

# The Malay Dilemma Mahathir Mohamad

The Malay Dilemma Revisited is a critical and balanced analysis of Malaysia's preferential race policy and its impact on the nation's delicate race dynamics and economy. Unlike America's affirmative action, Malaysia's version is far more aggressive and pervasive and has been remarkably successful in creating a sizable and stable Bumiputra (indigenous group) middle class. The price tag is significant: distortion of freemarket dynamics and consequent inefficiency. Perversely, the policy impairs rather than strengthens Bumiputras' ability to compete. In contrast to quotas and other set-aside programs that are the hallmark of the current policy, the writer presents an alternative strategy aimed primarily at enhancing Bumiputra competitiveness. The proposed approach would not negatively impact the economy nor interfere with the freemarket. Equally important, it would not arouse resentment from other Malaysians. The first objective would be to modernize the nation's archaic educational system to emphasize English, mathematics, the sciences, and technical training. Secondly, the influences of religious and royal institutions must be curtailed, and the rates of urbanization and population growth reduced. The primary objective is in enhancing competitiveness, not on meeting arbitrarily picked numerical goals and targets.

"Malaysia is a prosperous, modern Islamic nation in which three main ethnic groups - Malay, Chinese and

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Indian - coexist peacefully, while maintaining their unique cultural identities. Yet this stable society is founded upon a form of affirmative action th"

He began his professional career as a family physician but wound up prescribing innovative political medicines for the entire nation that remain controversial even today. Was he exactly the bold and fearless policy doctor that the troubled body politic of Malaysia needed? Or was he just another mendacious mediocrity with a record of persistent misdiagnoses, phony remedies and self-serving justifications? Only history's judgment can offer the final verdict but Dr Mahathir himself is in no doubt. In a riveting series of unprecedented conversations, Malaysia's most famous former prime minister reveals to American journalist and author Tom Plate a panoramic panoply of views on governing, on Islam, on Jews, on the West and on Malays that are striking in historical sweep and contemporary relevance.

In the five essays that comprise this book, the Malaysian Prime Minister reflects on the successes and failures on government policy since independence, explaining why the country has achieved extraordinary racial harmony and economic growth.

'Dear President Trump ... As you are interested in North Korea, you will surely be interested in this book'

Margaret Atwood on The Accusation Smuggled out of North Korea and now an international sensation, The Accusation is the work of an anonymous dissident known to us only by the pseudonym 'Bandi'. Bandi's profound, vividly characterised stories tell of life under the totalitarian regimes of Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il. The

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Accusation depicts ordinary men and women facing the horrors of life in a police state: a factory supervisor caught between loyalty to an old friend and loyalty to the regime; a woman struggling to feed her husband through the great famine; the staunch Party man whose actor son reveals to him the absurd theatre of their reality; a mother raising her child in a world where the all-pervasive propaganda is the stuff of nightmare. The Accusation is a heartbreaking portrayal of everyday life in North Korea. It is also a reminder that humanity can sustain hope even in the most desperate of circumstances - and that the courage of free thought has a power far beyond those who seek to suppress it. 'A historical first, the only samizdat writing to have come out of North Korea. The Accusation succeeds in the rare feat of conveying something of what it feels like to be a citizen of the cruellest, most repressive country in the world' The Times

Mahathir Mohamad's legacy as Malaysia's longest serving prime minister (1981–2003) is deeply controversial. His engagement with Islam, the religion of just over half Malaysia's population, has often been dismissed as partisan maneuvering. Yet his willingness to countenance a more prominent place for Islam in government and society is what distinguished him from other modernist politicians, and his instinct to set Malaysian politics against the backdrop of the wider Muslim world was politically astute. Author Sven Schottmann argues that Mahathir's transformative effect on Malaysia can only be fully appreciated if we also take him seriously as one of the postcolonial Muslim world's most significant political thought leaders. Schottmann sees Mahathir's representations of Islam as a relatively coherent

