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Host/Moderator: Diwa Malaya Quiñones



Speaker: Hema Preya Selvanathan
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Topic / Title: **Social Change in Malaysia: The Mobilisation and Polarisation Potential of Protests**

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Abstract

Abstract: In this talk, I will present findings from research conducted in Malaysia. I will discuss the role of leaders in promoting solidarity to mobilize diverse groups in society for social change. I will then discuss public responses to protests in terms of shaping their support for social change. I will also present the ways in which social change may be met with backlash in the form of reactionary support for the status quo.

Speaker Bio: I was born and raised in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I completed my PhD in social psychology (with a concentration in the psychology of peace and violence) at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2019). My research interests are: social change and intergroup relations; social movements and collective action; intergroup solidarity; intergroup conflict and reconciliation.

Speaker links:

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