



3RD ASIAN SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

POLITICAL PARTIES & DEMOCRACY

14TH - 20TH AUGUST 2023
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Welcome

Welcome to this seven-day intensive Summer School organised by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the University of Nottingham-Malaysia, the OSCE Academy (<https://www.osce-academy.net/>), the Asian Political and International Studies Association (<https://www.apisa.org/>), the Asian Research Institute (<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/asiaresearch/>) and the Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy. This Summer School brings together an international team of 14 academics and 8 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 Summer 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.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Monday 14th August

09:00 Assembly at the lobby of UniVillage
Ms. Judy Wong will bring the group over to the University Campus

09:30 - 10:00 Welcome by KAS-Asia Director, OSCE Academy Director, UoN-Malaysia Head of School, ARI Director and APISA President

10:00 - 10:30 Welcome by the Summer School co-directors

10:30 - 11:00 Virtual tour de table

Topic: "Elections and Election Campaigning"

Speakers: Dr. Christian Schafferer (Overseas Chinese University, Taiwan) and Roger Do (AutoPolitic)

Guest Expert: Dr. Ho Ying Chan (UNMC)

11:00 - 11:30 Speaker's presentation

11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 - 13:15 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

13:15 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:30 "Campaign Strategies of Political Parties in Kyrgyzstan" (Shirin Tumenbaeva)

Discussant: Fajeera Asif

15:30 - 15:45 Break

15:45 - 16:45 "Islamic Activism and Populism in Indonesian Politics: Exploring A Conservative Group of FPI" (Muhammad Ahalla Tsauro)

Discussant: Orgil Dugersuren

16:45 - 17:00 Wrap up and next session preparation

17:30 - 19:00 Welcome dinner

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Tuesday *15th August*

- 09:30 - 10:00** *Topic: : “Democracy Backsliding and Populism”*
Speakers: Prof. William Case (University of Nottingham-Malaysia) and
Chean Chung Lee (People’s Justice Party MP)
Guest Expert: Dr Chung-Yi Lee (UNUK)y
- 10:00 - 11:00** Speaker’s presentation
- 11:00 - 11:15** Coffee break
- 11:15 - 12:45** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 12:45 - 14:00** Lunch Break
- 14:00 - 15:00** “Varieties of Populist Attitudes in South Korea” (Nurzada
Abdivalieva)
Discussant: Umidakhon Narimova
- 15:00 - 15:15** Break
- 15:15 - 16:15** “The Backsliding of democracy: A Global Trend” (Gandolgor
Sainkhuu)
Discussant: Aqida N. Salma
- 16:15 - 17:15** “The Public Sphere and Deliberative Democracy in Philippines”
(Arvhie Santos)
Discussant: Waruni Kumarasingha
- 17:15 - 17:30** Wrap up and next session preparation

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Wednesday 16th August

- 09:30 - 10:00** *Topic: "Political Party (System) Institutionalization"*
Speakers: Prof. Allen Hicken (University of Michigan), Dr Wooseok Kim (University of Glasgow) and Prof. Julio Teehankee (De La Salle University, Philippines)
Guest Expert: Dr Don Lee (Sungkyunkwan University)
- 10:00 - 10:30** Speaker's presentation
- 10:30 - 10:45** Coffee break
- 10:45 - 12:15** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 12:15 - 13:30** Lunch Break
- 13:30 - 14:30** "Party Polarization and Its Implications for Democratic Governance in Pakistan" (Fajeera Asif)
Discussant: Arianne J. Fabregas
- 14:30 - 14:45** Break
- 14:45 - 15:45** "The Role of Political Parties Advancing Transitional Justice in Nepal" (Anupa Aryal)
Discussant: Shirin Tumenbaeva
- 15:45 - 16:00** Wrap up and next session preparation

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Thursday 17th August

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

Speakers: Dr Karsten Grabow (KAS Berlin) and Amira Aisya (Malaysian United Democratic Alliance secretary general)

