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ENCORE: THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the FASS Newsletter!

Welcome to the September 2025 edition of the FASS Encore newsletter, which illuminates the vibrant intellectual life and forward momentum within our Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. This issue showcases our ongoing commitment to excellence, beginning with the strengthening of our academic community through new honorary and adjunct appointments, whose real-world expertise will profoundly enrich our teaching and research endeavours.

We are pleased to feature impactful stories from our colleagues, including Dr Sandeep Ray's international research engagements and Dr Seungyeon Lee's explorations at the intersection of digital and literary culture. The innovative spirit of FASS is further embodied by our Digital Teaching and Learning Lab, a hub for pedagogical innovation, and the meaningful practical experiences gained by our pre-service teachers. Our strategic outreach continues to flourish through partnerships such as our new MoU with IDEAS, designed to drive policy-relevant research and expand student opportunities.

For the supportive reader who traverses these pages to their conclusion, an alternative portal awaits, hyperlinked at a discreet location above an address: **The Common Room**, a parallel publication that reveals the lighter, more animated dimension of academic life. We hope this collection of updates inspires and informs your continued engagement with our scholarly community.

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Honorary and Adjunct Appointments

Our Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is proud to welcome new Honorary and Adjunct colleagues whose expertise will strengthen our teaching, research, and engagement. **Professor Philipp Rauschnabel** (AR/XR; Metaverse), nominated by NUBS, has been appointed Honorary Professor, and Ms **Tan Cheng Yi** (Educational Psychologist), nominated by the School of Education, as Honorary Fellow, both for a three-year term starting 1 August 2025.

In addition, the Faculty Management Board has approved two Adjunct appointments: Dr **Khairil Izamin** (Adjunct Professor of Practice) and Dr **Sreedhevi Iyer** (Adjunct Associate Professor of Practice). Their real-world perspectives will enrich classroom learning and extend FASS's impact beyond campus.

Adjunct nominations are open year-round via Heads of School.



Professor Philipp Rauschnabel



Ms Tan Cheng Yi



Dr Khairil Izamin




Dr Sreedhevi Iyer



Digital Learning in the Faculty

Digital Teaching and Learning Lab

The Digital Teaching and Learning Lab at the University of Nottingham Malaysia (Room F4C07) is an interdisciplinary space dedicated to advancing education through digital innovation. The lab allows academic staff to explore emerging technologies such as virtual and mixed reality, video production, and podcasting to enrich teaching and support pedagogical research. Facilities include a Green Room, VR/MR stations, podcast booths, and collaborative areas. Access is limited to staff, with students permitted only under supervision. The lab reflects UNM's commitment to future-ready teaching and learning.

