

1ST ASIAN WINTER SCHOOL POLITICAL PARTIES & DEMOCRACY

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VIA ZOOM

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WELCOME

Welcome

Welcome to this nine-day intensive Winter School organised by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the University of Nottingham-Malaysia, and the Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy. This Winter School brings together an international team of 13 academics and 9 practitioners to train and instruct a group of 14 MA/PhD researchers and practitioners and civil society leaders in the field of political parties and democracy in Asia.

The main aims of the Winter School include:

- to provide instruction and discussion on a wider range of analytical perspectives in the study of political parties, party systems, elections and democracy;
- to develop a multinational forum for both junior scholars and practitioners to critically discuss their research projects and the development of the subfield;
- to assist PhD/MA researchers to develop their dissertation projects at the cutting edge of the field, contributing to innovation in conceptualisation, measurement, analysis and theory;
- to prepare PhD/MA researchers for the requirements and criteria of international academic publishing, and to encourage them to submit their work to academic journals;
- to help practitioners to understand the main academic findings regarding party politics and democracy promotion;
- to build on the most recent developments and challenges of political party development and democracy promotion presented by the “Global Agenda for the Renewal of Representation” (<https://www.osce.org/odihr/395219>);
- to stimulate international collaboration in the field of parties, party systems, elections and democracy and to encourage PhD/MA researchers and practitioners to take part in such collaboration.

WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Friday 26th November

- 16:50 - 17:00** Online connection with Fellows
- 17:00 - 17:15** Welcome by KAS PDA Director, OSCE Academy Director and UoN-Malaysia Head of School
- 17:15 - 17:40** Welcome by the Winter School co-directors
- 17:40 - 18:00** Virtual tour de table
- 18:00 - 19:00** Keynote speech on "Global Democratic Recession" by Prof. Larry Diamond
- 19:00 - 19:30** Virtual warming up of fellows

Thursday 2nd December

Topic: "Democracy Backsliding and Populism"
Speakers: Prof. William Case (University of Nottingham-Malaysia) and Hon. Sandrea Ng, (Perak State Assemblywoman for Teja, People's Justice Party, Malaysia)
Guest Expert: Dr. Alexander Wolters (OSCE Academy)

- 16:00 - 17:30** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 17:30 - 17:45** Break
- 17:45 - 18:45** "Why did 'democratization' during 2015-2019 tenure failed in Sri Lanka?" (Hurini Natasha Fernando)
Discussant: Altanchimeg Purevsuren
- 18:45 - 18:50** Break
- 18:50 - 19:50** "Balancing Powers: Malaysian Democracy at Stake" (Noor Amin Ahmad)
Discussant: Nargiza Kilichova
- 19:50 - 20:00** Wrap up and next session preparation

WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Friday 3rd December

Topic: "Elections and Election Campaigning"

Speakers: Dr. Christian Shafferer (Overseas Chinese University, Taiwan), Malou Tiquia (PUBLICUS Asia)

Guest Expert: Dr. Don S Lee (University of Nottingham)

16:00 - 17:30 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

17:30 - 17:45 Break

17:45 - 18:45 "Political parties and elections in the context of the crisis of political communications in Kazakhstan" (Gulmira Sheryazda)
Discussant: Ernis Isamatov

18:45 - 18:50 Break

18:50 - 19:50 "Impact of ICT in Voter Registration System of Mongolia" (Altanchimeg Purevsuren)
Discussant: Rejene Lakibul

19:50 - 20:00 Wrap up and next session preparation

Saturday 4th December

16:00 - 16:45 Special Session (voluntary): "How to Get Published?" with Dr. Fernando Casal Bértoa (co-editor of the Routledge Book Series on "Political Parties, Party Systems and Elections") and Dr. La Toya Waha (Analytics and Consultation)

16:45 - 17:45 One-to-one (voluntary) meetings with Dr. Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham) and Rey Padit (KAS PDA)

Sunday 5th December

Free day

WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Monday 6th December

Topic: "Party Funding and Corruption"

Speakers: Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham) and Dr. Yukihiro Hamada (International IDEA)