Guest Expert: Dr Julia Rognifard (UNMC)

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| 09:30 - 10:30 | Speaker's presentation |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Coffee break |
| 10:45 - 12:15 | Debate and discussion with the guest speakers |
| 12:15 - 13:15 | "Hybrid Movements, Digital Technology and the Rise and Fall of Far-Right Islamist Protest Mobilization in Indonesia" (Aqida N. Salma)
Discussant: Shelly Mahajan |
| 13:15 - 14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 - 18:30 | Fieldtrip |
| 18:30 - 20:00 | Dinner in town |

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Friday 18th August

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

Speakers: Dr Bridget Welsh (University of Nottingham-Malaysia) and Charu Pragya (Bharatiya Janata Party activist)

Guest Expert: Dr Carole Spary (UNUK)

- 10:00 - 11:00** Speaker’s presentation
- 11:00 - 11:15** Coffee break
- 11:15 - 12:45** Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 12:45 - 14:00** Lunch Break
- 14:00 - 15:00** “How Unbreakable is the Glass Ceiling?” (Umidakhon Narimova)
Discussant: Yvonne Tan
- 15:00 - 15:15** Break
- 15:15 - 16:15** “Empowering Youth in Political Parties in Sri Lanka” (Waruni Kumarasingha)
Discussant: Alvin Lam
- 16:15 - 16:45** Special Session: “How to Get Published?” with Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (co-editor of the Routledge Book Series on “Political Parties, Party Systems and Elections”)
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- 16:45 - 17:00** Wrap up and next session preparation

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Saturday 19th August

Topic: "Party Funding and Corruption"

Speakers: Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham) and Dr Marcin Walecki (National Democratic Institute)

Guest Expert: Dr Erik Mobernd (Rand Corporation)

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| 10:00 - 10:30 | Speaker's presentation |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Coffee break |
| 10:45 - 12:15 | Debate and discussion with the guest speakers |
| 12:15 - 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | "Legal Reform in Mongolia" (Orgil Dugersuren)
Discussant: Arvhie Santos |
| 14:30 - 14:45 | Break |
| 14:45 - 15:45 | "The Changing Landscape of Political Funding Regulation in India"
(Shelly Mahajan)
Discussant: Nurzada Abdivalieva |
| 15:45 - 16:00 | Wrap up and next session preparation |
| 18:30 - 20:00 | Dinner in town |

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Sunday *20th August*

Topic: "Democracy Promotion: Pros and Cons"

Speakers: Dr Bann Seng Tan (Ashoka University, India) and Andreas Klein (KAS Singapore)

Guest Expert: Dr Riccardo Pelizzo (Nazarbayev University)

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| 10:00 - 10:30 | Speaker's presentation |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Coffee break |
| 10:45 - 12:15 | Debate and discussion with the guest speakers |
| 12:15 - 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | "Deliberative Democracy in Reforming Institutions in South-east Asia" (Arianne J. Fabregas)
Discussant: Anupa Aryal |
| 14:30 - 14:45 | Break |
| 14:45 - 15:45 | "Hong Kong's Pro-democratic Movement in Support of Trump's Anti-democratic Ideals" (Alvin Lam)
Discussant: Gandolgor Sainkhuu |
| 15:45 - 16:15 | Farewell speeches |
| 16:15 | End of the Summer School |

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Venue

University of Nottingham Malaysia, Jalan Broga, 43500 Semenyih, Selangor Darul Ehsan Malaysia

Air Ticket

Most of your air tickets are booked and paid by us to the travel agent directly. Should you not be able to attend the conference after the ticket is issued, kindly inform our office **immediately**.

Airport Pick-up

There will be an airport pick-up upon your arrival at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport. Please note that local drivers at the airport are very active and will start offering you their services. Please do not follow any of them, just look for the driver holding the sign with your name on it. Even if your flight will be delayed, the driver will be waiting for you.