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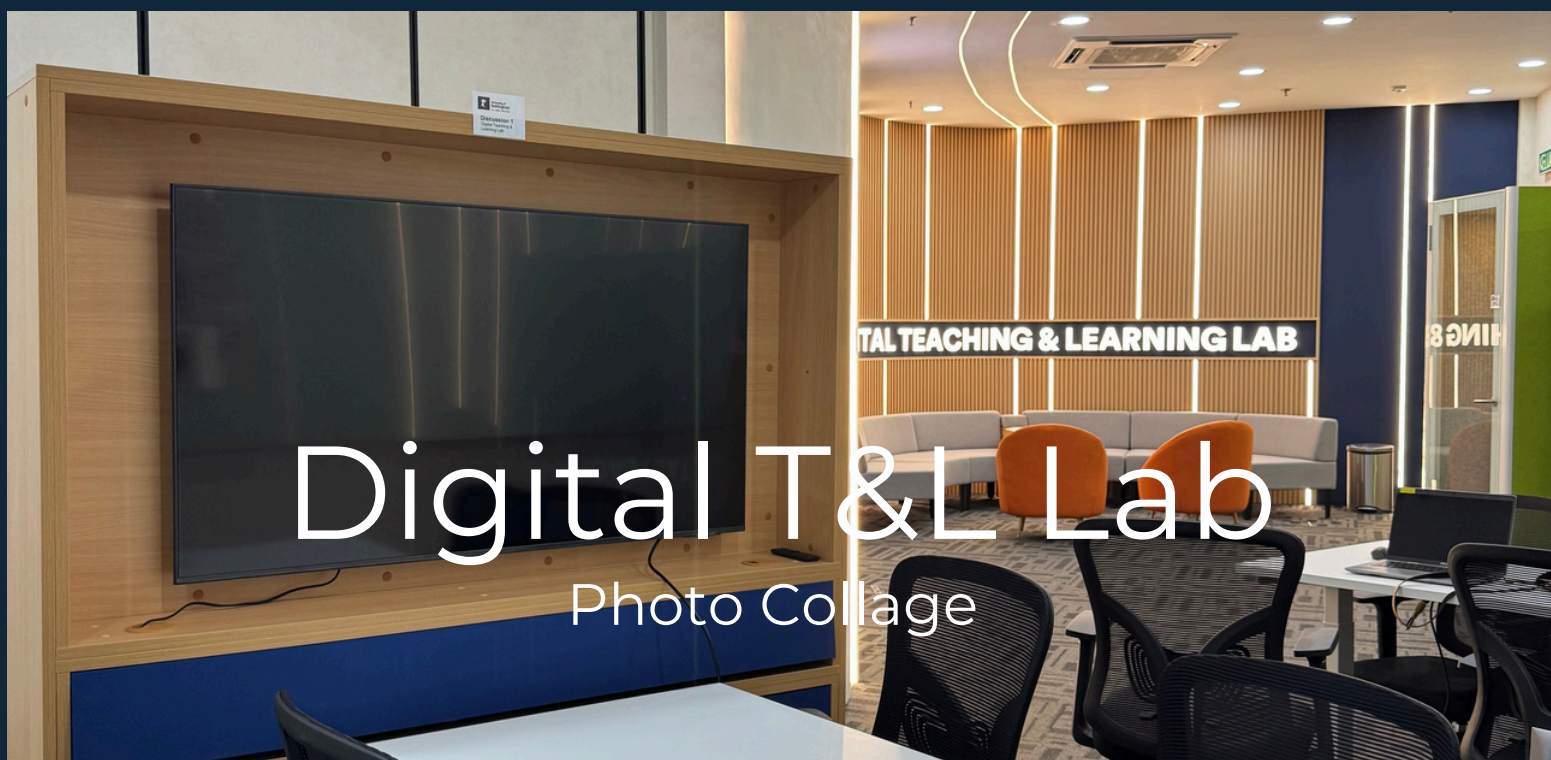
Impact stories

Teaching Insights

At the Sri Lanka International Forum for Teachers (30 August 2025), Dr **Alberto Luis August** delivered a keynote on "The Inclusive Mindset: Embracing Diversity, Building Belonging."

He highlighted the importance of creating emotionally safe classrooms, supporting neurodivergent learners, and embedding empathy, respect, and inclusion into daily teaching to foster a true sense of belonging.

 [View more on the Forum's Facebook page](#)

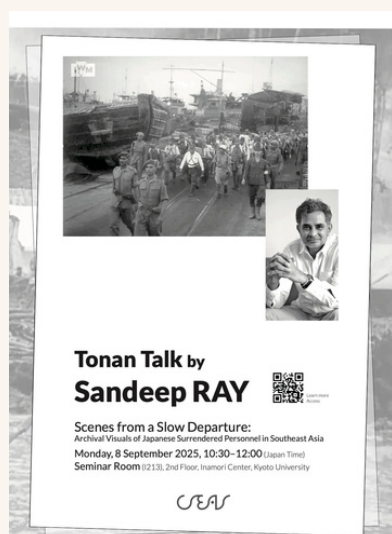


Digital T&L Lab

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More impact stories...



Dr Sandeep Ray: From Amsterdam to Kyoto: A Summer of Research Impact

Dr **Sandeep Ray**'s summer was packed with impact, from delivering a keynote at Amsterdam's Eye Filmmuseum launch of *Eye(s) Open* to being elected to the IAMHIST council at the University of Cape Town.

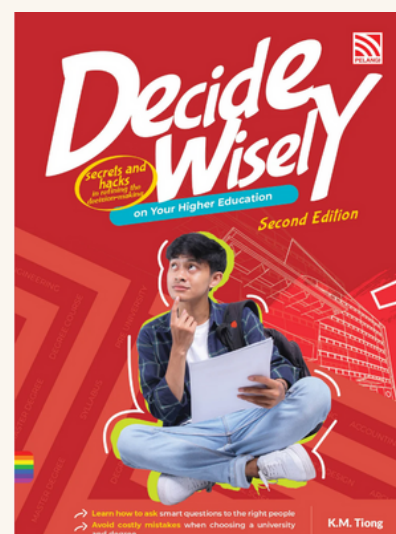
He also served as an invited research fellow at Kyoto University's Center of Southeast Asian Studies, where he wrapped up with a Tonan Talk on archival visuals of Japanese surrendered personnel in Southeast Asia.



