

LAW AND JUSTICE IN MALAYSIA: 2020 AND BEYOND

A Symposium

SYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL PAPER

Law and Justice in Malaysia; 2020 and Beyond

Following the surprising results of the 2018 General Election, it can safely be said that Malaysia is a country in transition. For half a century, one coalition party (the Barisan Nasional/National Front) has managed this development process; but the shape and

trajectory of Malaysia's future has now passed to a new ruling coalition, the Pakatan Harapan (or 'Pact of Hope').

Malaysia's development story has been built upon local conceptions of justice and the good sense of its leaders. This has maintained stability and provided the conditions in which communities have been able to thrive. The record of success, however, is not unblemished. Freedoms and civil liberties have been sacrificed. The spoils of development have not been equally shared. Corruption has also been pervasive.

In 1991, PM Mahathir Mohamed, crafted a national blueprint for the country's future, which he termed 'Malaysia 2020'. As 2020 now beckons, the time has come to evaluate the nation's progress and to re-visit that mission. This workshop, consisting of presentations from leading thinkers in government and non-government sectors, academics, legal practitioners, and community activists, seeks to explore the central question whether the rule of law and social justice ought to take a more central role in Malaysia's quest for economic development, especially in the contemporary contexts of populist politics.

Key issues to be discussed include: the need for continuing reform of Malaysia's legal institutions and the separation of powers; the powers and supervision of its law enforcement bodies; access to justice; the allocation of powers between the federation and the states; religious freedoms and the role of Islam; human rights, gender and discrimination; the adequacy of social welfare law and provision of suitable safety nets; tackling corruption and the effectiveness of current anti-corruption measures and agencies; and the necessity for environmental protection.

Symposium Part 1

Date : 1st October 2019

Time : 900am – 500pm

Venue : Aloft Hotel, KL Sentral

Symposium Part 2

Date : 7th-8th April 2020

Time : TBA

Venue : Taylors University Lakeside Campus

PROGRAMME

9.00am – 9.30am

Coffee & Networking

9.30am – 10.00am

Introduction

Salim Farrar

Session A : Constitutional Law

10.00am – 11.15am

Judicial Activism and Judicial Restraint in the Constitutional Adjudication Institution of Malaysia

Khairil Azmin Mokhtar

11.15am – 11.30am

Coffee Break

Session B : Family Law

11.30am – 12.30pm

Family Laws and Social Welfare: Bridging the Gap between Legal Theory and Family Realities in Malaysian Courts

Najibah Mohd Zin

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Lunch Break

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Rights of Children in Malaysia 30 Years after the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Noor Aziah Mohd Awal

Session C : Islamic Finance

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Navigating the Past and the Future – the Dynamic of Malaysia’s Islamic Capital Market

Radzuan Tajuddin

3.30pm – 3.45pm

Coffee Break

Section D

3.45pm – 4.15pm

Plenary Sessions and Comments from the Floor

4.15pm – 4.30pm

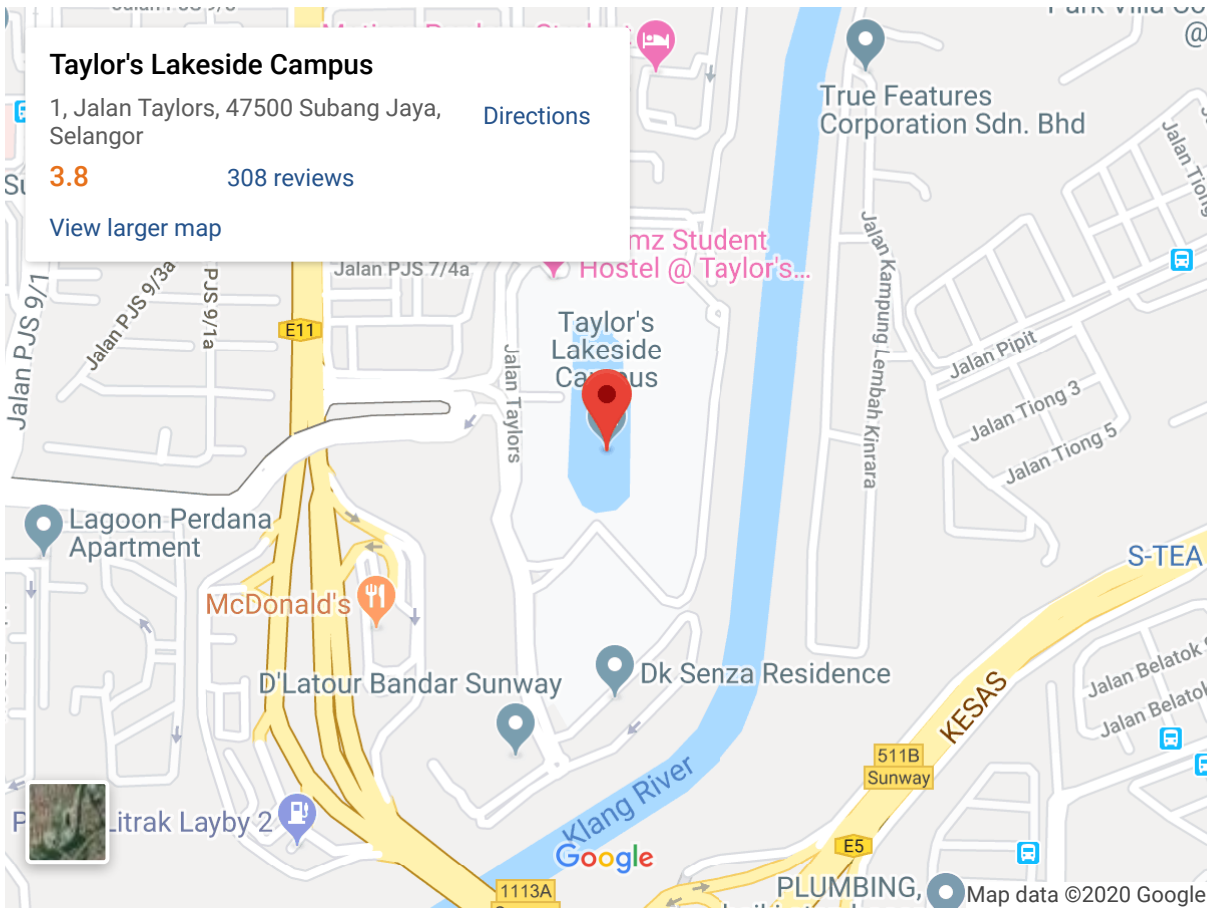
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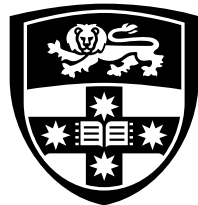
Symposium Part 2

Taylors University, Lakeside Campus

April 7 – 8, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM



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