecturer
- 2013 - 'Protocol and Public Speaking' (Undergraduate), UKM; Guest Lecturer
- 2012 - 'Protocol and Public Speaking' (Undergraduate), UKM; Guest Lecturer  
- 'Conducting Research: Research Methodology in Social Science' (Undergraduate), KUIM; Course Coordinator  
- 'Ethnic Relations Studies' (Undergraduate), KUIM; Course Coordinator  
- 'Malaysian Studies' (Diploma and Undergraduate), KUIM; Course Coordinator
- 2011 - 'Ethnic Relations Studies' (Undergraduate), KUIM; Course Coordinator  
- 'Malaysian Studies' (Diploma and Undergraduate), KUIM; Course Coordinator
- 2009 - 'Dynamics of International System' (Undergraduate), UKM; tutor  
- 'Introduction to Social Sciences' (Undergraduate), UKM; Tutor
- 2008 - 'Dynamics of International System' (Undergraduate), UKM; tutor

## Presentations at National and International Conferences

- 2019 - 'Combating Marine Plastic Debris in the South China Sea,' paper presented at the Fifth Program of China-ASEAN Academy on Ocean Law and Governance, National Institute for South China Sea Studies (NISCSS), Haikou, Hainan, The People's Republic of China, 11-20 November 2019.
- 2017 - 'Reimagining Perceptions on Latin America via Education,' paper presented at the Latin American Business Day - "Bridging Latin America and Malaysia," Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia, 1 August 2017.
- 2014 - 'Political Strategem,' paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Latin American and Asian Studies (LASA) at Universidad de Ixtlahuaca (CUI), The State of Mexico, Mexico, 2-4 April 2014.
- 2010 - 'Concentric Circle of Indonesia's Defence and Foreign Policy,' paper presented at the UKM-UNESCO Asia Pacific Conference on History, Politics, Strategic Studies and Climate Change - "The Asia Pacific Century: Challenges to Human Dignity," organised by the School of History, Politics and Strategy, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and the Regional Unit for Social and Human Sciences in Asia and the Pacific, UNESCO Bangkok, 29-30 November 2010.
- 2009 - 'Political Security in Indonesia and Brunei,' paper presented at the Regional Dialogue on Peace and Human Security in Asia and the Pacific, organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the College of Arts and Science, Yunnan Normal University, in Kunming, The People's Republic of China, 10-11 December 2009.

## Award/ Prizes

- 2019 - **National Institute for South China Sea Studies (NISCSS) Award**  
(A full scholarship to attend a short course for professionals: 'The Fifth Program on Ocean Law and Governance) organised by the National Institute for South China Sea Studies (NISCSS), China-Southeast Asia Research Centre on the South China Sea (CSARC) and the International Ocean Institute-Canada (IOI-Canada) in Haikou, Hainan, China [10-21 November 2019]
- 2013 - **Skim Latihan Akademik IPTA (SLAI) - Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia**  
(A 3-year full scholarship to do PhD at the University of Aberdeen [2013-2016])

## Professional Body Membership

Malaysian Social Science Association (MSSA) - Life Membership  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA) - Student membership

## Language Proficiency

Bahasa Melayu : Native  
English : Fluent (Writing and Speaking)

## Personal

Date of Birth : 13<sup>th</sup> November 1985  
Citizenship : Malaysian  
Marital Status : Single