Guest Expert: Dr Erik Mobrand (Seoul National University)

- 16:00 - 17:30** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 17:30 - 17:45** Break
- 17:45 - 18:45** "How Dynastic is Indonesian Politics?" (Yoes Chandra Kenawas)
Discussant: Channtha So
- 18:45 - 18:50** Break
- 18:50 - 19:50** "New wars and the changing nature of the Kashmir conflict" (Thusharika Deka)
Discussant: Mukesh Shukia
- 19:50 - 20:00** Wrap up and next session preparation

Tuesday 7th December

Topic: "Political Parties and Representation – Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities"

Speakers: Dr Bridget Welsh (University of Nottingham-Malaysia) and Hon. Eva Abdulla (People's Majlis Deputy Speaker, Maldives)

Guest Expert: Dr Carole Spary (University of Nottingham)

- 15:30 - 17:00** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 17:00 - 17:15** Break
- 17:15 - 18:15** "Representation of Women in Nepal's Political Context" (Veera Lamichhane)
Discussant: Hurini Natasha Fernando
- 18:15 - 18:20** Break
- 18:20 - 19:20** "Democratic practices and youth in civic engagement, political participation, and in digital spheres" (Muhammad Saud)
Discussant: Noor Amin Ahmad
- 19:20 - 19:30** Wrap up and next session preparation

WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Wednesday *8th December*

Topic: "Political Parties, Social Movements and New Technologies"

Speakers: Prof. Julio Teehankee (De La Salle University, Philippines) and Neha Joshi (Indian Bharatiya Janata Party, Media and Youth Wing National Head)

Guest Expert: Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (European University Institute, Florence)

- 16:00 - 17:30** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 17:30 - 17:45** Break
- 17:45 - 18:45** "Political Parties in Asia: Rise and Fall" (Dini Hamita)
Discussant: Gulmira Sheryazda
- 18:45 - 18:50** Break
- 18:50 - 19:50** "They Guiding Principle behind BJP's Policy Formulation"
(Mukesh Shukia)
Discussant: Veera Lamichhane
- 19:50 - 20:00** Wrap up and next session preparation

Thursday *9th December*

Topic: "Political Party (System) Institutionalization"

Speakers: Prof. Allen Hicken (University of Michigan) and Ledia Hanifa Amaliah (Indonesia MP)

Guest Expert: Dr Emil Juraev (Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan)

- 19:15 - 20:30** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 20:30 - 20:45** Break
- 20:45 - 21:45** "Political Party System in Cambodia: Weak Institutionalization"
(Channtha So)
Discussant: Yoes Chandra Kenawas
- 21:45 - 21:50** Break
- 21:50 - 22:50** "Organizational Political Will: Initiatives, Challenges, and Prospects"
(Rejene Lakibul)
Discussant: Thusharika Deka
- 22:50 - 23:00** Wrap up and next session preparation

WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Friday *10th December*

Topic: "Democracy Promotion: Pros and Cons"

Speakers: Dr. Bann Seng Tan (Ashoka University, India) and
Christian Elche (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung)

Guest Expert: Susan Dodsworth (University of Queensland)

16:00 - 17:30 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

17:30 - 17:45 Break

17:45 - 18:45 "Promoting human rights approach by implementing democracy assistance and providing platforms for dialogue" (Ernis Isamatov)
Discussant: Dini Hamita

18:45 - 18:50 Break

18:50 - 19:50 "International Development Assistance in the Central Asian region: Trapped Between Routines and Realities?" (Nargiza Kilichova)
Discussant: Muhammad Saud

19:50 - 22:00 Wrap up and next session preparation

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Dress-code and time zone:

Dress-code for the School is smart-casual.

All times in the program are Malaysian times (i.e. UCT +8).

Technical details:

The Winter School on Political Parties and Democracy will be conducted in Zoom. The log-in information will be sent to all participants prior to the School. Please make sure to have sufficient internet connection and use private compute/laptop during the school. Participants are requested to log-in with personal names/surnames.

Video lectures will be uploaded to the closed YouTube Channel and it is mandatory to watch lectures prior to the sessions.

