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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission: 12 September 2014

Notification of abstract acceptance: 22 September, 2014

Date of registration: September 15-October 15, 2014

ACCOMMODATION

For those who wish to stay at the conference venue, ask for the conference participants rate when booking. Within walking distance of the venue, there is a range of alternative accommodation including budget hotels. See conference websites for more detail.

REGISTRATION FEES

The conference fees are as follow:

Local speakers and participants	RM600
Graduate Students of Malaysian Universities	RM200
International participants	USD350



International Conference

Disability Studies: Heading in the Right(s) Direction?

20-22 November 2014
Hilton Hotel Kuching
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INTRODUCTION

Disability studies as an interdisciplinary field of study applies social, cultural, political and philosophical perspectives to the study of disability in society. Viewing disability as a social construct and people with disabilities as a minority group, disability studies reaffirms disability rights and privileges the experiences of people with disabilities through research, education and policy development. Policy and practice related to disability are about transforming systems and environment so that they are inclusive of every person.

This conference focuses on examining current policy, research and practice in promoting and protecting the rights of disabled people as outline in the Unite Convention of Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

OBJECTIVES

- To provide a forum for people from diverse backgrounds and professions – disabled persons, practitioners, policy makers, researchers and educators to share their knowledge and experiences on disability rights.
- To help establish partnership and collaboration in developing practice, research and policy which are inclusive of people with disabilities.
- To identify new research initiatives and establish alliances across disciplines nationally and internationally.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- People with disabilities, families and caregivers
- Civil society and human rights advocates
- Social workers, psychologists, health and legal professionals
- Architects, engineers and town planners
- Policy makers and development planner
- Government agencies and Non-governmental organisations
- Researchers and educators from disciplines including sociology, anthropology, political science, communication and media studies, gender studies, development studies, history, philosophy, law and the arts.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Senator Bathmavathi Krishnan
Senator to the Upper House of the Parliament of Malaysia
Member, National Council for Persons with Disabilities
President of the Association of Women with Disabilities Malaysia



Helen Meekosha
Associate Professor, School of Social Sciences, University of New South Wales, Australia
Member, Editorial Advisory Committee, Disability and Society
Research interests among others include social Movement, Social Change, Critical Disability Study and Global South Disability Studies



PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Learning From Online Disability Life Stories - The 1000 Voices Project



Lesley Chenoweth is the Inaugural Professor of Social Work and currently Head of Logan Campus at Griffith University. She is one of Australia's leading social work and disability scholars working at the intersections of social policy, social work and human service practice and social inclusion focusing on disability, child protection and rural communities.

Youth Mental Health: A Human Rights Approach



Jennifer Martin is Associate Professor of social work at RMIT University, Melbourne. She has extensive experience in mental health practice, service development and design, education, advocacy and research and evaluation, locally and internationally. She is an accredited mental health social worker and the author of *Mental Health Social Work* (2012).

Relationships and People with Disability

Dr. Russell Shuttleworth of Deakin University, Australia has worked with disabled people for many as a support worker, social worker and as an ethnographer of their experience. He has conducted disability research on issues such as sexuality, gender, leadership, access to health care contexts and speech impairment.



Gender & Disability Mainstreaming: A Catalyst for Inclusive Development



Dr Tsitsi Chataika is a senior lecturer in the department of Educational Foundations in the Faculty of Education at the University of Zimbabwe. She is a disability mainstreaming advocate and researcher with international reputation and she serves in various international editorial boards. Dr Chataika has conducted research in several African countries, Malaysia and the United Kingdom.



Mengupaya Transformasi Pembangunan Negara: OKU Boleh!

Dr Siti Hawa Abdullah from the School of Educational Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) has developed and implemented a module on Human-Centered Planning and Evaluation for People with Disability (*Modul Perancangan dan Penilaian Berteraskan Insan OKU*). The module has been implemented in several NGOs and community-based rehabilitation projects.



Mr Francis Johen ak Adam

Sarawak's Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam) Member, National Council for Persons with Disabilities