

THE TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA LECTURE 2014



You are cordially invited to
**The Tunku Abdul Rahman
Putra Lecture 2014**

11.00am

Saturday, 22nd February 2014
at

Wawasan Open University
Level 5, Lecture Theatre Hall 1
54 Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah
10050 Penang

Lecture Title

**Imagining a Different Malaysia:
Is Diversity an Asset or
a Millstone round our neck?**

Speaker

Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir

RSVP by Thursday, 20th February 2014

Kindly provide your name, contact number,
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Office hours: 11am – 5pm (Monday to Friday)

Admission is free

About the Speaker



Marina Mahathir is a writer, women's rights and HIV/AIDS activist and TV producer. She served as the President of the Malaysian AIDS Council for 12 years from 1993-2005. In addition Marina has served on many regional and international HIV/AIDS bodies including the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific (ASAP), UNAIDS and the Asia Pacific Leadership Forum on HIV and Development (APLF).

Currently she is a member of the Board of Sisters in Islam, which advocates for justice and equality for Muslim women. She is also a member of the International Advisory Group of Musawah, the global movement for justice and equality in the Muslim family.

Marina has written a fortnightly column on social issues in a local English-language daily for more than 20 years, and writes and speaks regularly on women's issues particularly where it relates to Islam, gender and HIV/AIDS. Between 2001 and 2009, she was Co-Executive Producer of an award-winning TV programme for young women, 3R-Respect, Relax and Respond, and will resume that role in the new 3R series beginning in 2013. She is also an avid blogger with her own blog, www.rantingsbymm.blogspot.com, a Twitterer (@netraKL) and Facebooker. She has authored three books, *In Liberal Doses* (1997) and *Telling It Straight* (2012), compilations of her newspaper columns, and *50 Days: Rantings by MM* (2009).

In 2010, Marina was named the UN Person of the Year by the United Nations in Malaysia. On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day in 2011, Marina was one of only two Malaysian women named to WomenDeliver.org's list of 100 Most Inspiring People Delivering for Girls and Women (<http://www.womendeliver.org/knowledge-center/publications/women-deliver-100/>).

Marina also sits on the Board of the Maybank Foundation, and is a member of the International Advisory Council of the Asian University for Women in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

In 1997, Marina was awarded the Datuk Paduka Mahkota Selangor by HRH the Sultan of Selangor, which carries the title 'Datin Paduka'.

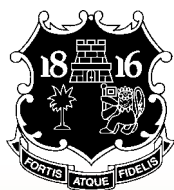
Additional Publications:

- 1 Fatal Confluences? Islam, gender and HIV/AIDS in Malaysia, contribution to *Islam and AIDS: Between Scorn, Pity & Justice*, edited by Farid Esack and Sarah Chiddy, 2009
- 2 Foreword, *Drug Law Reform in East and Southeast Asia*, edited by Fifa Rahman and Nick Crofts, 2013
- 3 Foreword, *Sharing Identities: Celebrating Dance in Malaysia*, edited by Mohd Anis Mohd Noor and Stephanie Burridge, 2011
- 4 Foreword, *Abiding Times Two*, Tunku 'Abidin Muhriz, 2011

About the Lecture

The Lecture is named in honour of **Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj**, the first Prime Minister of Malaya, and later of Malaysia. He studied at the Penang Free School from 1916 and then proceeded in 1919 to Cambridge University. Previous distinguished persons who have delivered the lecture include, in chronological order, Tun Musa Hitam, Professor Dr. Wang Gungwu, Tun Mahathir Mohamed, Dato' Dr. Mazlan Othman, Mr. Marcus Langdon, Dato' Seri Lim Chong Keat and Tun Hanif Omar.

About the Organisers



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