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# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION, COMMUNITY & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Promenade Hotel

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

**Theme: "Embracing Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)"**

Jointly Organised by:



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## Background

The Ethnography and Development Research Unit (UPEP) of the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage of Universiti Malaysia Sabah is organizing the “International Conference on Social Transformation, Community and Sustainable Development 2017 (STCSD2017).” This event is a combination of three conferences, namely,

- The 3rd Conference on Social Transformation
- The 2nd International Social Sciences and Tourism Research Conference
- The 2nd International Conference on Tourism Role in Sustainable Community Development

STCSD2017 will be held in the City of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. It is located on the west coast of the State of Sabah and lies on a narrow flatland between the Crocker Range to the east and the South China Sea to the west. More often known as KK, it is a major tourist destination and a popular gateway for travellers visiting the renowned Borneo Island.

## Speakers



Professor Dato' Dr. Morshidi Sirat  
Universiti Sains Malaysia



Dr. Abhoud Syed Lingga  
Institute of Bangsamoro Studies  
Philippines



YB. Datuk Joniston Bengkuai  
Chairman  
Sabah Tourism Board  
State of Sabah, Malaysia



Professor Dr. H. Hadiyanto  
Diponegoro University

## Objective

1. To develop a venue for the exchange of ideas among scholars and policy makers in relation to social transformation, community and sustainable development in Malaysia and throughout the Southeast Asian region.
2. To encourage multi-disciplinary discussions among various fields of studies not only involving the liberal arts and humanities but also the science fields.
3. To provide a platform for young scholars where they can present their ongoing thesis dissertation.
4. To facilitate the publishing of research papers in various journals and other publications.

## Partner Journal Publications

- Jurnal Kinabalu
- TEAM Journal of Hospitality & Tourism
- Journal of Borneo Social Transformation Studies
- International Journal of Environment, Society and Space
- International Journal of Renewable Energy Development
- BIMP-EAGA Journal of Sustainable Tourism Development
- International Journal of Sustainable Tourism

For more information on the conference, please visit the website:

<http://www.ums.edu.my/upepv2/index.php/en>





## Conference

2nd International Conference  
on Tourism Role in  
Sustainable  
Community Development

### Topics:

Community involvement in tourism  
Indigenous people and tourism  
Ecotourism in modified environments  
Urban tourism and cultural heritage  
Adventure tourism development  
Gaming tourism  
International issues and cross-cultural research  
Human resources management  
Consumer behaviour  
Education

3rd Conference on  
Social Transformation

### Topics:

Community development  
Human development  
Sustainable development goals  
Sustainable development  
Poverty and inequalities  
Sustainable livelihoods  
Migration and labour  
Human rights  
Border issues and challenges in the BIMP-EAGA  
Cinema and media for social transformation

2nd International Social  
Sciences and Tourism  
Research Conference

### Topics:

Social and behavioural science  
Humanities  
Education and Counselling  
History and Geography  
Anthropology and Sociology  
Media and Politics  
Sports and Recreation  
Tourism and Hospitality



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## Important Dates

30 July 2017	Abstract submission
15 August	Notification of abstract acceptance
30 September	Full paper submission
15 October	Registration and payment

## Registration Fees

Participants from Malaysia	International Participants
<b>Paper Presenters</b>	
Academic Staff	MYR 850.00
Govt and NGO	600.00
Postgraduate Student	600.00
Other Participants/ Observers	600.00
Other Participants/ Observers	
	140.00

## Conference Secretariat

Abstracts and full papers can be presented in English and Bahasa Melayu. Inquiries regarding this conference can be addressed to the Conference Secretariat. Further announcements will be published later.

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## “Safety and Security in Sustainable Tourism Destinations”

The 2nd International Conference on Tourism Role in Sustainable Community Development is jointly organized between Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Malaysia and Imus Institute of Science and Technology, (IMUS) Philippines. This conference is dedicated to look at safety and security issues at policy and implementation level. Indeed, safety and security are increasingly significant factors in the evolution of the sustainable tourism development. Thus, a holistic approach is needed in order to create and support a safe and sustainable tourism destination. In doing so, close cooperation between the public, private sectors and local communities are necessary.