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discourse that can legitimately be described as “Mahathir’s Islam.” This discourse contains Mahathir’s assessment of the economic, political, and sociocultural problems facing the contemporary Muslim world and the range of solutions and corrective measures that he proposed Muslims should adopt. His ideas are fraught with flaws and contradictions. On the one hand, he emphasized the individualistic, egalitarian, pluralistic, democratic, and dynamic qualities of Islam. On the other, his government enacted legislation and acquiesced in the activities of religious bodies that curtailed religious freedoms of both Muslims and non-Muslims. His ideas contributed to Malaysia’s worsening state of interethnic relations, yet his insistence that every Muslim had the right to speak for Islam may have, paradoxically, prepared the ground for a future democratization of Malaysian politics. Mahathir’s Islam is based on rigorous analysis of Mahathir’s speeches, interviews, and writings, which the author is able to link to parallel processes elsewhere in the Muslim world—Indonesia, the Middle East, Pakistan, Turkey, and diaspora communities in the West. Mahathir’s Islamic discourse, Schottmann suggests, must be read against the wider late twentieth-century resurgence of religion in general, and the post-1970s Islamic revival in particular. Balanced in approach and engagingly written, this book will be of interest to scholars and students of political science, religious studies, and others interested in Malaysia, Southeast Asia, or Mahathir himself. Within the context of Malaysia’s recent political history, it charts the evolution of Mahathir’s complex world-view to reveal paradoxes, alternating patterns of consistency and contradiction, which help us understand his politics, policies, and personality. In biographical terms, it examines the legacy of Mahathir’s youthful immersion in the Malay world, the class background to his religiosity, and the medical influence on his political style.

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A hard-hitting and readable book which examines Mahathir's character, his ideas and policies and relates them to the social, economic and political setting inside Malaysia. Up until recently, high rates of economic growth and a striking reduction in poverty have been the hallmarks of this vibrant Tiger economy. Mahathir's success has now been placed in jeopardy by the recent economic crisis, and his rule is coming under hostile scrutiny. As one of the most controversial political figures in South-east Asia, Mahathir's success at managing ethnic tensions, policies of industrialization, modernization and foreign policy are explored, as are his grandiose projects, his human rights record and approach to corruption. Milne and Mauzy, leading authors in this field, assess Mahathir's rule within this context as well as the abrupt dismissal from office, arrest and trial of Anwar Ibrahim, Mahathir's deputy, in late 1998.

This open access book modifies and revitalizes the concept of the 'developmental state' to understand the politics of emerging economy through nuanced analysis on the roles of human agency in the context of structural transformation. In other words, there is a revived interest in the 'developmental state' concept. The nature of the 'emerging state' is characterized by its attitude toward economic development and industrialization. Emerging states have engaged in the promotion of agriculture, trade, and industry and played a transformative role to pursue a certain path of economic development. Their success has cast doubt about the principle of laissez faire among the people in the developing world. This doubt, together with the progress of democratization, has prompted policymakers to discover when and how economic policies should deviate from laissez faire, what prevents political leaders and state institutions from being captured by vested interests, and what induce them to drive economic development. This book offers both

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historical and contemporary case studies from Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Rwanda. They illustrate how institutions are designed to be developmental, how political coalitions are formed to be growth-oriented, and how technocratic agencies are embedded in a network of business organizations as a part of their efforts for state building. Yusuke Takagi is Assistant Professor of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Veerayooth Kanchoochat is Associate Professor of GRIPS and Tetsushi Sonobe is Vice President of GRIPS.

Beyond Mahathir is a timely response to the planned retirement in October 2003 of Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad of Malaysia, and poses vital questions about "Malaysian politics after Mahathir." It examines Malaysia's long-term social transformation, the global disruptions of July 1997 and September 11, 2001, key leaders' calculations of power, and the pitfalls of leadership transition that intersected to produce the political dramas of Mahathir's final decade in power. Organizing arguments around the critical but unstable fortunes of a thirty-year nationalist-capitalist project, it brings to life Mahathir's predicaments, contradictions in Anwar Ibrahim's career, Reformasi's creative dissent, and the cultural imperative behind the Alternative Front's "rainbow coalition". The result is an instructive guide to the momentous events that ultimately revolved around competing conceptions of what the future portends or should portend for Malaysia, and the bitterly contested ways of getting there.

An outspoken commentator on Malaysia's social and political affairs, Marina Mahathir takes on the issues, ideas and institutions of the day in her latest book, *Telling it Straight*. She highlights unpalatable truths, derides tired old ways and challenges the status quo.

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She asks the questions that need to be asked – and is unafraid of proposing solutions. In *Telling it Straight*, she touches on subjects as diverse as human trafficking, the underclass, flashmobs, Islamic law enforcement, corruption and plain idiocy. She defends the rights of the discriminated, and makes clear her stand for individual integrity and her respect for diversity and dissent.

Marina's fortnightly column has been published in *The Star* newspaper for more than 20 years. *Telling it Straight* contains the best of her columns published from 2003 to 2012 as well as the original versions of several pieces that were banned, spiked or censored. Her columns are presented thematically, many of them with specially written introductions that provide context to the issues with which they deal. The book also includes a foreword by renowned political scientist and historian Dr Farish Noor. Indispensable to every Malaysian and everyone who wants to know Malaysia, *Telling it Straight* is a lively exploration into the nation's psyche and a common sense manifesto for a better future.

