
Malaysian studies: Whereto from here

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Knowledge & modern nation-state formation: an epistemological observation

The birth of social science is closely related to the birth of modern nation-state

Economics was born out of crisis following the Industrial Revolution

The consolidation of imperialism and colonialism highly dependent on knowledge production to fulfil the purpose and action

Colonial knowledge provides 'the history, society and territory; of post-colonial states

Regions dominated by different colonial empires shaping the nature and identity of state-formation

Transformation of precolonial to colonial and post colonial era led to the Introduction of modernity:

- Innovative technology
- Governance
- Socio-economic system

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Colonialism and Malay studies

From Jawi to Rumi to Digital

British scholar-administrator critical contributors to the development of a corpus of knowledge known as 'Malay Studies': Swettenham, Wilkinson, Clifford, Gullick.

Winstedt: Producer & Shaper of Malaya's historiography

SITC established 1922 teachers training college.

Establishment of SOAS Model in University of Malaya 1949, Malay studies, Chinese Studies, Indian Studies, Islamic studies, English studies, and National University of Singapore.

Malay studies vs Malay World Studies

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Malaysian studies as a 'methodological nationalism'

The formation of nation-states in Southeast Asia after Second World War led to the construction of each of the nation-state as a 'form of knowledge'

Nation-states became the frame of for divided-parts of knowledge bureaucracy and its production

Creation of ethnographies, official report, analyses and descriptions on culture and society

Establishment of 'National Social Science Academy', 'Academy of Science' and 'National Social Science Commission' and 'Malaysian Social Science Association

1995 Inst of Malaysian & International Studies (IKMAS), UKM

2007 Inst of Ethnic Studies (KITA), UKM

Sphere of Higher Education

- Production
- Bureaucratization
- Consumption

UNESCO Chair (Communication & Social Cohesion), Food and Hospitality

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Malay/Malaysian studies in different continents

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di Luar Negara,” KITA-UKM,” 1 Jun 2014

CHAIRS:

Tun Abdul Razak Chair, Ohio University, Amerika
Syarikat (1980)

Malay Studies Chair in Europe, Leiden University di
Belanda (1992)

Malay Studies Chair, Victoria University of Wellington,
New Zealand (1996)

Malay Studies Chair, Beijing Foreign Studies
University, People’s Republic of China (2007)

Malay Studies Chair, Hankuk University of Foreign
Studies, South Korea (2008).

NETWORK

GMSN@ANU 2014

PROGRAM

Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

South Australia University, Adelaide, Australia

University of Cambridge, 2021

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Global Malaysia Studies Network @ ANU

- Initiative from Australian National University (ANU) suggested to TS Muhyiddin former Deputy PM in 2011
- ANU suggested a Chair
- KITA chosen to represent Malaysia a collaborator
- Suggested a Network instead of a Chair
- The Malaysian Cabinet gave a one-off budget RM500K each for ANU & UKM7
- RM500K for ANU delivered in 2018
- ANU Malaysia Institute launched Post-Doc program from 2018 to 2020
- RM500K for KITA-UKM 2021 with a shift in focus

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Global Malaysian Studies Network @Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

- KITA-UKM received RM500K from the Ministry of Higher Education through UKM
 - Since ANU has changed its focus and program KITA-UKM decided to change our focus and organization,
 - Re-orientation of focus and organization
 - From GMSN@ANU to GMSN@UKM
 - KITA-UKM initiates establishing a hub of Malaysian studies globally
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