



Public Forum

ISLAM IN A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 5 and 6 December, 2015

Venue: Persatuan Alumni Universiti Malaya (PAUM)

Registration starts at 8 a.m. on 5th December

OPENING ADDRESS BY TUN ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI



Speakers/panelists include:

Sheriff Kassim | Chandra Muzaffar | Mohd Faizal Musa | Shad Saleem Faruqi | Azmi Sharom | Mohd Hishamudin Yunus | Rosli Dahlan | Zainah Anwar | Malik Imtiaz | Azizudin Sani | Ratna Osman | Firdaus Husni | Nawab Osman | Farouk Musa | Syed Farid Alatas | Alwi Jantan | Din Syamsudin

Topics include:

The Federal Constitution and Shariah law
Issues of conflict in a Plural Legal System
Islamization and its Consequences
Islam and Politics

Target Participants:

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Damansara, Kuala Lumpur**

Featuring

**One Opening Address, 3 Keynote speeches and 12 paper
presenters and a Closing Address**

**This two-day forum aims to address the continuing and unresolved disputes on the
position and application of Islamic laws within our constitutional democracy and
propose the establishment of a Consultative Council of
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Background

The Federal Constitution provides for a dual legal system, where civil law governs all Malaysians regardless of religious affiliation, and Shariah law applies to Muslims as their personal law and covers family law matters, as well as a limited area of offences “ against the precepts of Islam ” committed by Muslims.

The continuing and unresolved disputes on the position and application of Islamic laws within our constitutional democracy reflect a lack of clarity and understanding on the place of Islam within our constitutional democracy leading to a serious breakdown of federal/state division of powers.

Aims and Objectives

- 1. To champion rational and informed discourse on the ways Islam is used as a source of public law and policy in Malaysia**
- 2. To address the areas of conflict and overlap in Malaysia’s plural legal system between civil law and Shariah law, and in the federal-state division of powers**
- 3. To raise public awareness on the legal jurisdiction and substantive limits of the religious authorities and administration of Islamic laws in Malaysia**
- 4. To propose the establishment of a consultative process through a Consultative Council of Islamic and Constitutional Law Experts**

Topics	Key Themes
CLUSTER 1 The Federal Constitution and Shariah Law	Framing the issues of concern within the Constitutional framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Constitutional scheme and its departures • Islam and human rights in the Federal Constitution • Trends in Judicial Review of Shariah Matters.
CLUSTER 2 Issues of conflict in a plural legal system	Analysing the issues of concern in terms of the implementation of law and justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shariah Criminal Offences Laws • Islamic Family Law : Justice and Equality in the treatment of Women • Freedom of religion and rights of minorities
CLUSTER 3 Islamisation and its Consequences	Understanding the context of Islamisation at the political and governance levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamisation policy and its impact at the Governance level and Islamic bureaucracy in Malaysia • Facing the challenges of Islamic education in Malaysia • Is Islamic bureaucracy consistent with the provisions of the Federal Constitution?
CLUSTER 4 Islam and Politics	Examining the political context which shapes the use of Islam as a political ideology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamic Revivalism and its Socio-Political Impact • The Islamisation of Politics in Malaysia • Multiculturalism and Political Islam

Day One Programme: Saturday, 5th December, 2015

8.00am - 8.45am	Registration
8.45am - 9.00am	Welcoming Address by Tan Sri Mohd Sheriff Kassim
9.00am - 9.20am:	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1 Islam and the Challenge of Democratic Commitment in Malaysia by Dr. Chandra Muzaffar
9.20am - 11.00am:	Session 1 : Panel Discussion Moderator: Dato' Redzuan Kushairi Speakers: Tan Sri Razali Ismail: Politics of Moderation Dr Maszlee Malek: Maqasid al Shariah towards moderation in Islam Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd. Faizal Musa: Applying concepts of Wassatiyyah in Malaysia
11.00am -11.15am	Morning Break
11.15am - 11.45am: 1.45 am - 12.00 noon	OPENING ADDRESS BY TUN ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI Book Launch : Breaking the Silence: Voices of Moderation - Islam in a Constitutional Democracy
12.00 noon - 1.15pm	Session 2: Panel Discussion Moderator: Dato' Noor Farida Ariffin Paper 1: Jurisdictional Conflict between Shariah Law and Civil Law by Prof. Shad Saleem Faruqi Paper 2: Islam and Human Rights in the Federal Constitution by Assoc. Prof. Azmi Sharom Paper 3: Judicial Review of Shariah Matters by Dato' Mohd. Hishamudin Yunus
1.30pm-2.45pm:	Lunch and Solat
2.45pm-4.45pm:	Session 3: Panel Discussion Moderator: Dato' Seri Shaik Daud Ismail Paper 4: The Position of the Shariah Court in the Malaysian Legal System by Encik Rosli Dahlan Paper 5: Islamic Family Law: Justice and Equality in the treatment of Women by Cik Zainah Anwar Paper 6: Freedom of Religion and Rights of Minorities by Dato' Malik Imtiaz Sarwar
4.45pm:	Tea and End of Day 1

Day Two Programme: Sunday, 6th December, 2015

8.30 – 9.00 am	Morning Coffee and Networking
9.00am – 9.20am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2 Islam and Secularism in Indonesia by Prof Dr. Din Syamsuddin
9.20am – 11.00am	Session 4 : Panel Discussion Moderator: Tan Sri Ahmad Kamil Jaafar Paper 7: Islamisation Policy and Its Impact at the Governance Level by Assoc. Prof. Dr Azizuddin Sani Paper 8: The Arbitrariness of Moral Policing by Puan Ratna Osman Paper 9: Constitutionality of Islamic Bureaucracy in Malaysia by Puan Firdaus Husni
11.00am -11.20am	Morning Break
11. 20am – 1.00pm	Session 5: Panel Discussion Moderator: Mohamed Tawfik Tun Dr Ismail Paper 10: Islamic Revivalism and its Socio-Political Impact by Dr Nawab Osman Paper 11: The Islamisation of Politics in Malaysia by Dr Farouk Musa Paper 12: Multiculturalism and Political Islam by Assoc. Prof Dr Syed Farid Alatas
1.00pm-2.30pm	Lunch and Solat
2.30pm-2.50pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3 Islam Hadhari by Prof. Datuk Dr. Hashim Kamali
2.50 pm – 4.30pm	Session 6: Roundtable Discussion on Consultative Council of Shariah and Constitutional Law Experts Moderator: Tan Sri Alwi Jantan Lead Discussant 1: Dr Chandra Muzaffar Lead Discussant 2: Prof. Shad Saleem Faruqi Lead Discussant 3: Assoc. Prof. Dr Azizuddin Sani
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Roundtable Findings and Recommendations by Tan Sri Alwi Jantan
5.00 pm – 5.15pm	Closing Address by Tan Sri Dato’ Dr Asiah Abu Samah
5.15pm – 5.30pm	End of Forum and Tea



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