

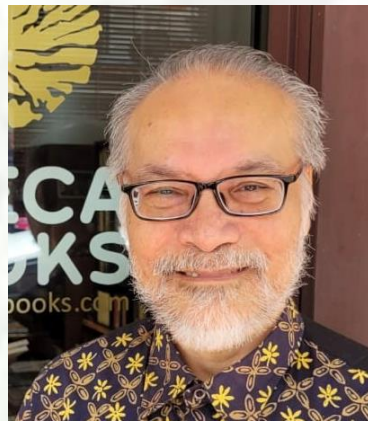


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## Origins of the Nation's Capital

*In celebration of Federal Territory Day, our eminent speakers will unravel the tumultuous origins of Kuala Lumpur and the coming together of various personalities and diverse communities in making it the nation's capital city*



**Abdur-Razzaq  
Lubis**

*9.00am*



**Khoo Salma  
Nasution**

*9.45am*



**Dato' Henry  
Barlow**

*10.25am*



**Eddin Khoo**

*11.05am*

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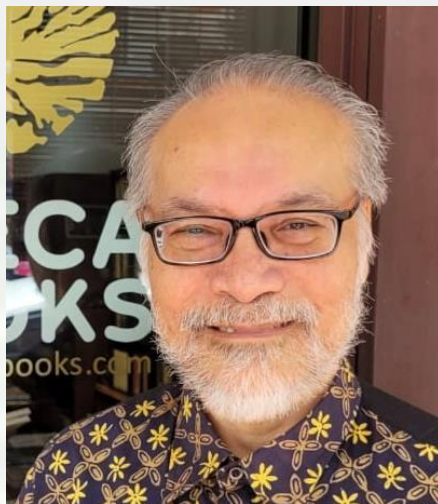
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### **Sutan Puasa: Founder of Kuala Lumpur**

This talk will contextualise the argument that Sutan Puasa was the founding father, prime mover, builder and benefactor of Malaysia's capital city. Yet today, not even a street is named after him. Sutan Puasa is deserving of public memorialisation and the case is hereby presented.

*Abdur-Razzaq Lubis is an author and publisher based in Penang. He has written works on political economy, environment and social history. His book Sutan Puasa: Founder of Kuala Lumpur won the coveted International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) award in 2019.*

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### **Endgame: The Battle of Kuala Lumpur**

A young Mandailing named Abu Bakar witnessed asymmetrical warfare between two forces, one ensconced in Bukit Nanas and the other in Bukit Resam (Bukit Makhamah). In 1873, this decisive battle of the long-drawn-out Klang War turned Kuala Lumpur into a bloody battleground.

*Khoo Salma is passionate about heritage and place history. She is the author of a dozen books and heritage maps, as well as co-founder of the Penang-based publishing house Areca Books.*

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### **Swettenham's contribution to the development of Kuala Lumpur**

Swettenham played a crucial role in the layout and planning for modern Kuala Lumpur in the 1880s. But there was scandal as well.

**Dato' Henry Sackville Barlow** has spent over 50 years in the Malaysian plantation industry. Heavily involved in its Malaysianization in the 1970s and early 1980s. He is also Honorary Treasurer of Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society and author of Frank Swettenham's biography.

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### Whose Kuala Lumpur? Social History and the Polyglot City

How do we approach Kuala Lumpur's foundational history? In recent times much debate has settled on the protagonists of Kuala Lumpur's founding history. This intervention seeks to explore Kuala Lumpur within a broader perspective, examining the evolution of a city through its social interactions. As emphasised by the late National Historian, Khoo Kay Kim, much of Malaysia's history is best gleaned from its social history, eschewing the "contributions" approach to examining one of historical 'roles.'

*Eddin Khoo is a poet, writer, translator, and journalist. He is Senior Fellow at Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS Malaysia). He is also Founder of PUSAKA, one of the region's leading cultural centres.*

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