

PAPERWORK TO ORGANIZE
THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (ICIS)
2016
BY SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, UUM COLGIS

THEME:

“EMERGING CONTOURS OF WORLD ORDERS: THE CHALLENGES AHEAD”

1.0 – INTRODUCTION

ICIS 2016 in a Nutshell

If there is one thing the world now deeply yearns for is order, which had eluded us for many years or decades. Every “world order”, as espoused many times previously, expressed an aspiration to peace and stability but in reality it was and, still is, as elusive as ever evidenced by numerous conflicts and instability in the Middle East, Ukraine, North East Asia, Afghanistan, Southern Arabian peninsula, Sub-Saharan region, along with fighting terrorism and managing the proliferation of nuclear programmes. In addition, the unprecedented growth of non-state actors – both legal and illegitimate – that have crowded the world stage with their respective agendas have brought tension of divergent interests.

The challenges facing international community have become immensely more complex since the beginning of the 21st century. The conduct of formal relations between nation-states is in disarray. It is equipped neither to address the complex challenges of the twenty-first century, nor to deliver the kinds of remedial policy the world requires. The old-style government-to-government relations remain in the diplomatic mix, but their relevance has diminished as the environment to which they are reacting continues to shift and evolve. The traditional concept of sovereignty and non-interference as codified in the Westphalia Treaty of 1648, is under siege while a new range of issues, such as global warming, pandemic diseases, human rights, environmental degradation among others, are the focus of media reports each day. The mass migration of peoples – whether as refugees or asylum seekers generated by civil disputes, cross border wars, racial-religious-ethnic conflicts, or economic disruptions – is on the brink of becoming a major crisis in the field if

international relations is desperately searching for effective non-military approaches to conflict resolution, and a reformed world order should top an international agenda.

“World order” matters, but it is in disarray. The widespread presence of conflict, a reliance on hard power and threats, the militarization of international policy and the growing number of unresolved global issues all testify to an absence of world order, or the lack of it. The powers that have proclaimed their intention to build a “new” world order, especially after the end of Cold War, have so far proved either unwilling or unable to safeguard international stability, following their suffering from costly military intervention in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Syria, preferring instead to focus on domestic concerns. The “old” world order as seen in the images of the US and other competing powers are no longer sufficient to address current concerns.

The nature and consequences of the dynamic changes that have been shaping the world system are subjects of this conference, which seeks to probe from a wide range of perspectives of the idea of world order and at different level of analysis. In line with the theme, this conference will highlight contemporary concerns, focus on elements of emerging theory and practice that can serve as catalyst for change, and seek to stave off conflict and disorder.

The ICIS 2016 Committee invites you to contribute to the conference. As in the previous conference we are pleased to receive offers to present papers on a wide range of subjects on world order. These include:

1. A decision shift from a unipolar world to a multipolar world.
2. The rise of powerful emerging economies.
3. The development of rival world financial institutions such as Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
4. The emergence of competing economic groups to challenge the G20 such as BRICS.
5. The emergence of new security dilemmas: international terrorism, revolutionary groups (IS), failed states, civil wars, humanitarian disasters, human right abuses, and so forth.
6. Globalization.
7. Clash of civilizations: West vs. Islam?
8. Climate change.
9. Regional integration and groupings: future structure of the world?
10. New inventions in technology: Information Technology? Social Media?

2.0 - JUSTIFICATION

The justification for organizing ICIS 2016 as follows:

- As a publicity event to promote the School of International Studies, UUM.
- Based on the feedback and the successful organization of the previous ICIS, specifically in 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014 which generated income to the School.

- As a platform of knowledge sharing and intellectual discourses for academic experts and practitioners from relevant fields on international affairs, relations, security and international business.
- To realize the main pillars of the UUM's strategic planning.
- To continue the tradition of organizing a big conference by the school in collaboration with other institutional partners once in every 2 years.

3.0 - OBJECTIVES

The conference aims to:

- Facilitate the exchange of ideas on contemporary issues in international studies, specifically with regard to the main theme: *Emerging Contours of World Orders: The Challenges Ahead*;
- Generate public interest in the wide-ranging issues that touch every aspect of the international community;
- Provide broad networking opportunities between diverse stakeholders: individuals, businesses, NGOs, officials and policymakers;
- Facilitate the exchange of scholarly views and find practical approaches in debating these issues;
- Facilitate networking among institutions of higher learning in the region leading to the establishment regional centres of excellence in identified areas of studies;
- Produce scholarly publications on the issues related to the conference topics.

4.0 - THEME

The main theme for ICIS 2016 is *'Emerging Contours of World Orders: The Challenges Ahead'*.

The conference sub-themes may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- International Political Economy
- International Law
- Globalization and Security
- International Maritime Studies
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Political Science
- International Logistics and Supply Chain
- International Entrepreneurship
- Foreign Policy
- Strategic Studies

- Multi-National Corporations Management
- Cross-Cultural Studies
- Free Trade and International Collaborations

5.0 - CONFERENCE VENUE

Park Royal Penang Resort and Hotel, Batu Ferringhi Beach, Penang – Malaysia.

6.0 - CONFERENCE DATE

20-21 August 2016 (Saturday and Sunday)

7.0 - ORGANIZERS

This conference will be jointly organized by the School of International Studies (SoIS), UUM, and Association of International Studies (AIS) Malaysia. AIS will provide some seed money and expertise from its members in the round table discussions at the end of the conference to summarise the discussions from participants and to come up with a documented resolution that can be forwarded to interested parties like the ASEAN Secretariat and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI).