Accommodation

Off campus accommodation (opposite UNM Campus) – Univillage Management Sdn Bhd, B-1-09, Block B, Pangsapuri Univillage, Jalan Univillage, 43500 Semenyih, Selangor. Contact number +6 03 8727 6536.

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Meals

Meals will be provided by the organizers on the days of the Summer School according to the Program.

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- William Case - +601 7 2643 252
- Karma Tashi Choedron - +601 9 2288 775
- Judy Wong - +601 9 3833 191

Important contact numbers while on UNM Campus

- Surau (Islamic centre, Block M)
- Cafeteria (Block H)
- ATM – AFFIN Block H)
- Health Centre (Block H)
- Sports complex (Block K): please bring name tag for identification to use facilities
- Gymnasium and Sport hall operating hours 9.00am-10.30pm daily
- Others – Running track, students' merchandise shop
- Swimming pool operating hours:

TIME DAY	7.30 - 8.30am	8.30 - 9.00am	9.00 - 11.00am	11.00 - 11.30am	11.30 - 1.30pm	1.30 - 2.00pm	2.00 - 4.00pm	4.00 - 4.30pm	4.30 - 6.30pm	6.30 - 7.00pm	7.00 - 10.00pm	10.00 - 10.30pm
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TUE	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session
WED	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Maintenance		Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session
THU	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session	Open	Sanitizing session
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Wifi access

To access wifi on campus, please follow the instruction as below:

Step 1 : go to WIFI setting on your device

Step 2 : Select UNM-Guest pop up to sign in

Step 3 : A browser will pop up and you will see University of Nottingham page

Step 4 : Visitor need to register and you can connect to the unmc guest wifi

Power Plugs

Malaysia uses power plugs of the **Type G** range as pictured below.



For all other matters:

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READING LIST

Session 1

- Medvic, S.K. (2007): Campaigns and elections: players and processes. Abingdon: Routledge (Chapters 1 and 9)
- Chua, B.H. (2007): Elections as popular culture in Asia. Abingdon: Routledge (Introduction)

Session 2

- Muihead, R. and Rosenblum, N.L. (2020): "The Political Theory of Parties and Partisanship: Catching Up", v. 23, pp. 95-110. Available at <https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev-polisci-041916-020727>
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Session 3

- 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

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Session 4

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- 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>)

Session 6

- 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>
- Mobrand, E., Casal Bértoa, F. and Hamada, Y. (2019): *The Integrity of Political Finance Systems in Asia: Tackling Political Corruption*. Stockholm, International IDEA. Available at <https://www.idea.int/publications/catalogue/integrity-political-finance-systems-asia>

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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*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *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 latest book, titled *Party System Closure: Party Alliances, Government Alternatives and Democracy in Europe* (Oxford University Press., 2021) was awarded the AECPA (Spanish Political Science Association) Best Book Price and an Honourable Mention for the ECPR Stein Rokkan Prize.



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).

BIOGRAPHIES *Directors*



ANDREAS KLEIN

*Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung,
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Andreas Michael Klein has more than 20 years of working experience for the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) since February 2000 as director of the newly established country office in Skopje/Macedonia (2000-04), as desk officer at the Department for International Cooperation in Berlin/Germany (2004-06) as well as director of the KAS' offices in Dusseldorf/Germany (2006/07), Riga/Latvia (2007-12), Hamburg/Germany (2012-16) and Santiago de Chile (2016-22). Since April 2022, Andreas is the Director of KAS' Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia. He has studied Political Science, Modern History and Spanish at the University of Bonn/Germany (1993-1999), of which he holds a MA degree in Political Science, and Intercultural Communication at the University of Jyväskylä/Finland



JAN KLIEM

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Jan Kliem is Programme Manager for Geopolitics and Security at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung's Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia in Singapore. Jan has previously worked as Senior Programme Officer and Researcher at the German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG) at Thammasat University in Bangkok, with the Government of Western Australia, as well as the European Union. His main research interests include regional integration and international relations with a focus on security and geopolitics. He is based in Asia since 2010 and holds a BA in Political Science from Germany and an MA in International and Asian Studies from the City University of Hong Kong.

