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Activity Report 2025

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RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

MARCH - MAY 2025

The World Bank East Asia and Pacific Chief Economist (EAPCE) Research Centre, Monash University Malaysia and Bank Negara Malaysia Research Seminar Series invites researchers interested in economics and public policy to present their ongoing or upcoming work to an international audience. The objective of the seminars is to foster the exchange of ideas within the research community and to provide feedback to the presenter for further development of the initial work or idea.

Since March until May 2025, a total of 7 Research Seminars attended by SbE researchers and students. with average participants of 10 pupils for each seminar. The World Bank gladly provided the transportation for all the seminar sessions.



RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Medium-term Impacts of Integrated Social Safety Nets: Cash Transfers, Information Meetings, and Home Visits for Child Development

TUESDAY March 4

11AM - 12PM (Kuala Lumpur Time)



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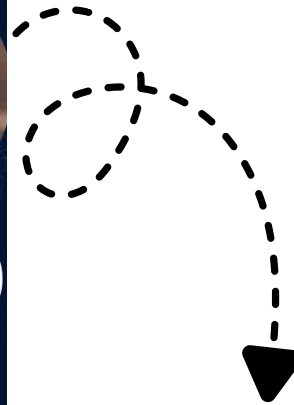


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Speaker

Richard Akresh
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

The Role of Central Bank Forecast in Shaping Analysts' Expectations in Malaysia

TUESDAY March 11

11AM - 12PM (Kuala Lumpur Time)



WBG Office Malaysia, Sasana Kijang

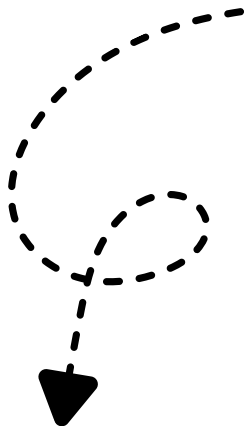


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Speaker

Jessie Cheok
Bank Negara Malaysia



RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Connector Economies in a Fragmenting World

TUESDAY April 22

11AM - 12PM (Kuala Lumpur Time)



The World Bank KL Hub, Sasana Kijang, KL

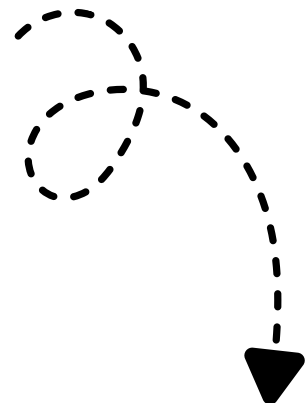


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Speaker

Alexander Plekhanov
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development



RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Novel AI technologies and the future of work in Malaysia

Co-Author: Calvin Cheng, Hanson Chong, Matthew Dornan, Alyssa Farha Jasmin

TUESDAY April 29

11AM - 12PM (Kuala Lumpur Time)



The World Bank KL Hub, Sasana Kijang, KL

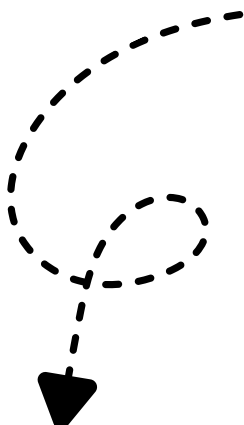


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Speaker

Hanson Chong
Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia



RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Elected Aristocrats: Effects of Social Mobility on Political Selection

TUESDAY May 6

11AM - 12PM (Kuala Lumpur Time)



The World Bank KL Hub, Sasana Kijang, KL

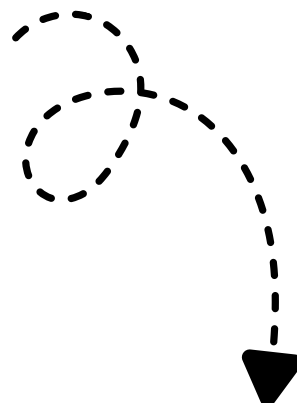


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Speaker

Emir Izat Abdul Rashid
Asia School of Business



RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Was Ambedkar Right? Evidence from the Religion- Caste Overlap in India (with Ashwini Deshpande)

TUESDAY May 13

11AM - 12PM (Kuala Lumpur Time)



The World Bank KL Hub, Sasana Kijang, KL

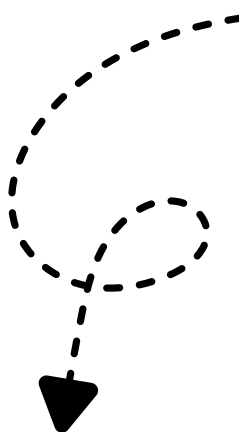


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Speaker

Rajesh Ramachandran
Monash University Malaysia



RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Expansionary Fiscal Consolidation Under Sovereign Risk (with Carlos Esquivel)

TUESDAY May 20

1PM - 2PM (Kuala Lumpur Time)



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Speaker

Agustin Samano
World Bank

