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Annex : Term of Reference (ToR)

Subject : Keynote Speaker Invitation

Associate Professor Dr. Azeem Fazwan Ahmad Farouk

Director of Centre for Policy Research (CPR)

Universiti Sains Malaysia

Malaysia

Dear Professor,

Warmest Greetings from Universitas Teuku Umar, Indonesia

The University of Teuku Umar will be organizing International Conference on Social, Politics, Law and Language (ICOSPALL) 2026. The theme for ICOSPALL 2026 is “Peace, Prosperity, and the Right to Sustainable Development in the Global South”. It is to be held on August 27th–28th, 2026 at University of Teuku Umar, Aceh Province, Indonesia.

It is our great pleasure to extend an invitation to your esteemed Faculty to nominate an academic representative to serve as a speaker in the conference. We would be honored if your faculty could contribute to the sub-theme session: “Governance, Policy Innovation, and Institutional Accountability for Peaceful and Prosperous Societies”. Should your institution accept this invitation, we kindly request the name and details of the nominated speaker at your earliest convenience. For your consideration, the conference’s Term of Reference is attached in this letter.

Please be advised that the organizing committee will cover the speaker flights, domestic ground transports, and hotel. We will also provide a certificate and recognize the speaker contribution on the conference's proceeding publication.

Future correspondence or concerns can be addressed to the Conference Chair, Dr. Firman Parlindungan (e-mail: firman@utu.ac.id, WhatsApp number: +62811811853).

Thank you for your consideration to this invitation. Your acceptance to serve as a keynote speaker is highly appreciated and we look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,



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Call for Proposal

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL, POLITICS, LAW, AND LANGUAGE (ICOSPALL) 2026 Thursday – Friday, 27 – 28 August 2026

Theme

“Peace, Prosperity, and the Right to Sustainable Development in the Global South”

Background

ICOSPALL 2026 will discuss the peace, prosperity, and the right to sustainable development in the Global South. This theme reflects an urgent call to rethink the role of knowledge and scholarship in addressing the multidimensional challenges faced by societies today. The Global South continues to grapple with enduring issues such as social inequality, governance gaps, legal uncertainty, communication, and cultural disparity. Yet, it is also a region of remarkable diversity, creativity, and resilience. Within this complexity lies a wealth of intellectual and cultural resources that, when effectively mobilized through research and collaboration, can become powerful drivers of peace, innovation, and sustainable progress.

ICOSPALL is also inspired by the Pact for the Future (UNSOSSC, September 2024), in which Member States recognized the potential of digitalization, new technologies and innovation, and called for greater South-South and triangular cooperation to build capacity; improve access to science, technology and innovation; and increase resources for the implementation of technical and scientific initiatives. In the Pact, they encouraged multi-stakeholder partnerships and collaboration among universities, research institutes and the private sector to accelerate digital knowledge development and enhance access to research capacity.

In this context, research serves not merely as an academic exercise, but as an active agent in shaping equitable and sustainable futures. By integrating insights from the social sciences, law, politics, communication and language studies, ICOSPALL seeks to explore how interdisciplinary approaches can deepen our understanding of systemic challenges and foster transformative solutions. It encourages dialogue between scholars and practitioners who are committed to generating knowledge that



transcends disciplinary boundaries, informs public policy, and uplifts local communities.

The conference aspires to create a space where ideas meet impact, where theoretical inquiry aligns with practical action, and where the voices from the Global South contribute meaningfully to global discourses on peace and development. Through rigorous discussion and collaboration, participants are invited to critically examine how research can bridge divides, inspire innovation, and sustain prosperity grounded in justice, inclusivity, and shared human dignity.

Scopes

ICOSPALL 2026 serves as a meeting point for researchers, experts, and practitioners from across disciplines. We warmly invite participation and contributions from, but not limited to, the following sub-themes:

Sub-Theme	Description
(1) Social Justice, Inequality, and Community Resilience in the Pursuit of Sustainable Development	This subtheme explores how social structures, cultural identities, and collective action shape pathways toward peace and prosperity in the Global South. It invites discussions on inequality, social inclusion, gender, migration, and community-based resilience as foundations for sustainable and just development.
(2) Legal Frameworks, Human Rights, and the Realization of the Right to Sustainable Development	Focusing on the intersection of law, governance, and justice, this subtheme examines how legal systems in the Global South uphold or hinder the right to peace and development. Topics include environmental justice, human rights protection, constitutional reform, and the rule of law in advancing equitable prosperity.
(3) Governance, Policy Innovation, and Institutional Accountability for Peaceful and Prosperous Societies	This subtheme investigates the role of public institutions and governance mechanisms in promoting sustainable



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	development. It emphasizes innovation in policy design, participatory governance, and ethical leadership as key drivers of peace, prosperity, and trust in public systems.
(4) Media, Digital Transformation, and the Discourse of Peace and Development	Highlighting the power of communication in shaping public understanding and civic engagement, this subtheme invites research on media ethics, digital literacy, information access, and strategic communication for social change. It examines how communication practices influence narratives of peace, justice, and sustainable progress in the Global South.
(5) Language, Cultural Expression, and Identity in the Context of Global Development	This subtheme focuses on the role of language and culture in promoting intercultural dialogue, educational equity, and global citizenship. It encourages scholarship on English language teaching, World Englishes, translation, literature, and cultural representation as mediums for fostering mutual understanding and sustainable peace across diverse societies.

Important Dates

Activity	Due on
Abstract Submission	01 December 2025 – 30 June 2026
Notification of Acceptance	12 June 2026
Early Bird Registration	13 – 20 June 2026
Regular Registration	20 June – 25 July 2026
Full Paper Submission	13 June – 25 July 2026
The Conference	27 – 28 August 2026



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Time and Venue

ICOSPALL 2026 is to be held on Thursday – Friday, 27 – 28 August 2026.
Venue: Auditorium University of Teuku Umar, Aceh Barat, Indonesia

Tentative Rundown

No	Time	Activity	Venue
Day #1: Thursday, 27 August 2026			
1	08.00 – 09.00	Opening ceremony	UTU Auditorium
2	09.00 – 09.15	Coffee Break	UTU Auditorium
2	09.15 – 12.15	Keynote Speaker Session	UTU Auditorium
3	12.15 – 13.00	Lunch Break	UTU Auditorium
4	13.00 – 14.00	Plenary Session #1	GKT Classrooms
5	14.00 – 15.00	Invited Speakers Session	UTU Auditorium
6	15.00 – 16.00	Plenary Session #2	UTU Auditorium
7	16.00 – 17.00	Coffee Break & Social Event	UTU Auditorium
Day #2: Friday, 28 August 2026			
1	08.00 – 8.30	Preparing and Transporting	UTU Main Gate
2	08.30 – 11.30	International Community Service: Community Engagement for Peace and Prosperity: Field Learning with Coastal Fishers	Fishers Village, Kuala Bubon, West Aceh
3	11.30 – 12.00	Coffee Break and Closing	Fishers Village, Kuala Bubon, West Aceh

Further Information

Inquiries can be addressed to the following contact person:

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