Please do note that there will be a total of 2 Zoom links; 1 for the inaugural session on the 26th November and the other link for the classes in December. **With the exception of Friday 26th Nov, Tuesday 7th Dec and Thursday 9th Dec, classes will start at 16:00 Kuala Lumpur time. Please refer to the programme daily for the correct log in times.**

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Zoom link #1:

Topic: 1st Asian Winter School on Political Parties and Democracy Program

Time: Nov 26, 2021 04:50 PM Kuala Lumpur

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://kas-de.zoom.us/j/96762612540?pwd=Nm5GQmJDYnlldGdyZEovNm5VWkpqdz09>

Meeting ID: 967 6261 2540

Passcode: 715405

Zoom link #2:

Topic: 1st Asian Winter School on Political Parties and Democracy Program

Time: Dec 2, 2021 04:00 PM Kuala Lumpur

Dec 2, 2021 04:00 PM

Dec 3, 2021 04:00 PM

Dec 4, 2021 04:00 PM

Dec 6, 2021 04:00 PM

Dec 7, 2021 03:30 PM

Dec 8, 2021 04:00 PM

Dec 9, 2021 07:00 PM

Dec 10, 2021 04:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://kas-de.zoom.us/j/97777370783?pwd=aUJ1YTNuOUUzVE11K2djeCtBWnZzd09>

Meeting ID: 977 7737 0783

Passcode: 954410

ZOOM ETIQUETTE

PRE-ONLINE MEETING

1. For this online meeting, please ensure that your space has good lighting and minimal background noise.
2. We suggest that you only open the Zoom app or browser and close other windows, browsers, apps and programs, and files to avoid technical mishaps during the online meeting.
3. Please login into Zoom 15 minutes earlier to conduct an audio, microphone and camera test.
4. If you do not use the provided “virtual background screen”, please ensure that your official name is reflected on the screen. Otherwise, the Zoom tech assistants will assist you in putting your official name.
5. It is advisable to set your laptop or web camera on the same level as your eyes to optimize the use of the screen frame.
6. Please ensure that you have a stable internet connection to maximize your online meeting experience.
7. Do not share the Zoom login details to anyone in order to avoid any breach of privacy and security issues.
8. We advise everyone to have their toilet break before the start of the online meeting.
9. Attire is preferably smart casual to business.

ZOOM ETIQUETTE

DURING-ONLINE MEETING

1. This meeting will be video recorded, and some screenshots will be taken for documentation purposes. In case you prefer not to be included in the video and screenshots, please inform either Zoom tech assistants .
2. You can reach the Zoom tech assistants by chatting them privately in Zoom or through the WhatsApp group chat.
3. Your video must be open at all times unless it is technically infeasible.
4. If you are not speaking, please mute your audio. KAS staff will also make some announcements when to turn on or off your audio.
5. If you need to leave your space for a while, please inform either the Zoom tech assistants via the Zoom chat privately or Whatsapp and turn off your video as an indication that you are not present at the moment.
6. During the “open discussion”, please use the “reaction button” or “raise hand button” to signify the moderator that you have a question or you may type your question in the main chat channel and the moderator will ask on your behalf.
7. When raising a question, please ensure to state your question as precise and concise as possible.
8. Consuming drinks is permissible however, please refrain from eating during the online meeting so as not to distract other participants.
9. If you are facing unstable internet connection or any other technical issues that would require you to leave the conference, please inform the Zoom tech assistants before you leave.
10. At the end of the open discussion, please ensure that your videos are open for a group screen shot.
11. The KAS Staff will close the Zoom Meeting once the event is over.

