

## RSIS Book Launch Seminar

### "Malaysia's 14th General Election and UMNO's Fall: Intra-Elite Feuding and the Pursuit of Power"

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### PROGRAMME

**9.45 am**      **Guests Arrival & Registration**

**10.15 am**      **Guests to be seated**

**10.30 am**      **Welcome Remarks**

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**Book Introduction**

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**Book Discussion**

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Assistant Professor Sebastian Dettman  
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**Moderator**

Assistant Professor Mohamed Nawab Mohamed Osman  
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**Questions and Answers**

**12.00 pm      End of RSIS Book Launch Seminar & Refreshments**

**Dress Code: Office attire**

## **Seminar Abstract**

The 2018 Malaysian General Election will stand as a defining event in Malaysian history, when the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition unexpectedly lost power in the country they had ruled for over half a century. This volume brings together scholars who assess one fundamental factor that brought about this game-changing event in Malaysian politics: intra-elite feuding in the leading Malay-based political parties. It analyses individual state politics and national trends that have been shaped by the government and the opposition.

Contrary to earlier expectations that the change in government would usher in a new Malaysia where race and religion will matter less, the new political configuration has seen an intensification of identity politics. The two largest and most important Malay based parties, UMNO and PAS, have now formed an alliance in the name of Malay and Muslim unity. This seminar will examine several themes including the intra-Malay political elite fissure, the trajectory of race and religion in Malaysian politics, and the future of Malaysian politics.

## **About the Editors**


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