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UNIVERSITI BRUNEI DARUSSALAM - BORNEO STUDIES NETWORK

# CONFERENCE

30 JUNE - 1 JULY 2021 | UNIVERSITI BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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Universiti Brunei Darussalam in collaboration with Borneo Studies Network are announcing a Call for Papers for the UBD-BSN Conference.

The topic of the UBD-BSN conference is:

“Borneo Within, Borneo Beyond”



## The conference

seeks to explore the different paths and ways in promoting and developing the beneficial connectivity of the Borneo region within and beyond it, explore the practices and experiences on various aspects about the region and about connecting the region. It embraces the cultural and ethnic diversity as a national strength that enriches the fabric of society. It is meant to facilitate a multi-disciplinary debate and platform among scholars that examine recent developments. We encourage papers that also concentrate on best practices and lessons learned during this process.

The importance of the conference also stems from the fact that there is a demand for regional integration and cooperation for economic and social development especially with the recent global pandemic issues facing the global population that adversely affect their socio-economic conditions. We, therefore, encourage you to address the new norms but also emphasize the importance of staying committed to the values of diversity to cater for the needs and requirements of the social, economic and general well beings. Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

### Governance, Regionalism and Development

- **Connectivity & Migration:** Topics can include the development of transportation and infrastructure that connects Borneo such as the Impacts of Pan-Borneo Highway; the establishment of new urban capital; rural to urban and urban to urban migration, the rise of tourism due to mobility and openness of borders.
- **Regions and Development:** BIMP-EAGA, ASEAN, BRI: Topics can include the role of Borneo within the formal regional institutions such as: BIMP-EAGA, ASEAN, BRI; Borneo's achievements and co-operations in economic areas such as agriculture, fisheries, tourism, energy, SME, investments, trade; Borneo's global relationships such as with Asia and Europe.
- **Islamic Banking and Finance and the Industries:** Topics can include the Islamic financial development, access and inclusion in the Borneo region such as Islamic banking penetration, Impacts of Islamic social finance to Micro Small Medium enterprise, ICT and Islamic Financial literacy; Halal industries in the Borneo region such as marketing, research and development.

### Youth, Demography & Welfare (including education)

- **Youth:** This panel would be a platform for scholars who wish to engage with issues relating to youth and to share their knowledge on how to engage and connect youth across the Borneo network and relate any experiences and roles in the NGO and social movement as well as communities. Experts would be able to share knowledge and discuss the possibility of future collaborations, youth mobility, and education development for youth in Borneo.
- **Demography and Welfare:** The demography structure of population in Borneo is undergoing a transition. Global processes such as migration and the presence of the COVID-19 pandemic may affect the life of all age groups in the population, especially the youth and older people. This panel seeks papers that are interested in looking at welfare related issues in Borneo pertaining Education: This panel also examines the educational development in particular comparing teaching and learning of the different Borneo counterparts with other countries or regions. The new culture enforced upon us due to the Covid-19 requires innovation in education to create knowledge and awareness about community and health responsibilities such as maintaining social distancing, personal hygiene, mental health and well-being and elevating spirituality. In this conference, we welcome discussions on opportunities and challenges in adapting to the new culture to education.

### Connecting Borneo through time and space

- **Borneo heritage and landscape:** This would be a panel that calls on scholars from diverse disciplinary and interdisciplinary backgrounds, such as history, European influence and imprints on Borneo, anthropology, geography, archaeology, linguistics and literary studies, to present papers that focus on illuminating connections in Borneo's past between peoples, places, languages, literature and economies.
- **Cultural relations and globalisation:** This panel can explore the growing penetration of the modern pop culture into Borneo; changing urban landscape and culture; the rise of middle class and consumerism, tourism-scape, images of Borneo in the international media including social media.

### Sustainable Transformation of Borneo

- **Sustainability, protection and enhancement of the environment:** Topics can include The Heart of Borneo project; joint conservation initiatives, biodiversity, ethnobotany, sustainable production and consumption and development strategies, food security, green economy.
- **Renewable Energy and Development:** Topics can include fossil-fuel energy; palm oil and sustainable energy production and impacts; bioenergy; new energy, Borneo as power house for sustainable renewable energy and economic development, sustainable energy production and consumption with urbanisation.
- **Built Environment of Borneo:** This panel examines development of the built environment and space use due to modernity and flow of people, commodities and ideas. This panel would involve looking at urban-rural planning and development, architecture, building designs and materials used.

# IMPORTANT DATES

Closing Date for Abstract Submission : 8 March 2021  
Notification of Acceptance : 30 March 2021  
Submission of Full Paper : 28 June 2021  
Closing Date for Early Bird Registration : 15 June 2021

# REGISTRATION FEES

Participants : BND 150  
Presenters : BND 120  
Students : BND 50

20% discount for early bird payments.  
10% discount for a group of 5 registrations.

Due to the Pandemic outbreak COVID-19, UBD-BSN conference takes into consideration two alternatives of realising the conference, onsite and online. Thus, if the situation will get back to normal we will continue with the onsite conference, taking place in Brunei Darussalam, otherwise, the conference will be held via online platforms.

Authors are invited to submit papers on any subject related to and within the scope of the Conference topic. Submissions from academics, researchers, and practitioners at any stage of their career, including PhD students will be accepted.

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