READING LIST

Session 1

- Shukri, S. (2021): "Malay Political Polarization and Islamic Populism in Malaysia", Stratsea. Available at <https://stratsea.com/malay-political-polarization-and-islamic-populism-in-malaysia/>
- Case, W. (2015): "Democracy's Mixed Fortunes in Southeast Asia: Torpor, Change, and Trade-offs", in Routledge Handbook of Southeast Asian Democratization. Abingdon: Routledge

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- Medvic, S.K. (2007): Campaigns and elections: players and processes. Abingdon: Routledge (Chapters 1 and 9)
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- Hamada, Y. and Agrawal, K. (2020): Political Finance Reforms: How to Respond to Today's Policy Challenges, Stockholm, International IDEA. Available at <https://www.idea.int/publications/catalogue/political-finance-reforms-how-respond-todays-policy-challenges>
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- Joo, Y. (2018): "Same Despair but Different Hope", *Development and Society*, v. 47, n. 3, pp. 401-422 (<https://www.dbpia.co.kr/Journal/articleDetail?nodeId=NODE07541541>)
- McCargo, D. (2021): "Disruptors' Dilemma? Thailand's 2020 Gen Z Protests", *Critical Asian Studies*, v. 53, n. 2, pp. 175-191 (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14672715.2021.1876522>)
- Choi, N. (2019): "Women's Political Pathways in Southeast Asia", *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, v. 21, n. 2, pp. 224-248 (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14616742.2018.1523683>)

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- Kalsnes, B. (2016): "The Social Media Paradox Explained: Comparing Political Parties' Facebook Strategy Versus Practice", *Social Media + Society*, pp. 1-11. Available at <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2056305116644616>

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- Mainwaring, S. and Bizzarro, F. (2018): "Democratization without Party System Institutionalization: Cross-National Correlates", in Scott Mainwaring (ed.) Party System in Latin America. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Rasmussen, M.B. and Knutsen, C.H. (2021): "Party Institutionalization and Welfare State Development", British Journal of Political Science, v. 51, pp. 1203-1229. Available at <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/british-journal-of-political-science/article/abs/party-institutionalization-and-welfare-state-development/1FF9394BB5EF93D78E4DCA5525099540>
- Fiona, U. and Tomsa, D. (2017): "Parties and Factions in Indonesia: The Effects of Historical Legacies and. Institutional Engineering", The ISEAS Working Paper Series, No. 1. Available at https://www.iseas.edu.sg/images/pdf/WorkingPaper2017_1.pdf

Session 7

- Tan, B.S. (2021): International Aid and Democracy Promotion. Abingdon: Routledge (Introduction)
- Riedl, R.B., Slater, D. Wong, J. and Ziblatt, D. (2020): "Authoritarian-Led Democratization", Annual Review of Political Science, v. 23, n. 3, pp. 315-332. Available at www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev-polisci-052318-025732

BIOGRAPHIES *Directors*



FERNANDO CASAL BÉRTOA

Co-director of REPRESENT: Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy

Fernando Casal Bértoa is an Associate Professor in the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham (United Kingdom). He is member of the OSCE/ODIHR "Core Group of Political Party Experts". He is also co-director of REPRESENT: Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy. His work has been published in *Journal of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Electoral Studies*, *West European Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Democratization*, *European Political Science Review*, among others. He was awarded the 2017 Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize, the 2017 AECPA Prize for the Best Article and the 2018 Vice-Chancellor Medal of the University of Nottingham for "exceptional achievements". His last book, titled *Party System Closure: Party Alliances, Government Alternatives and Democracy in Europe*, is forthcoming with Oxford University Press.



CHRISTIAN ECHLE

Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia

Christian Echle is the Director of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia, based in Singapore. He is a journalist by training and an alumnus of the foundation's scholarship programme for young journalists. Before moving to Singapore, Mr. Echle was the Director of KAS Media Africa, the regional media programme for Sub-Saharan Africa based in Johannesburg, since 2012. After joining the foundation in 2007, he first served as an online editor and Social Media expert at headquarters in Berlin. Throughout his different postings, the influence of Social Media on Political Communication remains to be one of his main focuses.



REY PADIT

Programme Manager for Political Co-operation Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Singapore

Rey Padit is the Programme Manager for Political Co-operation under the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia. He is mainly responsible in managing three portfolios namely, the Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians (KASYP), the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Young Political Leaders Caucus (KASYP-LC), and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Election Bridge Asia – Pacific. Before joining the Foundation, he was part of the KASYP, KASYP-LC, KAS Election Bridge Asia-Pacific, and the KAS International Summer School Programmes. Through these trainings, he co-founded a national political party and won a campaign for elected positions in the Philippines. Apart from politics, he is also experienced in disaster risk reduction management, local governance, development work, and the academe. He holds a Master in Public Policy degree from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of San Carlos, Cebu City Philippines.