8.0 – PARTICIPATION

The organizing committee is targeting to get 200 participants both from overseas and local participants:

- 120 from overseas participants
- 80 from local participants

9.0 – CONFERENCE FORMAT

- Royal Address (Tentative)
- Distinguished Speech (Tentative)
- Keynote Speech Sessions
- Specific Panel discussions addressing all the sub-themes
- Parallel Sessions (including virtual and poster presentations)
- Plenary Sessions

10.0 – PROPOSED CANDIDATES FOR KEYNOTE AND GUEST SPEAKERS

- Y.A.Bhg. Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor (Patron of PERMATA) (Dinner, Opening)
- HRH. Sultan Dr. Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, Sultan of Perak (Keynote Speaker)
- H.E. Dr. Marty Natalegawa, Former Foreign Minister of Indonesia (Keynote Speaker)
- H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Former Secretary-General of ASEAN (Keynote Speaker)
- Mr. Nazir Razak (CIMB) (Invited Speaker)
- Y.Bhg. Tansri Ghazali Ismail (Invited Speaker)
- Y.Bhg. Dato' Reza Rafiq (CEO, NCIA) (Invited Speaker)
- Professor Dr. Shamsul Amri (Invited Speaker).

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11.0 – CONFERENCE FEES

- INSTITUTIONAL PANEL PACKAGE

Special group rate will be given only for those who are able to form a panel group (for a session) consisting of up to 3 panellists with one convenor or moderator.

The registration rate for this package:

Early Bird Registration (before 15 July 2016) – RM2500.00 (USD700.00)

Regular Registration (after 15 July 2016) – RM3000.00 (USD800.00)

- INDIVIDUAL PANEL PACKAGE

This package is for individual paper and presenter.

Early Bird Registration (before 15 July 2016) – RM1300.00 (USD360.00)

Late Registration (after 15 July 2016) – RM1500.00 (USD420.00)

STUDENTS: RM800.00 (USD220.00)

12.0 – TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

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Day 1 (Saturday)

0800-0900	Registration Morning Refreshments
0900- 1030	Plenary 1 Panel Session 1 Panel Session 2 Panel Session 3 Panel Session 4
1030-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Royal Address
1230- 1400	Lunch
1400- 1530	Plenary 2 Panel Session 5 Panel Session 6 Panel Session 7 Panel Session 8
1530-1600	Break
1600-1730	Keynote 2
2015- 2200	Conference Dinner -Welcoming Remarks - Official Opening Ceremony

Day 2 (Sunday)

0800-0900	Registration
0900-1030	Plenary 3 Panel Session 9 Panel Session 10 Panel Session 11 Panel Session 12
1030-1100	Break
1100- 1230	Keynote 3
1230- 1400	Lunch
1400- 1530	Plenary 4 Panel Session 13 Panel Session 14 Panel Session 15 Panel Session 16
1530 - 1600	Break
1600- 1730	Keynote Speaker 4 Closing Ceremony
1730 – 1900	Roundtable Discussions for Conference Resolution (For AIS members only)

13.0 - CONFERENCE COST

(Please refer to Appendix 1)

14.0 – CONFERENCE BUDGETTING

- The conference costs will be borne by participation fees and sponsorships from various organizations.

15.0 – ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

(Please refer to Appendix 2)

16.0 – CONFERENCE OUTCOME

- Publication of indexed conference proceeding.
- To publish a special issue of Journal of International Studies, SoIS on selected issues highlighted from the conference.
- To come up with a memorandum of proposal to relevant ministries ; i.e Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia on lessons to be learnt and suggestions to the implementation of ASEAN Community 2015.
- A conference resolution charter from the Roundtable Discussions organized by the Association of International Studies, Malaysia (AIS) to be forwarded to relevant parties like the ASEAN Secretariat and MITI.

17.0 – CLOSING REMARKS

It is our fervent hope that the Chief Minister and the State Government of Perak would kindly consider this seminar organization plea of sponsorship and collaboration. Thank you.

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Secretary 1 of ICIS 2016
School of International Studies (SoIS)
UUM COLGIS

APPENDIX 2 (Organizing Committee)

**STEERING COMMITTEE for International Conference on International Studies (ICIS)
2016**

Patron	:	Professor Datuk Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak Vice Chancellor, Universiti Utara Malaysia
Advisor	:	Prof. Dr. Hassan Ali Deputy Vice Chancellor (A&A) Universiti Utara Malaysia
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Keynote And Panel Speakers	:	Head 1: Assoc. Prof. Dr Mohd Azizuddin Mohd Sani Head 2: Dr. Rahim Jaguli
Registration & Scheduling	:	Head 1 : Dr. Salwani Head 2 : Mdm Wan Nurisma Ayu W. Ismail Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Noor Dalilah Mohd Yunos▪ Hasnah Abdullah▪ Mohd Amirul Asraf Zainol▪ Zalina Mat Yusof
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Expected ICIS 2016 Impact

Participation : 120 foreign participants, 80 local participants

Publications:

- i) Proceeding (Scopus indexed, with ISBN)
- ii) Selected papers will be published in SoIS' Journal of International Studies, Special Issue
- iii) An edited book
- iv) Research Collaborations with partner institutions and universities from the region
- v) Roundtable Discussions – ideas to be forwarded to relevant parties.