BIOGRAPHIES *University of Nottingham Malaysia*



JUDY WONG
*Executive Officer in the Dean's
Executive Office
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Malaysia*

Judy Wong is the Executive Officer in the Dean's Executive Office. She has been with the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus for 16 years. Judy started at Nottingham as the Executive Assistant in the Registrar's Office managing campus operations. Her role has evolved many times over the years and some of her work includes managing offshore programmes, executive education, accreditation and faculty operations. Judy's role now in the Dean's Executive Office has oversight on the running of the Faculty in all aspects.

BIOGRAPHIES *KAS PDA Organizing Team*



RUBIAH MOHAMED
Administration Assistant
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Regional
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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.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



CHRISTIAN SCHAFFERER

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.



ROGER DO

CEO & Founder, AutoPolitic

Roger Do is the CEO and founder of AutoPolitic, an Artificial Intelligence election management system that helps the campaign manager run the campaign. He studied Philosophy at UC Berkeley, an MBA and degree in cloud computation. He got interested in the art of election in high school, promoted social causes in college, and ran a non-profit for immigrant children.

After returning to Asia, he formed AutoPolitic which has so far been part of over 92 campaigns, while winning 75% of the time, operating at both strategic and tactical levels. He is currently working with Ukrainian volunteers through their embassies to combat Russian disinformation and influence across ASEAN.



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BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



CHEAN CHUNG LEE
State Assemblyman of Semambu,
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Malaysia

Chean Chung, Lee is a State Assemblyman of Semambu, Pahang. He was elected National Central Committee of People's Justice Party (KEADILAN) before being appointed as National Communication Director. He was also the National Treasurer General (2018-2022) and Youth Wing's National Information Chief (2014-2018) of the party. Chean Chung holds a Master in Public Administration from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS). Earlier, he graduated from Malaysia University of Science and Technology (MUST) in MSc. Transportation & Logistics and Bach. (Hons) Electronics Engineering (majoring in computer) from MMU.

An avid environmental activist, Chean Chung devoted himself to various environmental movements, especially in opposing radioactive waste dumping, excessive mining and illegal logging activities. In 2022, he was appointed as the Spokesperson of Renewable Energy thrust of the #AyuhMalaysia movement. In 2019, Chean Chung co-founded Centre of Regional Strategic Studies (CROSS), a progressive think-tank focusing on regional cooperation, economic development, poverty alleviation and sustainability issues. In 2022, he founded #ScamVictimSupport, a mutual-help group that empowers and assists victims of scamming and financial frauds.



ALLEN HICKEN
Professor of Political Science,
University of Michigan

Allen Hicken is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan where I am also an affiliate at the Center for Political Studies, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies. My work focuses on political parties, institutions, political economy, with a special focus on Southeast Asia. I focus mainly on Thailand and the Philippines but I have also carried out research in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Timor Leste, and Cambodia. My work on parties and party systems include two books, *Building Party Systems in Developing Democracies*, (Cambridge), which looks at parties and elections in Thailand and the Philippines, and *Party and Party System Institutionalization in Asia* (Cambridge) co-edited with Erik Kuhonta. My most recent project is a multi-year, multi-country of clientelism and money politics in Southeast Asia, culminating in a co-authored book, *Mobilizing for Elections: Patronage and Political Machines in Southeast Asia*, forthcoming from Cambridge. I am also the editor or co-editor of *Politics of Modern Southeast Asia: Critical Issues in Modern Politics* (Routledge) and *Electoral Dynamics in the Philippines: Money Politics, Patronage and Clientelism at the Grassroots* (NUS).

