

Documenting Politics: Film screening and public debate

“M for MALAYSIA”

December 5th (thu.) 2019, 13:00 - 16:00

Middle sized conference Room,
3F, Inamori Foundation Building, Kyoto University



The Film

On May 9 2018, the people of Malaysia, tired of a decade of unprecedented greed and corruption by their then government, decided to make their voices heard. Led by an unlikely coalition of former political rivals headed by the 92-year-old former Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Pakatan Harapan (Alliance of Hope) battled many obstacles and barriers in order to carry out an extraordinary campaign for change.



Marina Mahathir is the daughter of Prime Minister Mohamad Mahathir and executive producer of M for Malaysia. She is a writer and human rights activist, especially on gender equality. She has been involved in several non-governmental organisations, including heading the Malaysian AIDS Council for 12 years. Marina has been a newspaper columnist for over 25 years writing on social and political issues and compilations of her columns have been published in three books. She is currently pursuing a Masters' degree in Biography and Creative Non-Fiction in the United Kingdom.



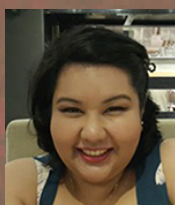
Ineza ROUSILLE, Film maker and producer

Ineza Rousille is a 31 year old documentary filmmaker based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Ineza is also Mahathir's grand daughter. She explains her experience: "I realized how important it was to document the moment, and that I needed to use my access to do it. Being his granddaughter, I will have an inherent bias in telling this story. However, I hope we've been objective enough that all Malaysians can be proud watching this documentary and the new Malaysian government will remember that power is ultimately with the people".



Dr. Sophie LEMIERE, Ash Center, HKS, Harvard University, Visiting Fellow at CSEAS

Sophie Lemiere is a political anthropologist at Harvard University, and a Visiting Fellow at CSEAS.



Dr. Vilashini SOMIAH, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya. Vilashini Somiah is a Sabahan anthropologist who received her PhD from the National University of Singapore.

Organizer: Dr. Sophie LEMIERE, and Dr. Hiroyuki YAMAMOTO, Associate Professor, CSEAS, Kyoto University

