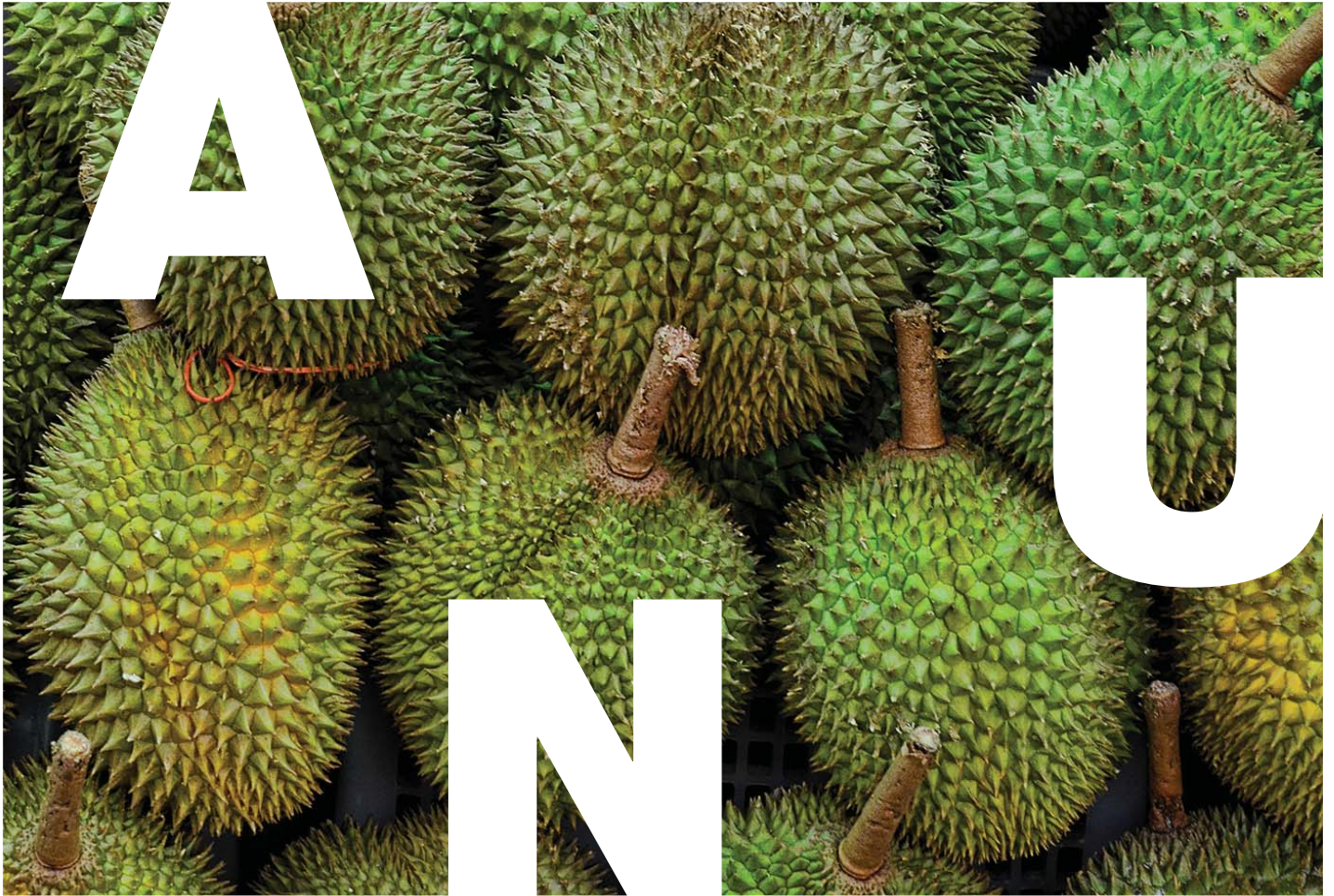




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MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE UPDATE 2013 PROGRAM

People's expectations and new models of governance

Time: 21-22 August 2013

Venue: Canberra and Springbank Room, Crawford School of Public Policy

Host: ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Supporters : Research School of Asia and the Pacific, Crawford School of Public Policy, Department of Political and Social Change, ANU Southeast Asia Institute, High Commission of Malaysia, Arndt-Corden Department of Economics and Professor Prema-chandra Athukorala

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Malaysia and Singapore are Southeast Asian success stories. Since independence they have made remarkable progress in social and economic development, and in achieving political stability. Bolstered by these achievements, the UMNO-dominated Barisan Nasional (BN) in Malaysia, and the People's Action Party (PAP) in Singapore, have remained in power since independence.

However, in recent years there has been discontent among Malaysian and Singaporean citizens with these ruling parties, as evidenced by the 2008 and 2013 general elections in Malaysia, and the 2011 general elections, two by-elections and the presidential elections in Singapore. Social media in both countries became platforms that spread strident anti-government criticisms.

