

## SASS Research Seminar Series 12/2021

The Public and Personal Rights of Muslim Women in Malaysia: Findings from the survey on Muslim women's realities in Malaysia

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (Tuesday) Time: 12-1pm Malaysia Time (MYT)

Registration: Click here.

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In this seminar Rozana Isa will talk about Malaysian Muslim women who are living in unprecedented times. They embrace modernity, aim to live their dreams, journeying on paths forged by many women before them, role models, icons and influencers, whether within their family or beyond. Nevertheless, for many women still, there remains a discomfort within the space to which they are confined, as they struggle to carefully balance between who they are and the idea they have about gender equality and the expectations placed on them by their families, religion and society.

This session will uncover the findings of the national survey conducted in 2019 titled Perceptions and Realities - The Public and Personal Rights of Muslim Women in Malaysia.



Rozana Isa is currently the Executive Director for Sisters in Islam, a Malaysian NGO working on women's rights within the framework of Islam. She is also with Musawah, the global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family. She joined the Malavsian women's rights movement in 1999 to address violence against women. This exposed her to challenges women face to have their rights recognised and exercised in a context of Islamisation within a democratic nation with parallel legal systems, where gender, ethnic, and religious diversities are celebrated in society vet negated at different levels of policies and laws. Before taking up SIS's helm, Rozana worked with several national, regional, and international women's rights organisations.

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