

# **SIGNIFICANT SPEECHES, EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS**

## **Webinar: The Emergency Ordinance 2021: Multiple Perspectives on Health, Economy and Politics (19 January 2021)**

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The recent emergency proclamation by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, officially termed the Emergency (Essential Powers) Ordinance 2021, cited grave concerns about the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for national security, economic life, and public order. While the Federal Constitution grants temporary special powers to the Agong in various areas, including the authority to take over private hospitals, allocate state resources, as well as deploy additional military and police, public reception of the proclamation was mixed.

This online forum brought together four panellists from diverse backgrounds, covering law, health, the economy, and politics. They were: Professor Nik Ahmad Kamal (IIUM); Professor Adeeba Kamarulzaman (UM); Dato' Madeline Berma (SUHAKAM); and Professor Azizuddin (UUM). Primary concerns revolved around the triumvirate of health, economy, and politics. Among the primary topics covered were the efficacy of the emergency ordinance compared to current Movement Control Orders (MCOs), the challenge of striking a balance between prioritising health and the economy, and the multiple healthcare strategies that could enhance the overall fight against the pandemic.

## **Webinar: Ethical Finance and Green Economy (21 January 2021)**

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The deleterious threat of climate change on human society's social and economic sectors has raised critical questions about the role of the financial sector in building a carbon-neutral global economy. IAIS Malaysia collaborated with the Center