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



WOO SEOK KIM
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Woo Seok Kim is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Democratic Politics at the University of Glasgow. In his current research, he focuses on party system developments and distributive policymaking, and their consequences for the performance, consolidation, and erosion of democracy. He holds an MA/PhD in Political Science and an MA in Statistics from the University of Michigan.



PROF. JULIO C. TEEHANKEE
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Prof. Julio C. Teehankee is an educator, researcher, and political consultant with a wide experience in electoral and political party related activities since 1984. He has continuously worked to bridge theory and practice in academic and other professional endeavors. He has written and published extensively on elections and political parties in the Philippines and Asia. He has participated in several election campaigns in the Philippines and has served as adviser to presidential candidates. Currently, he is a Professor of Political Science and International Studies at De La Salle University where he served as Chair of the Political Science Department (1994-2007); Chair of the International Studies Department (2008-2013); and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts (2013-2017).



DR. KARSTEN GRABOW
Desk Officer for Asia
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
Germany

Dr. Karsten Grabow has been the country officer in the Asia and Pacific department of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung since January 2021. Previously, he was a party analysis officer in the Analysis and Advice Department and coordinator for party research in the Politics and Advice Department. In this function, he headed the foundation-wide party research working group until the beginning of 2020. He gained international consulting experience between 2006 and 2011 as a consultant for international party cooperation in the EIZ main department, for which he was repeatedly deployed even after moving to other main departments.

Grabow studied economics, history and political science at the University of Rostock, the Humboldt University in Berlin and at Duke University in Durham, NC (USA). After completing his doctorate (1999) and habilitation (2005) in political science, he held teaching positions and research stays at various universities and research institutions (including the Univ. Bamberg and Potsdam, the European University Institute in Florence) as well as substitute professorships at the University of Trier (2004/05) and the Friedrich-Schiller -University of Jena (2009/10; 2013/14).

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



AMIRA AISYA
Secretary General
Malaysian United Democratic Alliance
Malaysia

Amira Aisya is a politician committed to women's empowerment, empowering youth, fighting for children's rights, and promoting positive change in society. She currently serves as a Member of the State Legislative Assembly for the Puteri Wangsa constituency in the Johor State Legislative Assembly and is a co-founder of MUDA. With a strong focus on educational initiatives and a commitment to serving the people of her area, Amira Aisya also focuses on women's empowerment, promoting gender equality and ensuring the active involvement of women in the national development process.



DR. BRIDGET WELSH
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Ms. Pragya has completed the Oxford Innovation Leadership in Public Policy course and the Leadership course on Climate Change & Food Security from Cambridge University. She holds a BLS-LLB degree from Government Law College, University of Mumbai. A passionate social reformer, Ms Pragya heads a national project on women's health and sanitation and has run free legal aid centres for the needy across India. She also works with interest groups for food security & good agricultural practises. She has an interest in Environment, Sustainable Development, Education & Agri-Tech and is engaged with various social entrepreneurship initiatives.

BIOGRAPHIES *Speakers*



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Dr. Marcin Walecki has over 25 years of democratic governance, elections, rule of law, anti-corruption, academic and management experience working in more than 50 countries around the world. Former Head of Democratization Department of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, one of the world's principal regional human rights bodies and the first Executive Director of the European Partnership for Democracy (www.epd.eu). Consulted on, and conducted Council of Europe, USAID, EU, DFID, IDEA, OECD, UNODC and UNDEF democratization programmes. He has written for numerous publications on democratisation, political corruption, elections, women political participation and political parties. Polish citizen holds a DPhil in Politics from St. Antony's College at Oxford University and a Master's in Law (Hons, Class I) from the Department of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw.



