



Online Seminar Invitation: Politics and International Relations in Southeast Asia amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

Join academics from Japan, Singapore, and Malaysia in a discussion about international security, diplomatic and international maritime law issues in the South China Sea dispute, and domestic political issues in the current context of the coronavirus pandemic.

BEPPU CITY, Oita Prefecture, Japan – International relations, security, and politics are in a balanced state of constant tension. As the world grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic and the spread of the coronavirus, how does this affect the relationships between countries? Join Ritsumeikan APU Professor Yoichiro Sato as he moderates a discussion and Q&A session with academics from Singapore and Malaysia for an RCAPS* seminar.

The seminar, to be held on the Zoom online meeting platform, will discuss international security, diplomatic and international maritime law issues in the South China Sea dispute, and domestic political issues in the current context of the coronavirus pandemic.

This 90-minute event will begin with brief lectures by the two speakers, followed by a 40-minute Q&A session. The speakers for this seminar are:

Dr. Ian Storey, Senior Fellow at the ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore. He specializes in Asian security issues with a focus on Southeast Asia, and is the editor of the peer reviewed academic journal Contemporary Southeast Asia.

Dr. Khoo Ying Hooi, the Deputy Head and Senior Lecturer at the Department of International and Strategic Studies, University of Malaya, and Editor-in-Chief of the Malaysian Journal of International Relations (MJIR).

Date/Time: Wed, Jun. 17, 2020, 20:00-21:30

Language: English

Admission: Free and open to the public. Registration required.

Capacity: Zoom meeting is open to 200 people. The event will be livestreamed to YouTube for overflow and for archive purposes.

Application: Register here:
<http://r.apu.jp/3psn>

Application Deadline: Sun, Jun. 14

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