BIOGRAPHIES *KAS PDA Organizing Team*



RITA SEET

Regional Programme Executive,
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Rita Seet is an institutional member of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Singapore. She has been working for the Foundation since 2002, and has been assisting young politicians in KASYP programmes for 10 years. She has a degree in Mass Communications from the University of Oklahoma, United States of America. In her 19 years with the Foundation, Rita has worked with local and regional partners. Her current role includes working closely with Programme Managers on event budgeting and coordinating conferences/workshops regionally and locally. Her language proficiencies are English and Malay.



RUBIAH MOHAMED

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Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Regional
Programme Political Dialogue Asia

Rubiah Mohamed has been working with the Regional Programme Political Dialogue with Asia and the Pacific at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Singapore office since 2014. She supports the team in Singapore with organisation and preparation of events, especially in logistical matters with flight bookings and visa arrangements. Rubiah also supports the ongoing daily activities and administrative affairs of the KAS office.



KISMET ABU BAKAR

Regional Admin Executive
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Regional
Programme Political Dialogue Asia

Kismet Abu Bakar has been with KAS PDA since January 2016. She started her journey in KAS as a Secretary and has now since move on to the role of Regional Admin Executive. She assists PDA in the back end administration of the logistics of events. As she is also keen in social media functions, she assists the team in the planning and execution of social media posts through the KAS PDA Facebook page. Her administrative experiences have been cultivated through experiences in various MNCs, advertising agencies and also a Singapore statutory board. She is also currently a part time student in the area of social services as she wishes to understand further on how society's could be helped through the understanding of human behavior.



VALENTINA SCHOTT

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Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Regional
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Valentina Schott is a student in the double master's programme "Comparative Legal Studies in German, European and Chinese Law" at Humboldt University Berlin and Tongji University Shanghai. She previously completed a one-year voluntary service in Mexico and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations at the University of Erfurt. She is currently in Singapore, where she is doing an internship at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

BIOGRAPHIES *Keynote Speaker*



PROF. LARRY DIAMOND
Senior Fellow,
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Prof. Larry Diamond is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) at Stanford University and professor by courtesy of Political Science and Sociology at Stanford. In 1990, he co-founded and has since served as co-editor of the *Journal of Democracy*, the leading scholarly journal in the study of democracy. Diamond is the author of seven books and over 100 articles and book chapters on global democratic development and policies and strategies to promote democracy. His most recent book, *Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency*, analyzes the challenges confronting liberal democracy in the United States and around the world at this “hinge in history.” In addition, he has edited or co-edited 50 books on democratic development in virtually every region of the world, as well as studies of democratic struggles and experiences in Nigeria, India, Israel, Iran, Taiwan, and South Korea. Diamond was the first major democracy scholar to argue, beginning in 2008, that the world had entered a “recession” of democracy due to changing global power dynamics, including the decline of democratic resolve and effectiveness among the advanced democracies and the rise of authoritarian powers, particularly China and Russia. For over three decades, he has been a consistent voice arguing for more resourceful, consistent, and creative international efforts to assist democratic civil societies and media as well as emerging democratic institutions around the world. For over six years at Stanford, he directed the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, and he now leads research programs at Hoover and Stanford to study and respond to China’s global projection of “sharp power,” and to analyze and advance democratic prospects in the Arab world and global digital policies to defend human rights.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



PROF. WILLIAM CASE

Head of School of Politics, History and International Relations at the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.

Prof. William Case is Professor and Head of School of Politics, History and International Relations at the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus. He was previously Professor of Southeast Asian politics and Director of the Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) at City University of Hong Kong; Associate Professor in the Department of International Business and Asian Studies at Griffith University (Brisbane, Australia); Lecturer at University College, University of New South Wales, Australian Defense Force Academy; and Adjunct Lecturer at MARA University (Institute) of Technology (Shah Alam, Malaysia). He has also held visiting or research positions at the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University; Ateneo de Manila University; University of Malaya; the Yuchengco Center at De La Salle University (Manila); National University of Malaysia; University of the Philippines at Diliman; Chulalongkorn University; and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (Jakarta). His latest sole author book is "Populist Threats and Democracy's Fate in Southeast Asia: Thailand, the Philippines, and Indonesia (Routledge 2017).



