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.









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". M for Malaysia is Ineza's first feature documentary.



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. She is currently writing her first monograph on political legitimacy based on her experience in the inner circles of Mahathir from December 2017 to May 2018.



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. Currently a senior lecturer at the Gender Studies Programme at the University of Malaya,

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