We invite proposals for paper presentations, posters/ exhibits, and/ or special theme panel based on the following sub-themes:

- ~ Community involvement in tourism
- ~ Indigenous people and tourism
- ~ Ecotourism in modified environments
- ~ Urban tourism and cultural heritage
- ~ Adventure tourism development
- ~ Social Impact Assessment on Tourism Products and Destinations
- ~ International issues and cross-cultural research
- ~ Human resources management
- ~ Gaming tourism
- ~ Consumer behavior
- ~ Education



## “Social Transformation and Development : Experiences in Southeast Asia”

Peoples in the Southeast Asia are experiencing social transformations and development amidst challenges in nation building, regional cooperation and global economic trade partnerships. While this region has a growing domestic economy, increasing foreign direct investments and relatively young population, the social development trajectory is constantly minimal, and sometimes unpredictable. Some of the constraints to development emanate from issues of governance, protracted self-determination conflicts, stalemate in party politics, transitioning from military to civilian rule, impact of unsustainable development and increasing non-traditional security issues among many others. As such, social science researchers and policy makers are overwhelmingly confronted in understanding, documenting and providing answers to many of these difficult, and often, fast emerging complexities. This conference, therefore, is aimed at gathering relevant researches and discussions that shape the current situation of social transformation in this region. It views social transformation as a dynamism towards human development-as the ultimate goal. To be more current, it will also tackle how the experiences in Southeast Asia can give indications on the achievement of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) as the new compact among governments. This conference is inviting all postgraduate students, practitioners and researchers who are keen to contribute and present their work related to the theme.

The conference focus is further guided with the following research questions and topics:

### Research Questions

1. What triggers social change, movements and transformations in a society?  
How are these responded to by governments and institutions?
2. How does social transformation/s and development impact communities in Southeast Asia
3. Are advances and learnings in social transformations become useful to policy making?  
How is new knowledge being utilised in societies? In institutions of higher learning?
4. What are the unique characteristics of Southeast asian experiences in social transformation and developments?

### Topics :

Community development  
Human development  
Sustainable development goals  
Sustainable development  
Poverty and inequalities  
Sustainable livelihoods  
Migration and labour  
Human rights  
Cinema and Media in Social Transformation  
Border Issues and Challenges in the BIMP-EAGA\*

### Application :

Researchers from social sciences, liberal arts, humanities and other related fields can apply to present their papers. We also welcome postgraduate students to present their ongoing dissertations.

Applicants are requested to submit a 300 word Abstract and a one paragraph Profile of the author. All submissions are to be sent to: Dr. Nor-ina Kanyo, through email address: [stcsd2017@gmail.com](mailto:stcsd2017@gmail.com), with the subject line-Social Transformation Conference 2017.

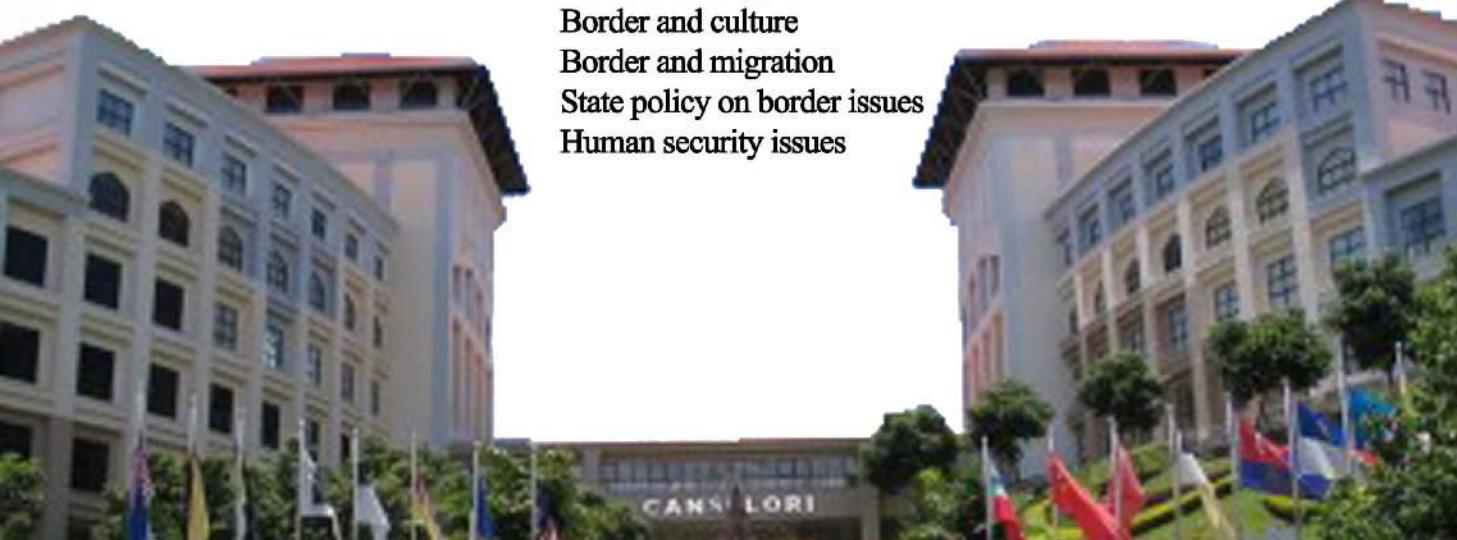
## \*A SPECIAL PANEL ON THE THEME: “Border Issues & Challenges in the BIMP-EAGA Region”

