

Talk on

Lynas, the Law and the People: What's Temporary and Permanent about "Licence"?

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4 Jan 2013 (Friday) | 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

**Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium
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The Continuing Professional Development Department is organising a talk that will provide insights into the ongoing saga of the Lynas rare earth processing plant in Gebeng, Kuantan, as there are different perspectives to the conflicts that have arisen. The talk will facilitate:

- (1) Understanding of the identity and meaning of the three social institutions involved — Lynas, the law (and by implication, the state), and the people — as they emerge, find expression, and are discursively constructed in the conflict; and
- (2) Exploration of the implications of the notion of "licence" that go beyond its limited scope in terms of the Temporary Operating Licence dispute.

What is revealed from this different reading of the story of Lynas, the law, and the people are more pressing questions regarding the nature of the geography and distribution of rights, responsibilities, privileges and risks associated with differentiated "citizenship" in a globalised political economy, and on the varying consequences of the "temporary" and the "permanent", of located and dislocated temporality, that follow from the affirmations of "licence", on the one hand, and the imposition of containments/bans, on the other. From this understanding of the present context of variegated "citizenship", some preliminary (and perhaps provocative) thoughts might be put forward on the politics of encounter between the "corporation" and the "people".

Registration for the talk will begin at 2:00 pm.

About the Speaker

Dr Jayan Nayar is an Associate Professor of Law, and Director of the International Development Law and Human Rights LLM Programme at the University of Warwick, UK. He teaches postgraduate modules on Global Law and Politics, Approaches to Global Justice, and Global Security and Law. Having completed his STPM in Seremban, he obtained his LLB (First Class Honours) degree from University of Leicester, and PhD degree from University of Cambridge. Dr Jayan Nayar joined the University of Warwick in 1994. Between 2002 and 2005, he took a three-year leave of absence from academia and worked at the Lelio Basso International Foundation in Rome, and its associated Permanent Peoples' Tribunal, to develop a theory and practice of Peoples' Law. He was also a member of the Coordinating Committee of World Tribunal on Iraq — a multi-session process of hearings organised by concerned citizens' groups around the world — between 2003 and 2005. His main interests relate to the questions of political and legal imperialism, decolonial theory and practice, and the challenges of theorising from locations of struggle.

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