Drawing on recent deconstructions in anthropology, postcolonial studies, and critical sociology, *Malaysia and the Development Process* situates and explores the phenomenon of international knowledge transfers within the context of globalization. Based on primary and secondary research, and a series of 'experiential' reflections, fieldwork was conducted in two foreign electronics multinationals and a variety of public and semi-public institutions. The findings reassess issues of knowledge, power, subjectivity and agency, and the relations between the West and the non-West, as they

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are negotiated between and within multinational workplaces and local agencies in Malaysia.

The grandson of an Indian immigrant and the first Malay commoner to become prime minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad turned the Muslim-majority Southeast Asian country into one of the developing world's most successful economies. During his 22 years in power he adopted pragmatic economic policies alongside repressive political measures, and showed that Islam was compatible with representative government and modernization. Abrasive and outspoken, Mahathir emerged as a Third World champion and Islamic spokesman by condemning the West, not least for trying to impose liberal democracy and neo-liberal economics on developing nations. By raising living standards and winning international acclaim, he contributed to a sense of national identity, pride and confidence among ethnically diverse Malaysians. But in mixing business and politics, Mahathir encouraged cronyism and failed to prevent the spread of corruption. Authoritarian and impatient, he jailed opponents, sacked rivals and undermined institutions as he pursued his obsession with development. In retirement, he broke a promise to stay out of politics, falling out with his two successors while using all available means to protect his legacy.

A New Deal For Asia looks at whether Asia can reinvent itself for the new millennium after the chaos and turmoil of the Asian crisis. According to Dr Mahathir Mohamad, now is not the time for recriminations, but to reexamine the way the global economic system functions. Now is

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also the time to look ahead, move on and try to focus on the future.

*Contested Boundaries: A New Pacific Northwest History* is an engaging, contemporary look at the themes, events, and people that have shaped the history of the Pacific Northwest over the last two centuries. An engaging look at the themes, events, and people that shaped the Pacific Northwest – Washington, Oregon, and Idaho – from when only Native Peoples inhabited the land through the twentieth century. Twelve theme-driven essays covering the human and environmental impact of exploration, trade, settlement and industrialization in the nineteenth century, followed by economic calamity, world war and globalization in the twentieth. Written by two professors with over 20 years of teaching experience, this work introduces the history of the Pacific Northwest in a style that is accessible, relevant, and meaningful for anyone wishing to learn more about the region's recent history. A companion website for students and instructors includes test banks, PowerPoint presentations, student self-assessment tests, useful primary documents, and resource links: [www.wiley.com/go/jepsen/contestedboundaries](http://www.wiley.com/go/jepsen/contestedboundaries).

Diversity initiatives are falling short. This book shows leaders how to develop the skills needed to build sustainably inclusive organizations using a tested, research-based model developed by the global organizational consulting firm Korn Ferry. According to the journal *Human Resource Management*, companies are spending over \$8 billion a year on diversity programs. Yet today, the senior leadership teams at Fortune 500 companies are far from mirroring the diversity of its workforce and its customers. Andrés Tapia and Alina

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Polonskaia, senior leaders at Korn Ferry, argue that to build sustainable diversity and inclusion, organizations need to have inclusive leaders at all levels. In this book, Tapia and Polonskaia draw on Korn Ferry's massive database of 3 million leadership assessments to reveal the essential qualities of inclusive leaders. They discuss the personality traits these leaders share and detail how to develop what they call the five disciplines of inclusive leadership: building interpersonal trust, integrating diverse perspectives, optimizing talent, applying an adaptive mindset, and achieving transformation. Tapia and Polonskaia also outline the competencies behind each discipline, describe individual and organizational exemplars of inclusive leadership, and show how the five disciplines enable leaders to unleash the power of all people and to build both structurally and behaviorally inclusive organizations. This book will help leaders foster the skills to deal with today's complex challenges and create a more inclusive, sustainable, and prosperous future for all of us.

Kepentingan Jepun dalam ekonomi Malaysia mencapai tahap kemuncaknya semasa pentadbiran Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. Malaysia akan melihat Jepun dalam dasar luarnya kerana model pembangunan ekonominya adalah berkaitan dengan negara dan boleh memenuhi aspirasi jangka panjang ekonomi. Walaupun ia tidak bermakna ikatan tradisional Malaysia dengan British dan negara-negara Eropah yang lain akan berubah, fokus masa hadapan ekonomi Malaysia akan tertumpu kepada hubungan dengan Timur. Jepun pada bulan Februari 1982 adalah rakan dagangan terbesar dan pelabur penting kepada Malaysia. Adalah wajar untuk pemimpin perniagaan kedua-dua negara mengadakan perjumpaan dengan kerap bagi tujuan bertukar pandangan dan mencari jawapan kepada perkara-perkara bilateral yang biasanya berlaku antara rakan dagangan.

