

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Southeast Asian Studies, Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany;
the School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia;
and the Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore

invite interested scholars to participate in the following jointly organised International Seminar:

Trade and Finance in the Malay World: Historical and Cultural Perspectives

DATE AND VENUE: University of Frankfurt, Germany, 17-18 June 2010

DEADLINE: Paper title and abstract: 31 Oct. 2009; full paper: 30 April 2010.

No conference fee for paper presenters. Presenters are expected to find their own funding for travel and hotel costs.

On the topic of the seminar:

One of the major impacts of the colonial era in insular Southeast Asia was the (partial) replacement of indigenous trading classes by foreign and migrant merchants. The cultural consequences for the historical construction of “Malay identity” were considerable, influencing discourses in the post-colonial Malay world to the present day. This international seminar aims at discussing both the historical evidence of the replacement process as well as its discursive representation in both historical and contemporary discourses. Contributions from a multitude of disciplinary perspectives are therefore highly welcome.

Conference languages: English and Malay. The organisers plan for a conference publication in English aimed toward a broader international audience. If enough Malay-language contributions are presented, a separate Malay-language publication might be possible.

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The convenors would be very pleased if you could pass on this Call for Papers to other scholars who might also be interested to participate. Thank you!