Since the independence of Southeast Asian states, national borders have served as frameworks within which the twin process of state-formation and nation-building has been expected to advance. Where national borders are in dispute as has frequently been the case, conflict has been largely avoided or side-lined so that the status quo of the framework of nation state may be maintained and the twin process may not be disrupted. However, the establishment of the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) in 1994 marked the beginning of the transformation of national borders in the sub-region covered by this scheme. It is a transformation in the nature of borders from “divider” to “interface”. The forthcoming conference aims to identify various functions of national borders in the BIMP-EAGA sub-region as interface, while acknowledging their long-serving functions as divider, and to find the implications of this transformation for inter-state and trans-state relations and peace, stability and governance in this sub-region. With such a geopolitical perspective in mind, the conference calls for papers that would investigate national borders in the BIMP-EAGA in such terms as: overlapping claims, security (traditional, non-traditional and human security), defence diplomacy, economic integration, cross-border joint projects, culture and identity, migration and Malaysian government policy on border issues.

This special panel is organised by the International Relations Programme of the Faculty of Humanities, Arts & Heritage. Presenters and authors are invited to submit their abstracts and papers to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mikio Oishi at email address: [stcsd2017@gmail.com](mailto:stcsd2017@gmail.com). At the end of the conference, the organisers will select papers that can be included in an edited book publication and in the online journal of the Ethnography and Development Research Unit and UMS Press at <http://jurcon.ums.edu.my/ojums/index.php/jobsts>.

### Topics:

- Border and overlapping claims
- Border and security
- Defense diplomacy
- Economic integration
- Border and culture
- Border and migration
- State policy on border issues
- Human security issues



## “Social Transformation and Innovation”

The 2nd International Social Sciences and Tourism Research Conference (ISSTRC2017) is jointly organized by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA). The conference is dedicated to provide a common platform for educational institutes, academia, government and industry to discuss key issues and new developments in the field crucial to building the competitive advantage in the industry. It focuses on a wide range of social science and tourism disciplines, expressing divergent views, searching for common ground, and creating the synergies that can inspire multidisciplinary collaborations.

The overall objective of the 2nd ISSTRC2017 is to provide a platform, stimulate discussion and seeks to debate and consolidate ideas on social development and sustainable tourism in a comprehensive approach. The conference aims to involve professionals, academics, researchers, policy-makers, consultants, practitioners, government officials and postgraduate students in related fields, and contribute to this exchange of ideas.

We invite proposals for paper presentations, posters/exhibits, and/or special theme panel.

**SUBMISSION ARE FOCUSED BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING THEMES:**

- Social and Behavioural Science
- Humanities
- Education and Counselling
- History and Geography
- Anthropology and Sociology
- Media and Politics
- Sports and Recreation
- Tourism and Hospitality

