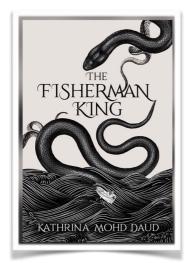




# FASS RESEARCH

In this newsletter, we highlight recent and ongoing research activities conducted at the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (FASS), including seminars, presentations, and notable publications. We hope these brief glances offer an intriguing window into the work that we do in the arts, humanities and social sciences at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD).

**Recent Publications** 



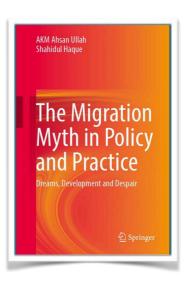
# The Fisherman King

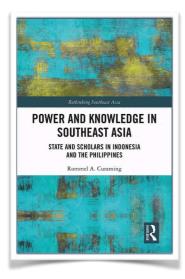
Dr Kathrina Mohd Daud's manuscript "The Fisherman King" was a finalist for the 5th Epigram Books Fiction Prize and was honoured at a gala event on the 16th January 2020 at the Conrad Centennial Hotel in Singapore. Dr Kathrina received \$5000 and her novel will be published by Epigram, which has offices in Singapore and London, in the the second half of 2020.

# The Migration Myth in Policy and Practice

Associate Professor Dr Ahsan Ullah, from the Geographical and

Environmental Studies Programme, recently published a new book, "The Migration Myth in Policy and Practice". This book tackles the question 'Has migration made development necessary, or is it the other way around?' by investigating the long-term impact of migration on development and engaging in a thorough analysis of the pertinent factors in migration.





# Power and Knowledge in Southeast Asia

Dr Rommel A. Curaming, a Senior Assistant Professor in the History and International Studies Programme, recently published his latest book, entitled "Power and Knowledge in Southeast Asia: State and Scholars in Indonesia and the Philippines". The book comparatively analyzes the dynamics of the state-scholar relations during the Marcos and Suharto years in the Philippines and Indonesia, and demonstrates a nuanced characterization of the relationship between scholars and state operatives.

#### **Research and Seminars**

### Popular Journal Article from FASS Academic

In 2009, FASS academic Dr Paul Deyuan He and his collaborator David C. S. Li published an article entitled "Language Attitudes and Linguistic Features in the 'Chinese English' Debate" in the journal World Englishes. It has recently been listed in the top 2 of the most cited articles in that journal over the past three years.





## **Ongoing Research Project**

FASS strives to be a faculty that publishes interesting and relevant research. One such ongoing research project, by Dr Hannah Ho and Dr Debbie Ho, is entitled "Contested Identity: Representations and Language Use of the Chinese Diaspora in Brunei Darussalam". The study aims to investigate the cultural

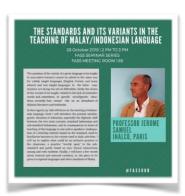


representations and language vitality of the Chinese diaspora in Brunei Darussalam, as well as the diaspora's contribution to Southeast Asian identity.



### **FASS Seminar Series**

FASS holds a number of regular seminars at UBD, given by both local and visiting academics. Seminar topics can vary and involve many different topics, including language, literature, pedagogy, policy, and culture.



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