

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

EXPANDING HORIZONS OF LEGAL PLURALISM

Living constitutions. Diverse knowledges. Shared futures.

CONCEPT NOTE

This conference explores legal pluralism as a living constitutional practice shaped by the interplay of constitutional, legislative, indigenous and religious laws and diverse knowledge systems.

It engages with contemporary challenges in human rights, native laws and customs, lands and natural resource management, environmental justice, and intercultural and intergenerational justice through interdisciplinary dialogue and collaborative learning

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE



To identify the issues surrounding legal pluralism with a specific emphasis on its implementation



Explore the jurisprudential basis of native laws and customs within constitutional legal pluralism



Discuss jurisdictional issues and the structural, procedural processes of Native Courts and other adjudication institutions



Address intercultural and intergenerational issues in environmental governance, lands and resource management, and access rights



Build understanding, knowledge and research on indigenous traditional knowledge - its substance and methodology

CONFERENCE MAIN PANELS

PANEL 1 Constitutional Legal Pluralism

PANEL 2 Native Law, Customs and Customary Institutions

PANEL 3 Environmental Governance and Cultural Justice

PANEL 4 Local Knowledge, Intergenerational Heritage and Indigenous Methodology

PANEL 5 Contemporary Governance of Local Communities

PANEL 6 Commercial Expropriation of Indigenous Knowledge Systems

PANEL 7 Management of Traditional Lands and Resources

CATEGORY	EARLY BIRD (Until 16 September 2026)	NORMAL RATE (17 September 2026 onwards)
 Students (Undergraduate/Postgraduate)	RM200	RM260
 Academic/Government/NGOs	RM500	RM600
 Corporate/Industry/Law Firms	RM900	RM1000
 International Students	USD100	USD120
 International Delegates	USD200	USD250

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

 Conference materials  Meals & refreshments  Certificate of participation



PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Emeritus Prof Datuk Dr Shad Saleem Faruqi • Prof Dr Claire Charters • Dave Joe • Baweng Tajang • Associate Prof Dr Robert Joseph • Armani Williams Hunt Abdullah • Datuk Dr Gurdial Singh • Prof Dr Ramy Bulan • Prof Dr Poline Bala • Mark Wedge • Datu Dr Ronnie Edwards, Jayl Langub • Prof Dr Andrew Harding • Prof Dr Leah Abayo • Datin Esther Mujan Balan • Dr Loganathan • Dr Romulo Morais • Dr Robeco Jumin • Julia Majail • Prof Dr Noburo Ishikawa • Dr Zalina Abdul Rahim • Datu Ose Murang

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