

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Law	Faculty of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, (UKM)
Master of Laws (LL.M)	Faculty of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, (UKM)
Bachelor of Shariah with Laws (Hons)	Faculty of Syariah & Law, Universiti Islam Selangor (UIS)

AREA OF EXPERTISE

International Economic Law & Regulatory Governance

- Trade in services, Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs), and regulatory compliance
- Professional services and cross-border mobility
- Manufacturing-Related Services (MRS) and servicification
- Legal frameworks for labour governance, social security law, social protection policy, and international labour standards
- Legal feasibility and institutional governance in regional economic integration (ASEAN & APEC)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. Tetuan Abdul Razak Muhidin & Associates, 2013-2015.
2. Lecturer in Law, Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi Mara, May 2016 – August 2018.
3. Short-Term Consultant (STC) at World Bank Group, Research & Knowledge Hub Kuala Lumpur Office, Malaysia. April – October 2017.
 - i. Migrant remittances in Malaysia,
 - ii. Capital Market & Development of Financial Institution (DFIs) in Asia Pacific
 - iii. Study on water law, water management and developing a database for 80 countries across the world under Enabling Business Agriculture (EBA) team.
4. Consultant, CIMB Asean Research Institute, (CARI). 2018 – 2019. Reviewing NTMs & NTBs in ASEAN. Restrictive measures on trade and investment in ASEAN.
5. Consultant, World Bank, Malaysia Boosting Social Protection and Jobs Outcomes Task (Gender & Labour Market). November 2018 – April 2019.
6. Coordinator, Malaysian APEC Study Centre, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. 2020.
7. Consultant, Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI), Charting Malaysia's Strategic Direction for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2020. Reviewing the narrative of trade and investment in APEC region with maturity of Bogor Goals during Chairmanship of Malaysia in APEC 2020.

8. Consultant, Ministry of Agriculture & Food Industries, Reviewing progress of APEC Economies on Trade & Investment under APEC Food Security Roadmap, 2019 - 2020.
9. Consultant, Enhancing the Utilisation of ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) in Facilitating Mobility of Professionals in ASEAN, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), 2020. Reviewing ASEAN progress on mobility of professional under ASEAN Trade in Services.
10. Independent External Monitor for Fair Labor Association. Monitoring of corporate compliance on international labour standards. Sustainability of trade practices in Malaysian palm oil industry, 2021.
11. Consultant, Supply and Demand of ASEAN Professionals, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), 2021.
12. Consultant, Comprehensive Study on Mutual Recognition Arrangement of Tourism Professionals, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), 2021.
13. Consultant, Situation Analysis of Labour Issues in the Palm Oil Sector, Sabah, WWF Malaysia.
14. National Project Coordinator, Feasibility Study on Policy Measures to Support Local Workforce into Employment, International Labour Organization (ILO) Asia & the Pacific, Sept 2022-Apr 2023.
15. Contractor, Manufacturing Related Services: Definition, Contribution, Issues & Challenges, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, 2023.
16. Trainer, Promoting Digital Technologies for an Integrated and Efficient Social Protection Systems in the OIC Member Countries. 2023.
17. Independent External Assessment (IEA) for companies on the compliance of human rights, sustainability agenda and labour standards. 2023.
18. Consultant, Good Regulatory Practice in ASEAN: The Case Study of Malaysia on Good Regulatory Practice in Services Trade. 2023-2024.
19. Consultant, Country Opinion Survey, World Bank Group, Research & Knowledge Hub Kuala Lumpur Office, Malaysia. May – June 2024.
20. Consultant, Study on Policy Development on Malaysia Manufacturing-Related Services (MRS), MITI. 2025.
21. Consultant, ASEAN-Malaysia Chairmanship 2025, ASEAN Economic Community & Priority Economic Deliverables, 2024-2025, MITI Malaysia.
22. Consultant, Preparing Initial Framework for Electric Vehicle Battery Passport in ASEAN, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), 2025.
23. Consultant, Study on Car Was & Recycle Industries, Talent Corp, Malaysia. 2025
24. Consultant, Malaysia's Policies Alignment with ASEAN Sectoral Plan 2026-2030, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security. 2025
25. Coordinator, Executive Programme for Senior Officials on Climate Action & Energy Transition, 2025.
26. Coordinator, National Executive Programme for Government Officer on National Boundaries, 2025.
27. Consultant, the Malaysia Baseline Study for Performance & Confidence of Malaysia's Public Justice System (PJS) in Forced Labour & Labour Trafficking. 2025.

28. Invited as ASEAN facilitator & speaker for Community of Practice (CoP), Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), APEC Australia & Department of Foreign Affairs Trade (DFAT), 2025.
29. Expert Contributor, World Bank Group's Business Ready (B-READY) for International Trade in Goods and Services report. 2025.
30. Expert Contributor, World Bank Group's Business Ready (B-READY) for International Trade in Goods and Services report. 2026.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Employment Injury Benefits for Migrant Workers in Malaysia vis a vis International Law, UKM Press, 2022.
2. Pengurusan Kelestarian Minyak Sawit Malaysia, UKM Press, 2022. Edited Book.