The proven policies of delivering economic progress and socio-political stability, so successful in the past decades, now seem insufficient to guarantee the BN and the PAP victory at elections. The ruling political establishments need to address the changing expectations from their electorates urgently. This not only calls for a better understanding of the issues that are driving the discontent, but also the efficacy of the current economic, political and social models of governance in managing emerging issues and expectations.

The Malaysia and Singapore Update 2013 brings together experts to discuss and debate recent elections, the key issues that influence governance and policymaking, and to recommend ways to respond to changing perceptions and societal expectations – taking into account both domestic and external influences that are impacting on Malaysia and Singapore.

Malaysia & Singapore Update 2013 program

DAY ONE - WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2013

8.30 am *Registration*

9 am **Welcome**
Professor Andrew MacIntyre
Dean, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

Malaysia Update 2013

9.15 am **Political and social updates**
Chair: Professor Paul Hutchcroft, Director, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

Malaysia's GE13: Representing the people's wishes?

Associate Professor Bridget Welsh
Singapore Management University

Representation, perception and 'gladiatorism' in Malaysian politics: A question of political literacy

Professor AB Shamsul
National University of Malaysia

The new post-GE13 logic of UMNO domination

Emeritus Professor Clive Kessler
University of New South Wales

10.30 am *Coffee and tea break*

11 am **Political and social updates**
Chair: Dr Stephen Sherlock, Consultant on democratic institutions

The Australian electoral commission – ensuring the integrity of the electoral system

Associate Professor Joo-Cheong Tham
The University of Melbourne

Reforming Malaysia's legal system

Dr Amanda Whiting
The University of Melbourne

The rule of law and legitimate political rule

Associate Professor Rueban Balasubramaniam
Carleton University

12.15 pm *Lunch*

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Malaysia and Singapore Update 2013 program

DAY ONE CONTINUED

Singapore Update 2013

1.30 pm

Political and social updates

Chair: Professor Robert Cribb, School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

Operation cold store, 50 years on

Dr Geoff Wade

Independent researcher

The gaps between government and public expectations in Singapore

Associate Professor Bilveer Singh

National University of Singapore

Government responses to 'expectations' from society since 2011

Associate Professor Lily Rahim

The University of Sydney

Listening to the citizens: The Singapore Government's communications strategy

Associate Professor Terence Lee

Murdoch University

3 pm

Coffee and tea break

3.30 pm

Economic updates

Chair: Professor Hall Hill, H.W Arndt Professor of Southeast Asian Economics, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Managing the Malaysian economy since the 2008 general elections

Emeritus Professor Mohamed Ariff Abdul Kareem

International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance

Managing the Singapore economy since the 2011 general elections

Dr Lee Soo Ann

National University of Singapore

Malaysia and Singapore compared since the global financial crisis

Professor Prema-chandra Athukorala

Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

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DAY TWO - THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2013

- 9 am **Governance, growth, macro and micro level reforms and social welfare in Singapore**
Chair: Professor Bruce Chapman, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
- Economic growth, democratic participation and social welfare in Singapore**
Dr Lee Soo Ann
National University of Singapore
- Managing Singapore's healthcare system**
Associate Professor Phua Kai Hong
National University of Singapore
- 10.15 am *Coffee and tea break*
- 10.45 am **Governance, growth, macro and micro level reforms and social welfare in Malaysia**
Chair: Professor Anthony Milner, Basham Professor of Asian History, School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU
- Economic growth, democratic participation and social welfare in Malaysia**
Steven Wong
Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia
- Malaysia's management of petroleum resources**
Professor Wee Chong Hui
University of Technology, Malaysia
- Media as a tool for governance in Malaysia**
Dr Ross Tapsell
School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU
- 12 pm *Lunch*
- 1 pm **Malaysia-Singapore bilateral relationship and foreign policy**
Chair: Professor William Tow, Head of Department of International Relations, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU
- A view from Singapore**
Associate Professor Bilveer Singh
National University of Singapore
- A view from Malaysia**
Steven Wong
Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia
- A view from Australia**
Dr John Funston
School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

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DAY TWO CONTINUED

2.15 pm

Experience from the region in managing people's expectations, democratic participation and sustainable growth

Chair: Associate Professor Greg Fealy, Head, Department of Political and Social Change, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

The Korean experience

Associate Professor Hyung-A Kim

College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU; and Director, Australia-Korea Leadership Forum

The Thai and Myanmar experience

Dr Nicholas Farrelly

School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

The Indonesian experience

Professor Edward Aspinall

School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

3.30 pm

Coffee and tea break

4 pm

State, society, civil society and political parties

Chair: Professor Ed Aspinall, Professor of Politics, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

Coalitions in Malaysia - comparing party networks and dynamics

Associate Professor Meredith Weiss

State University of New York (at Albany)

Bersih and Ubah, citizenship rights, inter-generational togetherness and multicultural unity in Malaysia

Associate Professor Gaik Cheng Khoo

The University of Nottingham (Malaysia campus)

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