



CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Southeast Asian Studies of the Goethe-University of Frankfurt, Germany and the School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia, invite interested scholars to participate in the following jointly organised International Seminar:

"Fiction and Faction in the Malay World"

DATE AND VENUE: Goethe-University of Frankfurt, Germany, 11-12 November 2010

DEADLINES: Paper title and abstract: 31 July 2009; full paper: 30 October 2010.

No conference fee for paper presenters. Presenters are expected to obtain their own funding for travel and hotel costs.

The topic of the seminar:

As a sequel to the jointly organised seminar that will be held at the Goethe-University of Frankfurt, Germany on 17-18 June 2010, this seminar in November 2010 will serve as a complementary topic to "Trade and Finance in the Malay World" since some of the foreigners and traders who came to the Malay World wrote fiction and "faction" (writing that portrays real people or events in a dramatised manner) during their sojourn – regardless whether they continued to stay in this region, or returned to their home country, or migrated to another county. It would be worthwhile to analyse the works of fiction, diaries, vignettes, letters and other documents by these traders or colonial officers who came to this region since their writings and encounters with the 'natives' to a certain extent reflect more accurately the views and personalities of the writers themselves. As we intend to cross generic and disciplinary boundaries, we welcome contributions from various fields to this international seminar, including any forms of adaptation and translation during the period in question.

Conference languages: English and Malay. The organisers plan for a conference publication in English aimed towards a broader international audience. If enough Malay-language contributions are accepted for presentation, a separate Malay-language publication might be considered.

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