HON. SANDREA NG

Perak State Assemblywoman for Teja, People's Justice Party, Malaysia

Hon. Sandra Ng is a student activist turned state lawmaker from Perak, Malaysia, representing The People's Justice Party. She was elected in 2018 in the historic 14th general election that witnessed the change of federal government in Malaysia ever since its independence in 1957. Sandra was a member of the Perak Public Accounts Committee(PAC) for 2018-2020, and is now a member of the Perak Standing Order Committee. She is also a member of the Asian Women Parliamentarian Caucus (AWPC) as well as an alumni to Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Young Politician School(Batch 4). The food service graduate had previously worked for human rights and cultural NGOs, advocating progressive policies and people empowerment. Currently the treasurer for her party's national women's wing, her top priority task has always been to increase women's political awareness and participation.



CHRISTIAN SCHAFERER

Associate Professor, Department of International Trade, Overseas Chinese University, Taiwan

Christian Schafferer is Associate Professor at the Department of International Trade, Overseas Chinese University, Taiwan. He has served as President of the Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA), President of the Austrian Association of East Asian Studies, and founding Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Contemporary Eastern Asia (JCEA). His research interests embrace political and economic studies with special reference to East Asian societies; current research projects deal with the impact of social media on electoral campaigns and democratization in Asia.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



MALOU TIQUA

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Philippines

Maria Lourdes Avarro Tiqua is a noted lobbyist and political strategist in the Philippines and in Asia. She is a trained and experienced political management expert and a policy analyst, hence combining politics and policy in her 29 years of professional career. Malou served in the Philippine Government for 15 years covering the Executive and Legislative branches. In between 1989 to 1998, Malou taught political science courses on a part time basis in various schools, namely: De La Salle University and University of the Philippines-Diliman. By 1999, she joined the Faculty of the National College of Public Administration of the University of the Philippines on a full-time basis. She handled both undergraduate and graduate classes on public policy, research methods, regulatory reform, and democracy audit. And in 2003, she also taught part-time at the Political Science Department of Ateneo de Manila. She taught lobbying, advocacy and campaigns. In 2003, Malou founded PUBLiCUS Asia, Inc. – the first and only registered lobbying and campaigns management firm in the country.



DR. LA TOYA WAHA

Consultant for "Escape and Migration", Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Germany

Dr. La Toya Waha has been responsible for migration and displacement in the Social Cohesion Department (AuB) since January 2021. From 2019 to 2020 she worked in the regional program Political Dialogue Asia in Singapore on transnational security aspects, multilateral cooperation and the regional integration of South and Southeast Asia. She received her doctorate in political science from Heidelberg University in 2018. Her dissertation deals with the influence of religion on political action and violence in the context of state formation using the example of radical Buddhist monks in Sri Lanka. Her main research interests are the emergence of political violence, the relationship between the state, religion and politics, and the instrumentalization of suicide as a political tool. Before joining the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, she worked on a political advisory research project on the connection between migration, religion and radicalization at the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence (IKG) at Bielefeld University. Among other things, she was visiting researcher at the Center d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud (CEIAS) in Paris and at the Social Policy Analysis and Research Center (SPARC) of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Among other things, she has published on state formation, political culture and political parties in Asia.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



YUKIHAMIKO HAMADA

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Yukihamiko Hamada is a Programme Manager at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) in Stockholm, Sweden. Yuki leads the Money in Politics (MiP) programme that supports political finance reforms across the world by providing evidence-based policy analysis and technical assistance to oversight agencies and other stakeholders. His areas of expertise focus on comparative analysis of political finance systems, anti-corruption, and public governance. Prior to joining International IDEA in 2018, Yuki was a policy analyst at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris where he managed various projects on political finance, lobbying, conflict of interest and other public sector integrity issues. He also has a wide range of public sector experience in Japan and the UK. He holds a PhD in Political Science from University College London, UK.



