

The 3rd International Seminar
on **Malay, Maori** and **Pacific**
language, art and culture.



Date: 23-24 March 2012

Venue: Te Herenga Waka Marae

Introduction

When Tun Mahathir Mohamed launched the Chair of Malay Studies in Victoria university of Wellington in 1996, he suggested that a research on the changing values of Malays and Maori be carried to see the changes that have occurred between the colonial time and now.

Work on the Malayo-Polynesian network has been carried out by the International Malay secretariat and frequent meetings of intellectuals and writers. They worked to bring together the very diverse groups of Austronesians from the Pacific to the western shore of the Indian Ocean.

A number of seminars has been organised on this topic. The Chair of Malay Studies has conducted a number of seminars. The inaugural Malayo-Polynesian Cultural symposium was held in Wellington in May 1998, followed by the 2nd Malayo-Polynesian Cultural Symposium at the National University of Malaysia in Bangi and the Symposium on Malay Elements in the Commonwealth was held in University Malaya in November 1998. Another symposium was held in September 1999 on the Malay world and Pacific world, organised in collaboration with Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs.

An international seminar on Malay civilization was organised by the Institute of Malay Civilization, Sultan Idris University of Education (UPSI) in 2002.

Focusing more on the Malays, Maori and Pacific cultures, the Chair of Malay Studies organised several international seminars. The first one focused on the history, culture, social and economic domains of what is referred to as “the Malay world”, and “the Pacific world” in 2007.

The second international seminar on Malay, Maori and Pacific language, art and culture took place at Sultan Idris University of Education (UPSI) in 2008.

The seminars have looked at the global aspect of the Malay and Pacific worlds. The third International Seminar on Malay, Maori and Pacific language, art and culture will be more specific focusing on the changing values of Malays, Maori and Pacific Islanders.

Theme:

“The changing values of Malays, Maori and Pacific Islanders”.

Objective

The seminar will deliberate several sub-themes on Malays, Maori and Pacific Islanders on various issues:

1. Language,
2. Culture,
3. Politics,
4. Geography,
5. Economy,
6. Education.

Specifically this seminar will attempt to:

1. Examine the similarities of the Malay, Maori and Pacific Islanders in terms of art, language and culture,
2. Present the latest findings of the values of the Malay, Maori and Pacific Islanders,
3. Encourage more research in this area,
4. Form a network of researchers in this area.

Date: 23rd March (Friday) and 24th March (Saturday) 2012

Venue: Te Herenga Waka Marae, Victoria University of Wellington

Paper presenters

1. Keynote speakers from Malaysia and New Zealand,
2. Presenters from Malaysia to present their research findings on the theme of the seminar,
3. Presenters from New Zealand to present their CMS funded research findings,
4. Presenters from New Zealand to present their research on Maori and Pacific Islanders,
5. Postgraduate students from New Zealand universities to present papers on related topics.

Deadlines

1. Deadline for abstract: 2nd March 2012
2. Deadline for full paper: 16th March 2012

Abstracts already received:

1. Che Su bt Mustafa (Northern University Malaysia) and Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman (Victoria University of Wellington). The relationship between cultural

work values and organizational outcomes among Malaysian Malays Employees in uniforms organization.

2. Che Su bt Mustafa (Northern University Malaysia) and Ilias Md. Salleh (University of Technology MARA). Globalized media and impact of television drama reception: Revisiting global exposure and content-specific from audience reception perspective.
3. Maheran Yaman (International Islamic University Malaysia), Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman (Victoria University of Wellington), Jestin Nordin (Victoria University of Wellington) and Sherina Syahrin (Victoria University of Wellington). A preliminary study on Austronesian interpretation on ferns as carving motives in the community involving the New Zealander Maori, Indonesian Minangkabau and Malaysian Malay.
4. Wan Shahrazad Wan Sulaiman, Rohany Nasir, Zainah Ahmad Zamani, Rozainee Khairudin and Fatimah Wati Halim (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia). The changing values of Malaysians born during pre and post-independence.
5. Rohany Nasir, Wan Shahrazad Wan Sulaiman, Zainah Ahmad Zamani, Rozainee Khairudin and Fatimah Wati Halim (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia). Personality and cognitive style of Malaysians born during Pre and post-independence.
6. Rozainee Khairudin, Rohany Nasir, Wan Shahrazad Wan Sulaiman, Zainah Ahmad Zamani and Fatimah Wati Halim (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia). Relationship between motivation achievement and resilience among pre and post-independence Malaysians.
7. Siti Maimon Kamso (Mayfield Strategic Management, Malaysia). Sukuk (Islamic bond): Blue Ocean Strategy: Implication on Malay economic development.
8. Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman (Victoria University of Wellington), Siti Maimon Kamso (Mayfield Strategic Management, Malaysia) and Wan Noor Tiara (Victoria University of Wellington). Similarities in Malay, Maori and Pacific islanders in the context of the Austronesian language family
9. Edinur Hisham Atan (Victoria University of Wellington). Similarities in the DNA in the Austronesian language family.
10. Jestin M. Nordin, Andrew Charleson and Morten Gjerde (Victoria University of Wellington). TRA: Computerized tsunami simulations, minimize future loses to the coastal dwellers at Kuala Muda, Malaysia.
11. Azizah Moh. Zahidi (Victoria University of Wellington). Self-regulated learning strategies of Malaysian tertiary-level learners learning English as a second language.
12. Rashidah Bolhassan (Victoria University of Wellington). Knowledge sharing requirements amongst the Iban of Sarawak: preliminary findings.

Participants

Who will benefit from the seminar?

1. University students: Malaysians, Maori, Pacific Islanders and New Zealanders,
2. Academic staff, educators, relevant ministries and government departments, the private sector and the general public,
3. The Malaysian community in New Zealand.

Tentative Programme

Each presenter is given approximately 20 minutes for presentation, 45 minutes for keynote speaker and 15 minutes for each respondent. Sessions is divided by topics.

23rd March:

- 9 am: Powhiri
- 9.30 am: Morning tea
- 10.00 am: Opening speaker (Prof Deborah Willis, PVC and Dean FHSS)
- 10.15 am: First keynote speaker (Maori, tbc)
- 11.00 am: Response (from Malay and Pacific, tbc)
- 11.30 am: 3 paper presentations
- 12.30 pm: Lunch
- 1.30 pm: 4 paper presentations
- 3.00 pm: 4 paper presentations
- 4.30 pm: Close
- 6.00 pm: Hākari

24th March:

- 9 am: Second keynote speaker (Malaysia, tbc)
- 9.45 am: Response (from Maori and Pacific, tbc)
- 10.15 am: 4 paper presentations
- 11.30 pm: 4 paper presentations
- 12.30 pm: Lunch
- 1.30 pm: Third keynote speaker (Pacific, tbc)
- 2.15 pm: Response (from Maori and Malay, tbc)
- 2:45 pm: Research opportunities / discussion (research office VUW and from IIUM)
- 3.15 pm: 4 paper presentations
- 4.30 pm: Summary / close
- 6.00 pm: Dinner at HC (tbc)

25th March:

Field trip, tbc.