

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Universiti Sains Malaysia, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia) invite HU Berlin M.A. students to apply for the jointly-organized

2015 International Summer School in Southeast Asian Studies



“The Return of the Past: Memory Making and Heritage in Southeast Asia”

Universiti Sains Malaysia, 9 March - 22 March 2015

Confirmed speakers

- Prof. Dr. Vincent Houben (HU Berlin)
- Prof. Dr. Bambang Purwanto (UGM, Indonesia)
- Dr. Lye Tuck Po (USM, Malaysia)
- Dr. Soon Chuan Yean (USM, Malaysia)
- Dr. Sri Margana (UGM, Indonesia)
- Dr. Mahani Musa (USM, Malaysia)
- Brooke Nolan, M.A. (UWA, Australia)
- Kuah Li Feng (independent cultural researcher, Malaysia)
- Aleah Connley, M.A. (HU Berlin)

Deadline for applications: 14th November 2014

Course Description

Post-colonial states in the Southeast Asian region have been described as being strongly oriented towards the future, prioritizing modernization and development. In recent years however, the past seems to have taken on a renewed relevance. This intensive two-week course brings experts from Berlin, Penang and Yogyakarta together to discuss memory and its transmission as a social, cultural and political phenomenon. Hegemonic state-centered narratives about the past are compared with bottom-up popular memories in order to understand how multiple identities are formed, contested and modified.

Structure of the Summer School

In the first week of the summer school, lecturers of various disciplinary backgrounds (history, political science, anthropology) will introduce students to some of the main theories on memory and heritage and give them insights into important research that has been done on these issues in Southeast Asia. Participants will be expected to read the assigned literature beforehand and will be encouraged to interact with fellow students from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Universitas Gadjah Mada and Universiti Sains Malaysia throughout the duration of the program. During the second week, participants will form small groups and conduct field research at various pre-colonial, colonial and contemporary memory sites include Teochew Puppet and Opera House, Khoo Kongsi clan house, George Town World Heritage Inc., Kapitan Keling Mosque in Penang and Bujang Valley ancient monuments in Kedah. Each group will present their findings on the final day of the summer school.

Applications

This course is primarily open to students enrolled in the Modern South and Southeast Asian Studies Master's program but students from other HU Berlin M.A. programs are also invited to apply to the summer school. Students whose applications are successful are expected to cover their own travel expenses to Penang. However, they may receive a moderate travel allowance (pending funding) and will incur no additional charges for participation in the summer school. Accommodation will be provided free of charge for the duration of the summer school.

Applications should include a CV and a short letter of motivation indicating the student's main fields of interest, and be sent (in PDF-format) to the following email address **no later than the 14th of November 2014**:

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