

Seminar on M'sian Studies at US varsity



More on the country: Prof Jayum will host the colloquium on Malaysian studies.

A three-day Graduate Colloquium on Malaysian Studies at Ohio University will be held in September.

Prof Dr Jayum Jawan who holds the Tun Abdul Razak Chair at Ohio University, will host the colloquium.

The colloquium to be held from Sept 14 to 17, will bring together 26 graduate students currently undertaking their research leading to either a Master's degree or PhD in various fields with a Malaysian focus, according to a statement from the university located in Athens, Ohio.

"The main purpose of the graduate colloquium is to provide graduate students working on Malaysian topics the opportunity to come together, exchange views and share their research activities, along with providing the opportunity for internationalisation for their universities and global mobility," it said.

It said presenters would have the opportunity to interact with their peers, but the focus of the colloquium was to present and receive feedback from the Ohio University faculty.

"For the students, this provides good exposure as well as an opportunity to benchmark against others and international best practices in research, writing and publishing," it said.

The keynote address will be delivered by Prof Dr Md Amin Md Taff from Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI). He is also the director of Education Malaysia based in Washington.

Participants will include graduate candidates from Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and UPSI.

Graduate candidates from Brunel University in the United Kingdom and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo, Japan will be joining the group, as well as doctoral candidates from the College of Health Sciences and Professions at Ohio University.

Presented papers at the colloquium will be vetted for publication in the Tun Abdul Razak Occasional Paper series.

A senior professor from Universiti Putra Malaysia, Prof Jayum specialises in politics and government. He holds a dual appointment in the Centre for International Studies and Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio University.

The Tun Abdul Razak Chair was set up in March 1980 based on an agreement between the Malaysian government and Ohio University. — Bernama