Journal & Proceedings (indexed)

1. Malaysia and Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Learning from Experience, Article, Journal of World Investment and Trade (JWIT). (WOS). 2017.
2. Implications of The TPPA for Malaysian Labour Standards, Article, International Journal of Business and Management (IBM). 2017.
3. Malaysia with TPP-11: The Aftermath of United States Withdrawal from TPPA. Journal of Asian Social Sciences. (ERA). 2018.
4. The Right to Health as a Human Right: Discriminatory Treatment Against Migrant Workers in Malaysia, Malaysian Journal of Law & Society, Faculty of Law, UKM. (MyCite). 2018
5. Health Insurance for Foreign Workers in Malaysia and Singapore: A Comparative Analysis. Journal Article. International Journal of Business and Society. (Scopus). 2018.
6. The use of leniency programme in detecting cartels in Malaysia, Research Article, Academic Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, SCOPUS. 2019.
7. Bab Buruh dalam Perjanjian Perkongsian Trans-Pasifik (TPPA): Kesan kepada Perundangan Buruh Malaysia, Akademika. (WOS). 2019.
8. Migrant Workers with Social Security in Malaysia: Are they being discriminated against? Environment-Behaviour Proceedings Journal, Vol. 5 No. SI1 (2020): Jun, Special Issue No. 1. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21834/ebpj.v5iSI1>
9. Malaysia-Viet Nam Joint Develop Agreement, Chinese Journal of International Law. SCOPUS, SSCI (Q3). 2023
10. Malaysia-Thailand Joint Develop Agreement, Chinese Journal of International Law. SCOPUS, SSCI (Q3). 2023
11. Dynamic Spillover Effects and its Influencing Factors in Commodity Futures Markets Under Major Shocks: Evidence from China's Edible Oils and Oil-seeds Futures, paperASiA, SCOPUS Q4. 2025.
12. Coupling Coordination and Influencing Factors between Environmental Regulation and High Quality Economic Development in China, Discover Sustainability, Scopus, 2025.

Chapter in Book

1. Malaysia and Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Learning from Experience, Chapter in Book, International Investment Treaties and Arbitration Across Asia, Journal of World Investment and Trade (JWIT). 2017.
2. Skim Perlindungan Kesihatan untuk Pekerja Asing di United Kingdom, Singapura dan Malaysia, Bab dalam Buku, Disunting oleh Kamal Halili Hassan, Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. 2018.
3. Beban Kos Kesihatan Pekerja Asing di Malaysia: Polisi dan Undang-Undang, Bab dalam Buku, Disunting oleh Kamal Halili Hassan, Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. 2018.
4. Malaysia's Investor State Dispute Settlement Experience: A Lesson Never Learned?. Chapter in Book, Foreign Investment and Investment Arbitration in Asia. Intersentia, Cambridge. 2019.
5. Special Economic Zones in ASEAN: The Cases of Lao PDR, Malaysia, and Myanmar. Handbook of Research on Special Economic Zones as Regional Development Enablers, IGI Global. 2022.
6. Ke arah Memacu Kelestarian Industri Sawit Malaysia, Pengurusan Kelestarian Minyak Sawit Malaysia, UKM Press, 2022.
7. Pensijilan MSPO Memacu Kemampanan Pekebun Kecil Persendirian, Pengurusan Kelestarian Minyak Sawit Malaysia, UKM Press, 2022.
8. Legal Teaching and Research in International Law in the Digitalized World Post COVID-19 Pandemic. Disentangled Vision on Higher Education, Preparing the Generation Next. Peter Lang. New York, Bern, Berlin, Bruxelles, Oxford, Wien, 2023. XXXVI, 526 pp., 22 b/w ill., 25 tables.
9. The Role of Biofuel Energy and Institutional Quality on Malaysian Palm Oil Exports to the BRICS Economies, Noorhalizam Mohamed Noor, Norlin Khalid, Nor Aida Abdul Rahman, Sakinah Alias, and Muhammad Faliq Abd Razak. The Palm Oil Export Market, Trends, Challenges, and Future Strategies for Sustainability. Edited by Norlin Khalid, Nor Aida Abdul Rahman, Cheah Wai Yan and Zainab Idris. Routledge is an imprint of the Taylor & Francis Group. 2025.
10. Perlindungan Sosial di Malaysia: Peranan dan Inisiatif dalam Menjana Kesejahteraan Rakyat, Lily Marini Hashim, Muhammad Faliq Abd. Razak, Andika Ab.Wahab, Mashitah@Suhailah Suid & Muhammad Nur Irfan Ridzuan. Refleksi Usaha & Penyelarasan ICU JPM. Edited by Kamarulnizam Abdullah & Norazam Mohd Noor. Penerbit UKM. 2025