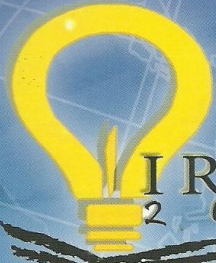




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Peace in Islam: Concepts, Principles and Practices

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There is no doubt that the world today is concerned and confused which had barely acclaimed with joy because of the end of second world war, while the wars began on other fronts burning nations and countries. All the big powers are talking about peace and declare their desire in it. But they are racing in producing weapons of mass destruction and armament. The relations between Islamic countries and the west are very tense, particularly after the events of 11 September 2001. The Muslims are charged with accusations as terrorists who donâ€™t want peace, and corrupters who love violence and donâ€™t want security in the world. Indeed, Islam is a religion of peace because it came to circulate principles of right justice and peace in the world. It wasnâ€™t the principle of the greatest prophet â€œ peace be upon him â€œ war, aggression and hostility. This research aims to show that Islam is only peace with the individual conscience, family, community, the world and all humanity. Peace and Islam meet in the provision of security, peace of mind, tranquility, justice and harmony. Islam is the first legislation that made large significant progress towards the establishment of world peace and designed fuller guarantees for stability, which, if taken by all nations, they could relax and rest.

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**Sharing Borders: Studies in Contemporary
Singaporean-Malaysian Literature**

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This research examines writers of the Singaporean-Malaysian literary tradition in the English language from its inception to the present time. The focus is on the major writers of the tradition in all the genres, interrogating their principles themes – social, political, cultural, spiritual – as well as the various and/or shifting stylistic approaches they employ in their creative works. The objective is to trace the growth and achievements of this tradition, its significance to the nation-building enterprise in these two newly emergent countries, the way its shapes and moulds identity-formation within and outside the socio-cultural orbits of the two nations, as well as to investigate the challenges and prospects of this tradition in the post-modern, post-industrial era of transnationalism and globalisation.

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**Psychometric Properties of English and Malay Versions of
General Self-Efficacy Scale**

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In view of the substantial contribution of General self-efficacy (GSE) to organizational theory, research, and practice, this study compared the psychometric properties of English (Schwarzer & Jerusalem, 1995) and Malay versions of GSE Scale. The sample included 494 undergraduate students (82.0% females) of International Islamic University Malaysia. The English version of GSE scale was forward and back translated and then finalized by committee approach by postgraduate students taking Test Construction and Adaptation course with the principal author. The final Malay version was further checked by a lecturer of psychology having certificate in English to Malay translation. Item-item correlations for both English ($r = .24 - .61, p < .0001$) and Malay ($r = .31 - .52, p < .0001$) versions were statistically significant. Corrected item-total correlations were also statistically significant (English: $r = .45 - .64, p < .0001$; Malay: $r = .50 - .63, p < .0001$). Coefficient alpha for English and Malay versions