The Enlightenment Series is the first ever student-centred forum organised in UNIMAS by the Faculty of Social Sciences. The objective of the forum is to create a discussion on topics of pertinent interest in our society outside lecture room. Students are allowed to nominate topics, and a panel consists of lecturer and student will be formed. The event is open to all of the Faculty of Social Sciences’ students. Special invitation is also extended to other student organisations and individuals outside the faculty.

The first series of the forum was held on 10 December 2014. The topic was “Liberalism: Dangerous Mind?” with a panellist Assoc. Prof Dr Andrew Aeria, Dr Mohd Faisal Syam and Mohd Fakhrul Razi. There was about 100 students attended the event, beyond the organiser’s expectation. Given the overwhelming response, the event was extended for another hour to give room for students’ Question and Answer session. The discussion was stimulating, as both lecturers and students exchanged their views regarding the topics. The questions posed were genuine with a tiny exception. There was a wide spectrum of opinions expressed by the students as this provides a rare opportunity where both mainstream and alternative opinions were presented for all. The organiser considered the event a major success and it will continue.