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BIOGRAPHIES *Guest Experts*



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DR. CHUN-YI LEE

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Dr. Chun-Yi Lee is Associate Professor at school of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham. She is also the director of Taiwan Studies Program at Nottingham. Chun-Yi's first book was published by Routledge in 2011: Taiwanese Business or Chinese Security Asset. The book is under Leiden Series in Modern East Asia History and Politics. Chun-Yi applied from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) with Prof. Andreas Bieler on the project, 'Globalisation, national transformation and workers' rights: An analysis of Chinese labour within the global economy' in 2010. This project successfully received the funding from the ESRC and started to operate from October 2011 till September 2014. In viewing the Chinese labour facing the challenge of industrial upgrading, Chun-yi applied a research project funded by Chiang-Ching-kuo (CCK) Foundation in Taiwan in relation to 'Chinese Investment in Taiwan: Challenge or Opportunity for Taiwan's Industrial Development'. This project has finished in December 2016. Currently, Chun-yi is working on a public policy research project, to compare Taiwan and UK government's strategies to counter Covid-19. Meanwhile Chun-yi is working her second monograph on the topic of 'China's New Normal: The Impact of China's Rise on the Global Political Economy'.



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BIOGRAPHIES *Guest Experts*



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Julia Roknifard joined the University of Nottingham Malaysia in September 2019. Prior to that, she has been the Director for Foreign Policy at EMIR research, a Kuala Lumpur based think-tank. She has served as a Research Fellow at the National Research University "Higher School of Economics" in 2010-2019 and is currently a Consultant with the PIR Center, Moscow-based think-tank specialized on international security and nuclear non-proliferation.

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BIOGRAPHIES *Guest Experts*



DR. RICCARDO PELIZZO
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Dr Pelizzo is the Associate Editor of *Politics and Policy*. He is the recipient of several fellowships, scholarships, competitive grants and awards. In addition to editing 3 volumes, Dr Pelizzo has authored 7 monographs and more than 50 peer reviewed articles. His studies have appeared or been translated into 11 languages (Arabic, Bahasa, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Kazakh and Vietnamese).

In addition to keeping an active research agenda, he has engaged academic and non-academic audiences in 25 countries and has provided expert opinion to constitutional drafters, institutional reformers, and legislatures in developing countries from Africa, Asia and the Pacific region.

BIOGRAPHIES *Participants*



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He has been served as a consultant in various international organizations such as UNDP, OSCE/ODIHR, EBRD, IOM, The Asia Foundation etc.



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BIOGRAPHIES *Participants*



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Umidakhon is a certified Microsoft Innovative Educator and certified manager of the Quality Management System based on ISO 9001:2015. She also holds certificates in Marketing, Branding, E-Marketing, Public Management, Lean Management, Cluster Management, Innovation etc. from ECPR/ODIHR OSCE, World Bank, KOICA, JICA, Instituto Italiano per il Commercio Estero, UNDP, UNWTO, British Council, British Embassy, Swiss Education Group etc. In 2016 Women's Committee of Uzbekistan honoured Umidakhon with certificate of appreciation "Healthy woman – Pride of the Nation" for her merits in the higher education institution for many years. She also received Appreciation Awards in 2014-2017 from "Kamolot" Civic Youth Movement of Uzbekistan for supporting ideas of young entrepreneurs and for contribution in youth development. In 2020

Umidakhon was honoured to be a moderator of Women & Innovation in Public Sector at the Women and Leadership Forum 2020 organised by the Government of United Arab Emirates and Republic of Uzbekistan. The German Corporation of International Cooperation (GIZ) and The Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan awarded her a certificate for co-organising the Training for the Trainers on Cluster & Innovation 2020. In 2022 Umidakhon won a grant from IKI Academy (Georgia) to undertake research in Central Asia.

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Gandolgor Sainkhuu is a prominent Human Rights Defender and lawyer who has dedicated her career to bolstering Mongolia's social, economic, and democratic development. With nearly 20 years of experience working with international organizations, governmental institutions, and local NGOs, she has become a leading figure in the fight for democracy in Mongolia. She has experience in grass-roots organizing, project management, stakeholder engagement, program evaluation, and research in the fields of governance, women empowerment, elections, law, and political party development have all contributed to her success in her career.