DR. BRIDGET WELSH

Honorary Research Associate with the
University of Nottingham Asia
Research Institute Malaysia

Dr. Bridget Welsh is currently Honorary Research Associate with the University of Nottingham Asia Research Institute Malaysia (UoNARI-M) based in Kuala Lumpur. She is also a Senior Research Associate of the Hu Feng Center for East Asia Democratic Studies of National Taiwan University and a Senior Associate Fellow of The Habibie Center. She specializes in Southeast Asian politics, with a focus on Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore and Indonesia. She is committed to fostering engagement, mutual understanding and empowerment.



HON. EVA ABDULLA

Deputy Speaker, Parliament of
Maldives
Republic of Maldives

Hon. Eva Abdulla is Deputy Speaker of the People's Majilis, the legislative body of the Maldives. She has been a member of parliament since 2009 and has been involved with her party, the Maldivian Democratic Party, since 2005. During her time as a MP she has sponsored multiple bills, including the Whistle-blower Protection Act and the Maldives Anti-Torture Act. Apart from her role as a MP she is member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations of her party. She has also worked as coordinator for the national presidential elections in Galolhu since 2008. Before her time as an Member of Parliament, Eva Abdulla has received a master's degree in Politics and International Relations at the University of Warwick (UK), worked for the WHO and UNFPA and was also manager of the Minivan Daily newspaper.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



PROF. JULIO C. TEEHANKEE
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BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



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BIOGRAPHIES *Guest Experts*



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BIOGRAPHIES *Guest Experts*



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BIOGRAPHIES *Participants*



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Veera then went on to become an educator at Columbus Int. School, where she was responsible for using modern and dynamic learning teaching methods to show students how to fluently communicate using the English language. She led, motivated, supported and developed students at all levels in order to ensure wholesome growth and knowledge acquisition. At BB Holdings Pvt. Ltd., she worked directly under the Managing Director as a Communications Officer, and oversaw public content and management of company profile, while creating public business profiles of relative companies within the company.

Her work as a Rapporteur at Women's Alliance for Peace, Justice and Democracy (Sankalpa Nepal) required detailed, accurate reporting of the 'South Asian Women's Regional Conference – Weaving the Web' and aptly working with the team to devise an action plan. She has worked as an Amanuensis for Ms. Chandni Joshi, a Gender Rights and Policy Specialist, assisting in the overall compilation of the book 'Weaving my South Asian Tapestry', which is soon to be published.

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The **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung** (Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia) is a political foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany. Founded in 1964, it was named after the first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Konrad Adenauer. KAS offers political and social training activities, conducts research, grants scholarships to students, and supports and encourages international understanding and economic development. In addition to the activities of the local KAS offices in many Asian countries, the regional programme "Political Dialogue Asia" organises and sponsors international conferences and seminars. Its numerous events and diverse projects focus on political and social development, political parties and civil society, social market economy, regional security, international cooperation and Asia-Europe relations, see <https://www.kas.de/en/web/politikdialog-asien>



The **OSCE Academy** in Bishkek promotes regional cooperation, conflict prevention and good governance in Central Asia through offering post-graduate education, professional training and intellectual exchange. The Academy pursues its mission through particular set of activities, including: Providing expert training and education in human rights, media development, conflict prevention, management, resolution, post-conflict rehabilitation, and in economics, governance and development; Conducting demand-driven and practice-oriented research on relevant Central Asian topics aiming at local, national and regional security-building; Supporting the exchange of information and scientific co-operation among Central Asian academic institutions and their international partner organizations and Establishing and developing a regional network of professionals and researchers, see <http://www.osce-academy.net/en/>



The **Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy (REPRESENT)** is a collaboration between the University of Birmingham and the University of Nottingham. It brings together and drives innovative and interdisciplinary research on the falling social penetration of established parties, the rise of populism, and the effectiveness of aid to support democracy. REPRESENT provides a 'hub' for knowledge exchange between academic researchers, policy-makers and practitioners from Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Asia. For more information, see www.represent-research.org

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