

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF THE POLITICISATION OF ETHNICITY AND RELIGION

STUDY SESSION 2: POLITICS WITH TERENCE GOMEZ

Date: 17 July (Tuesday)

Time: 8 – 10pm

Venue: AWAM Centre

85 Jalan 21/1 Sea Park,
46300 Petaling Jaya.

Map: <http://www.awam.org.my/contact.html>

Ethnicity and religion are two important **identity markers** in Malaysia. While there is some awareness of the need to move beyond ethnic and religious lines, Malaysia remains, at various levels, segregated along such lines. This raises questions about our **future as a nation**.

In the course of AWAM's work, we have come to realise that there is a need to **understand** how ethnicity and religion is politicised in Malaysia and how this **impacts** society and women in particular. This is what we intend to do with the study sessions.

The second study session will review policies in Malaysia that are meant to address inequality. We will examine and unpack the extent to which such policies in Malaysia are driven by ethnic and religious concerns and how has this impacted Malaysians today.

This is part of a series of sessions that will cover economics, politics, religion and women.



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Do policies targeting
horizontal inequalities
work?

Are we asking the right
questions?

Speaker's bio: Edmund Terence Gomez is Professor of Political Economy at the Faculty of Economics & Administration, University of Malaya. He has also held appointments at various universities including the University of Leeds (UK), Murdoch University (Australia) and Kobe University (Japan). Between 2005 and 2008, he served as Research Coordinator at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), in Geneva, Switzerland. Gomez specializes in state-market relations and the linkages between ethnicity, politics and capital development. He has undertaken various research projects and convened numerous international conferences – among others, on political-business linkages in East Asia; the growth of national and transnational ethnic Chinese enterprise; the history of Chinese communities and their enterprises in Australia, Britain and Southeast Asia; and ethnic conflict and social cohesion in Asia.

To register: Send the following information to Wei San at advocacy-programs@awam.org.my by **13 July 2012**.

1.	Name:	
2.	Email address:	
3.	Telephone number:	
4.	I can attend the study session on 17 June 2012 (Tuesday).	YES / NO
5.	I can attend the follow up chai + chat for this study session on 21 July 2012 (Saturday) at 10am – 12noon	YES / NO

Preparation: Some key readings will be circulated for the study session. Participants are asked to read them to maximise their participation and engagement at the study session.

What are our
aspirations for a better
Malaysia?

What does the
'politicisation' of
ethnicity and religion
mean?