

- Revisiting literature, language and history
- The global economic crisis & its political, economic and social impacts
- The role of social science knowledge in the context of critical transition

PANEL PROPOSALS

There are three different channels of paper presentation:

- Institutional panels – organised by institutions such as research institutes and faculties. Such panels will bear the institution's name, and in return, the institution has to pay an institutional registration fee of RM500 (over and above the registration fee for each individual paper presenter)
- Thematic panels – organised by convenors on selected themes. The convenor is responsible for deciding on the theme and organising the presenters.
- Individual panels – These are panels consisting of individual paper presenters. Individual paper presenters are welcome to contribute.

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARS

The MSC8 Organising Committee recognises the importance of capability and capacity building for young social science scholars (defined as candidates undertaking Master and PhD degrees and new postdoctoral holders who have yet to publish extensively). The Committee will set aside a number of panels for their presentations, and will invite senior scholars to be facilitators and comment on their papers.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Those intending to present papers at MSC8

- Must submit and extended abstract proposal of 500-600 words by email to the MSC8 Secretariat (msc8.2012@gmail.com) latest by 15 December 2011.
- The Committee will vet the abstract and inform the writer of its status by **15 January 2012**.
- Soft copies of the full written papers (4000-6000 words maximum) must be submitted latest by **30 April 2012**.
- Only papers selected by the Committee based on a vetting process will be compiled by the MSC8 organisers into a refereed proceedings. Papers not selected for the proceedings can still be presented at the conference
- Those who plan to organise institutional or thematic panels must submit their **panel abstracts** of **500-600 words** by the same date (15 December). Individual paper abstracts must be submitted together with panel abstracts. The **length of the paper abstracts will also be 500-600 words**.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any paper or any panel proposal, and to proceed with or call off any panel due to unforeseen circumstances. Only those with full papers will be allowed to make presentations at the Conference. PowerPoint notes are not considered as papers.

Roundtables or forums on selected topics that need not necessarily have written papers can only be organised by the MSC8 Organising Committee.

REGISTRATION FEE

i. Participants from & in Malaysia (including foreign scholars in Malaysia)

PSSM members	RM400
Non-members	RM500
PSSM student members	RM250
Students (non-members)	RM300

ii. Participants from abroad

PSSM members	USD250
Non-members	USD300
Students (members)	USD150
Students (non-members)	USD200

All Conference participants, including paper presenters, must pay the registration fee.

Registration fees for individuals and panels will have to be paid when submitting the full papers. The latest date of payment will be 30 April 2012 together with the submission of the full papers. Participants whose fees are being paid by their institutions must produce the institution's letter of undertaking (or invoice) by the same date.

Only those who have paid their fees by that date will have their abstracts printed in the programme book and listed in the conference programme and their papers compiled in the refereed proceedings.

MODES OF PAYMENT

Those in Malaysia can make their payment in Malaysian ringgit by bank draft, money order or postal order (NOTE: NO PERSONAL CHEQUES), payable to **Persatuan Sains Sosial Malaysia** at the postal address below. Alternatively they can deposit the sum directly into the Association's bank account (see below), scan and email to (msc8.2012@gmail.com) or fax the receipt to the Association (Fax. no: +603-89217087) with their name and MSC8 printed on it, and bring the original receipt to the Conference as proof of payment.

Participants who reside overseas can transmit their payment in US dollars directly into the Association's bank account, scan and email or fax the receipt to the Association with their name and MSC8 printed on it. The payer, however, must bear any bank charges incurred in the transaction and must bring the original receipt to the Conference as proof of payment.

The MSC8 Organising Committee also encourages ordinary participants, i.e. non-paper presenters. The registration fee is the same. However, they can pay their registration fee latest by **31 May 2012**. Only under exceptional circumstances will the Conference accept walk-in participants.

ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

The Association bank account is as follows:

Name of payee:	Persatuan Sains Sosial Malaysia
Name of bank:	Commerce International Malaysia Berhad (CIMB) Universiti Malaya Branch Jalan Pantai Baru, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Account Number:	1440-0005156-05-6
Swift code:	CIBBMYKL

MSC8 PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Those who have committed themselves to participate in MSC8 as paper presenters or ordinary participants but fail to turn up at the Conference without valid reasons and without informing the Committee in good time will be barred from participating in MSC9. This requirement is to enhance the integrity of MSCs.

ACCOMMODATION

There are many hotels in and around UKM in Bangi such as Equatorial Hotel, Metro Inn Kajang, Oriental Crystal, and smaller hotels. The Secretariat, however, is not responsible for hotel bookings or any other accommodation arrangements.

ENQUIRIES

All enquiries regarding MSC8 and submission of abstracts should be sent to the MSC8 Secretariat at msc8.2012@gmail.com

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Enquiries about membership can be sent to Executive Secretary, Malaysian Social Science Association:
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Please visit our website (<http://www.pssm-pssm.blogspot.com>) for further information regarding the Association as well as other information