

SRN Seminar 2k17: “Sustainable Development: The Malaysian Challenge and the Way Forward”

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Venue: University of Nottingham Kuala Lumpur Teaching Centre (KLTC), Level 2, Chulan Tower, No 3 Jalan Conlay, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia’s development in the past has mainly prioritized the economy over the environment. In the 11th Malaysia Plan (2016-2020) a more sustainable approach to development has been highlighted. As one of the world’s biodiversity hotspots, this approach is urgently needed to preserve her rich natural heritage and the rakyat’s wellbeing. In this seminar, the challenges faced by Malaysia in transitioning to a model of sustainable development will first be highlighted. The updated biodiversity policy will then be examined and how it may help with sustainable development. Lastly, the palm oil industry’s role in achieving sustainable development in Malaysia will be examined. Both currently and in the past the industry has been criticized as a driver of biodiversity loss. However, sustainable practices currently being implemented by the industry may challenge that perception. A panel discussion will then conclude the seminar.

The speakers



Dr Zeeda Fatimah is a senior lecturer and researcher at the Department of Science and Technology Studies (STS), Faculty of Science, **University of Malaya**. Her primary research interest is to understand the relationship between the development of science, technology and innovation (STI) and environmental protection, particularly within the context of sustainable development and associated challenges to late-industrialising countries.



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