In an increasingly shrinking world, the homogenous community is becoming a rare thing indeed. Plurality and multiculturalism is now the order of the day. Multiculturalism affirms the value and dignity of all citizens regardless of race, gender, cultural heritage, ethnicity, religion and language. This presents a host of new challenges and dilemmas for governments, law and policy makers and society as a whole.

Multiculturalism affects a wide spectrum of laws. This includes constitutional and administrative law, family, human rights, property, employment, international as well as indigenous and customary laws. Legal systems, legal theories and jurisprudence are also affected or influenced by multiculturalism. For example, recently in Malaysia, the issue of race and religion have been pushed forward in high profile cases that have had profound repercussions for Malaysian constitutional, family and property laws and have also highlighted the intricacies and complications of a plural legal system.

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**Conference Programme**

**DAY 1**

**9.00am – 10.00am | Keynote Address**
Professor Dr. John Borrows  
Law Foundation Chair, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada

**10.30am – 12.30am | Multiculturalism, Law and Society**
**Problematising Multiculturalism in Malaysia: A Social Science Perspective**  
Professor Wain Zawawi Ibrahim  
Professor & Principal Research Fellow, Institute of Malay World & Civilisation (ATMA), National University of Malaysia (UKM)

**The Interface between Culture and the Law**  
Lee Yin Harn & Petrina Tan Tjin Yi  
Shook Lin & Bok

**Endangered Multi-Cultural Heritage in Penang: An Evaluation of the Laws and Policies**  
Nurainiyah Chua Abdullah  
Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University Technology MARA

**Toleransi Budaya: Pahak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) & Penguatkuasaan undang-undang Di Kalangan Komuniti Lokal**  
Noor Fadhzana Bt Mohd Noor, Faculty of Social Science and Industry, University Industry Selangor (UNISEL), Ali Roshehny bin Abu Bakar, University Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR)

**1.30pm – 3.00pm | Indigenous Laws and Protection of First Peoples (I)**

**Customs, Customary Laws and the Federal Constitution**  
Dr. Ramy Bulan, Associate Professor  
Head, Centre For Legal Pluralism and Indigenous Law, Faculty of Law, University of Malaya

**Contemporary Relevance of Customary Laws and the Native Courts within the Plural Legal System in Sarawak**  
Ronnie Edward  
Chief Registrar, Native Court, Sarawak

**Enforcement and Implementation of Native Customary Laws Through Native Courts in Sabah**  
Juprin Wong Adanal  
Senior State Counsel, Sabah

**Legal Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: A Case Study of the Kadazandusun Penampang Community**  
Prof Khaw Lake Tee, Prof Mohd Anis Md Nor, Dr. Ramy Bulan, Dr. Tay Pek Sui, Dr. Hanali Hussin  
Cultural Centre and Faculty of Law, University of Malaya

**3.30pm – 5.00pm | Indigenous Laws and Protection of First Peoples (II)**

**Rights of Orang Asli in Peninsular Malaysia from Legal Perspective Concerning De Jure Systematic Denial on Continuity Pro Tempore Rights to Lands, Ignorance of Welfare and Education**  
Hakimah Yaacob

**DAY 2**

**9.00am – 10.00am | Keynote Address**
“An Analysis of UNESCO Convention On the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expression One Year After Its Coming into Force”  
Professor Dr. Michael Harms  
Faculty of Law, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand

**10.30am – 12.30pm | Legal Discourse in Multiculturalism**

**Interpreters and Interpreting: Multilingual Issues in the Malaysian Court**  
Professor Maya Khemlani Davi  
Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, University of Malaya

**Abused in Interpretation**  
Professor Maya Khemlani Davi  
Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, University of Malaya

**Legal Discourse in International Arbitration**  
Professor Azirah Hashim  
Dean, Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, University of Malaya

**Bilingual Legal Systems: How unusual is the Malaysian Case?**  
Professor Richard Powell  
Nihon University, Tokyo

**Multicultural Tolerance in the Mixing of Codes in the Dispensing of Justice in Malaysia**  
Professor Dr. Chin Siew Heng and Ain Nabilah Abdullah  
Department of English, Faculty of Modern Languages and Communications, University Putra Malaysia

**Confidentiality in International Commercial Arbitration Practice and Accessibility of Research Data**  
Dr. Vijay K Bhatia  
Visiting Professor, Department of English and Communications, City University of Hong Kong
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### 1.30pm – 3.30pm | Islam in a Multicultural Society

**Insurance Act 1996: Rights of the Nominees of Muslim Policy Owners and Non Muslim Policy Owners**
Dr. Chan Wai Meng
Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Business and Accountancy, University Of Malaya

**Victim Compensation for Homicide for all Malaysians**
Dr. Syed Ahmad S A Alsagoff, Associate Professor
Ahmad Ibrahim Khaliah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)

**Issues for Muslims’ Rights to Culture and Autonomy in Secular Laws: The Philippine’s Case**
Dr. Marzum Sadiqra Dzagarso
Faculty of Syariah and Law, Islamic Science University of Malaysia

**Soft Law and the Calibrating Religious Identities in Singapore**
Eugene K B Tan, Assistant Professor of Law
School of Law, Singapore Management University

**Conversion to Islam and the Jurisdictional Conflict**
Dr. Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil
Centre for Islamic Thought and Understanding (CITU), University Technology MARA

**Islam dan Adat Kanun Tanah Negara**
Rusnadewi Binti Abdul Rashid
Lecturer, University Technology MARA, Perlis

### 4.00pm – 5.30pm | Human Rights and Multiculturalism

**Universal Human Rights Problems, Politics and Prospects**
Puja Kapai, Assistant Professor
Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong

**Universality and the Law of Sport: Muslim Women Negotiating Sports Leadership**
Wirdati M. Radzi
Sport Centre, University of Malaya

**Genocide: Multiculturalism’s Worst Case Scenario**
Norzahidah Mohd Ali, Lecturer
Faculty of Syariah and Law, Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM)

**Citizenship from the Feminist Perspective in the Multicultural or Cultural Context in Malaysia: Rhetoric or Reality**
Maimunah Hamid, Lecturer
Gender Studies and Planning, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, University of Malaya

**The Malaysian Constitution and Multiculturalism**
Dr. Ajmi Sharom, Associate Professor
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