Dr Seungyeon Lee conference presentation = Breaking Boundaries and Memes in Focus

Dr **Seungyeon Lee** showcased her research at two Penang conferences: *Burning Boundaries: Race, Class, and the Reimagined Arsonist in Literature and Film* (MICOLLAC 2025, UPM) and *You mean, you meme? Internet Memes and Cultural Literacy in Korean Language Learning* (ILLC 2025, USM).

Her work bridges literature, film, and digital culture, reflecting a dynamic range of scholarly inquiry.



Mr K.M. Tiong's book spotlight: Insightful tips on choosing the right university and course for students and parents

Decide Wisely on Your Higher Education (2nd Edition) by Mr **K.M. Tiong** (Pelangi Publishing, 2025) offers practical guidance to students and parents facing the daunting decision of choosing a university and degree.

The book highlights the key questions to ask, who to ask them to, and why while revealing simple but often overlooked tips to make the process less overwhelming. By providing clarity at education fairs and campus visits, it empowers families to make smarter, more informed choices about higher education pathways.

FASS Spotlight



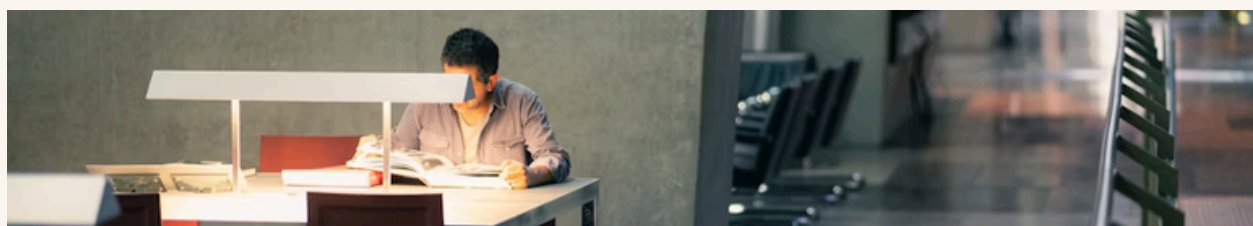
Pre-service Teachers Put Their Knowledge to the Test!

This summer, Education students Mr **Lye Wyai Hon** and Ms **Tay Si Tao** gained hands-on experience through UNM's partnership with the Nicol David Organisation, teaching English, positive psychology, and sports alongside experienced mentors.

Another student, Ms **Gabrilla Krause**, broadened her global outlook by teaching Arts and supporting ESOL learners at an international school in Indonesia. These opportunities highlight how UNM connects theory with practice and prepares graduates to thrive as adaptable, well-rounded educators.



Gabrilla Krause with her Grade 3-6 students at an international school



New Chair of the FASS Research Integrity and Research Ethics Committee (RIREC)

Dr **Myint Moe Chit** (NUBS) has been appointed Chair of FASS RIREC, effective 22 September 2025. We thank Dr **Siti Khadijah Zainal Badri** (IWOW) for her leadership and contributions as Chair, and welcome Dr Myint as he takes on this important role.



Dr Myint Moe Chit



Dr Siti Khadijah Zainal Badri



Partnerships...



UNM–IDEAS MoU: Driving Research and Student Impact

The University of Nottingham Malaysia signed an MoU with the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) to drive policy-relevant research and expand student experience opportunities. The partnership includes joint research, co-authored publications, teaching initiatives, internships, and public engagement through lectures and workshops.

Spearheaded by the **School of Politics and International Relations** extending across faculties, this collaboration strengthens UNM's commitment to impactful, interdisciplinary research and student learning.





...and Engagement

Canada–ASEAN: Strategic Opportunities in a Disrupted World

At a recent forum hosted by the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, discussions explored how Canada can move beyond trade to play a strategic role in ASEAN. Dr **Tricia Yeoh** highlighted ASEAN's renewed urgency for integration, Malaysia's 2025 chairmanship priorities, and Canada's chance to deepen ties through CPTPP, agriculture, digital trade, and energy—while building a unique image aligned with ASEAN's vision.

Key Takeaways:

- ASEAN pushes regional integration under Malaysia's 2025 chairmanship.
- Canada can grow in halal agriculture, digital trade, and energy.
- Beyond trade, Canada must align with ASEAN's long-term vision.

Extracted from Dr **Tricia Yeoh**'s LinkedIn post



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