5TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

Incorporating the Southeast Asia Investment Forum & the Southeast Asia Strategic Forum on Women, Business, and Economic Development

‘Human and Environmental Welfare in Southeast Asia’

Project Southeast Asia at the University of Oxford, is dedicated to contributing transnational, interdisciplinary solutions to the most important problems facing Southeast Asia today.

This builds on Oxford’s already numerous contributions to Southeast Asia and its unsurpassed track record of excellence in the region, particularly in the field of medicine, where it conducts pioneering research in nearly every Southeast Asian country.

The Southeast Asian Studies Symposium, organised by Project Southeast Asia, University of Oxford, is the world’s largest annual conference on Southeast Asia.

It aims to

- present interdisciplinary and transnational solutions to contemporary Southeast Asian issues;
- engage political, business, academic, civil society, and other leaders of society in collaborative efforts to improve the state of the world. Together with other stakeholders, it works to define challenges, solutions and actions, always in the spirit of global citizenship;
- act as a platform for emerging and established scholars to demonstrate their latest research on Southeast Asia.

The 2016 Symposium includes over 80 panels presenting nearly 200 papers, along with 5 roundtables, 2 workshops, and 2 multi-day fora – the Southeast Asia Investment Forum, and the Southeast Asia Strategic Forum on Women, Business, and Economic Development. In 2015, the 4th Symposium (held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 20-24 March) attracted a total of 867 delegates from 24 countries. It was opened by Sultan Nazrin Shah of Perak, and closed with a lecture from Prof Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General.

The Symposium is an intelligent, research-driven, impartial platform that transforms dialogue into insights, insights into agendas, and agendas into action. The rapid success of the Symposium shows there are few issues that cannot be adequately progressed by convening the most relevant actors from all sectors – business, government and civil society – in a high-level, informed, and informal environment of trust.
SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME PILLARS

The Polity and the People
This pillar asks what the meaning and purpose of government is to Southeast Asian states and citizens. Citizens of every polity must negotiate between themselves the size, nature, structure, form, and function of its government.

Human and Physical Resources
This pillar explores the scope and diversity of resources available to support Southeast Asia’s sustainable development, how those resources are developed and allocated, and the relationship between government and capital.

Identity and Inclusiveness
This pillar examines the issue of identity in Southeast Asia. What does it mean to have a local, national, region, ethnic, religious, gender, or other identity? Who decides what comprises identity? What values do those identities embody?

The Symposium incorporates:

The Southeast Asia Investment Forum, which provides commercial partners with the ideal platform to achieve their strategic goals. It is the only business and investor conference held in conjunction with a major global academic conference, thus allowing both to learn about opportunities for investment in Southeast Asia while listening to the latest cutting-edge research on Southeast Asia. For more, please see asean.ac/sif

The Southeast Asia Strategic Forum on Women, Business and Economic Development. Organised in association with Din Consultants, this is a three day multi-sectoral forum which seeks to bring together leaders from business, politics, academia, and civil society into a constructive discussion on addressing the barriers towards full female participation in Southeast Asia’s economic growth, with the aim of producing a concrete roadmap that can form the basis for action towards positive outcomes. For more, please see asean.ac/women

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