Gandolgor's commitment to democracy and human rights has also led her to become a Long-Term Election Observer for the OSCE/ODIHR, where she observes member states' compliance with OSCE commitments, international standards, and human rights, adhering to the Copenhagen document. Her work with the OSCE/ODIHR has been instrumental in ensuring free and fair elections, including Mongolia, USA, Ukraine, Turkey and Uzbekistan.

In addition to her work with governmental institutions and international organizations, Gandolgor is also the co-founder of Sainkhuu Ivel San, a prominent local NGO in Mongolia that empowers women at the grassroots level. She is also a member of the International Women's Democratic Union and the Women's Democracy Network, among other organizations.



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BIOGRAPHIES *Participants*



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Waruni Kumarasingha's dedication to humanity and community development is evident through her active engagement and passion for making a positive impact. She has showcased her expertise by publishing a book and several research papers, as well as presenting her ideas at national and international platforms. As a researcher in Human Security and International Relations, Waruni is committed to exploring and addressing the complex challenges of the interconnected world.

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ORGANISATIONS



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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The **University of Nottingham-Malaysia** is the branch campus of the University of Nottingham UK. More than 5000 students are enrolled on the campus, and they come to us from more than 100 countries. Nottingham Malaysia thus contributes strongly to the UNUK's internationalizing mission. In 2020, the university celebrated its 20th year in Malaysia, making it the oldest international university in the country and one of the most highly regarded private institutions. With a fully articulated curriculum, Nottingham Malaysia also features a vibrant Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Further, within this Faculty, members of the School of Politics, History and International Relations, while mostly focused on cross-national dynamics, also possess research strengths in questions about political regime types and change, especially in the Southeast Asian region, where the 1st Asian Summer School on Political Parties and Democracy is to take place.



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Asia Research Institute

Asia Research Institute (University of Nottingham)

The mission of the University of Nottingham's Asia Research Institute is to bring together the University of Nottingham's world-leading research and expertise on Asia and to link up researchers working across interdisciplinary boundaries across all three of the University of Nottingham's campuses. The Institute enjoys a generous bequest from the late Sir Stanley and Lady Tomlinson and has been headed by Professor Katharine Adeney since 2013. It produces *Asia Dialogue*, producing contemporary analysis of the entire Asia region.

It organises the annual Tomlinson Lecture, as well as a research seminar series on a wide range of topics. The institute also aims to support and co-ordinate postgraduate teaching to enhance understanding of the Asia and Pacific region. In response to colleague's feedback we have moved our later afternoon seminars to a lunchtime slot to enable those with childcare commitments to attend. The region that UoNARI focuses on naturally includes scholars and students from a range of diverse backgrounds, something that we are very proud of. Our ARI management board is also diverse.

We have offered PGRs funding for their fieldwork in previous years, although it will not be possible to do so this year because of the Covid travel restrictions. We include PGRs in our seminars, and encourage them to present their work. Many of our seminars this year are focusing on work in progress and grant applications, and this gives PGRs an opportunity to participate in, and learn from, the grant capture process.

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Asian Political & International Studies Association - In November 2001, 30 academics from research institutes, think tanks, and universities introduced the idea of launching an Asian-based academic organization dedicated to the advancement of political and international studies. It was the general consensus of the meeting that Asian scholars had been marginalized from the decision-making processes of the Western-based associations of a similar nature. Asian schools of thought had been stifled as a consequence of the American hegemony in the social sciences, and that the state of Asian studies in general was underdeveloped. In the light of these concerns, APISA was established and held its founding congress in Singapore in 2003.

Patterned after academic institutions in North America and Western Europe, the organization seeks to promote theoretically informed comparative scholarships, based on the Asian experience in the fields of conflict and peace, democracy and governance, development, and area studies.