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A More Perfect Constitution presents creative and dynamic proposals from one of the most visionary and fertile political minds of our time to reinvigorate our Constitution and American governance at a time when such change is urgently needed, given the growing dysfunction and unfairness of our political system . Combining idealism and pragmatism, and with full respect for the original document, Larry Sabato's thought-provoking ideas range from the length of the president's term in office and the number and terms of Supreme Court justices to the vagaries of the antiquated Electoral College, and a compelling call for universal national service-all laced through with the history behind each proposal and the potential impact on the lives of ordinary people. Aware that such changes won't happen easily, but that the original Framers fully expected the Constitution to be regularly revised, Sabato urges us to engage in the debate and discussion his ideas will surely engender. During a presidential election year, no book is more relevant or significant than this.

Lee Kuan Yew played the pivotal role in Singapore's transition from British Crown Colony to independent developing nation, and on to the economically powerful and diplomatically influential city-state it is today. Throughout this surprising and at times painful journey, he has proved a charismatic and occasionally controversial leader. Lee is a conviction politician whose speeches are unambiguous, characterful and eminently quotable; this collection of almost 600 short quotations provides a compelling summary of his views on a wide range of topics from Singapore's past, present and future. In Lee's own words: "I have been accused of many things in my life, but not even my worst enemy has ever accused me of being afraid to speak my mind." "Mahathir Mohamad, one of the most durable and outspoken figures on the world political stage, has been prime minister of

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Malaysia since July 16, 1981. He first came to prominence in 1969 when he was expelled from Umno, the ruling party, for writing a letter critical of the then-prime minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman. Before being readmitted to Umno in 1972, he wrote his famous, highly controversial work, *The Malay Dilemma* (1970), which examined the economic backwardness of the Malays, and advocated state intervention in bringing about their rehabilitation. The book was promptly banned in Malaysia. In *The Challenge* (1986), he explodes fallacies and exposes distortions concerning religion, education, democracy, Communism, freedom and discipline, and the concerns of this world and the next. In *A New Deal for Asia* (1999), he reflects on Malaysia's fight for independence and rails against those who blindly worship the free market." "As Malaysia's fourth and longest-serving prime minister, Dr. Mahathir has played a pivotal role in the confident march of his people towards Vision 2020, his blueprint for Malaysia's advance towards developed-nation status."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Compilation of writings by Mahathir Mohamad.

Malaysia, home to some twenty million Muslims, is often held up as a model of a pro-Western Islamic nation. The government of Malaysia, in search of Western investment, does its best to perpetuate this view. But this isn't the whole story. Over the last several decades, Joseph Liow shows, Malaysian politics has taken a strong turn toward Islamism. This book offers a comprehensive analysis of the growing role of Islam in the last quarter century of Malaysian politics. Conventional wisdom suggest that the ruling UMNO party has moved toward

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Islamism to fend off challenges from the more heavily Islamist opposition party, PAS. Liow argues, however, that UMNO has often taken the lead in moving toward Islamism, and that in fact PAS has often been forced to react. The result, Liow argues, is a game of "piety-trumping" that will be very difficult to reverse, and that has dire consequences not only for the ethnic and religious minorities of Malaysia, but for their democratic system as a whole.

In this book, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad provides an incisive critique of the main aspects of globalisation and an explanation for this changing tide of opinion against the concept of globalisation. Globalisation, deregulation and liberalisation in a borderless world must be handled with care as they are means to an end - not ends in themselves. Globalisation must result in a better life for all. Though the mobility of capital flows across borders in an efficient way of allocating resources globally and channelling them to developing countries, such mobility creates volatility and provides an opportunity for speculative attacks against currencies that threatens the economic stability of less developed countries. Dr. Mahathir has been warning the world of the inequities and dangers of globalisation years before it was fashionable to criticise this concept. His lack of inhibition in speaking his mind - even when his opinions go against conventional wisdom - now well documented. He pulls no punches when he

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describes the events of the Asian financial crisis of 1997, the mechanics of currency speculation and the effects of the volatile inflows and outflows of foreign funds, as well as the measures Malaysia took to counter the crisis. Policymakers, researchers and those who want to know about the current trends in globalisation - and about its pitfalls - will find this timely and compelling reading.

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