

Connecting the Federal Democracy Charter with the “Way of Rakhita”

 **March 4 (Thursday), 2025; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM MMT (GMT + 06:30)**

 **Online : Zoom**

 **Language : English**

Register here.

Event Description

The YRI invites you to join our third seminar of our research seminar series ‘Exploring Contemporary issues in Myanmar’. This event, **‘Connecting the Federal Democracy Charter with the “Way of Rakhita”**’, which is titled directly after the recently published research paper by our speaker, Kyaw Lynn. With a timely research inquiry that delves into parallel visions for nation building, he analyzes two different promises of a better future borrowing lenses from international theory. Together with the research supervisor Dr. Pau Sian Lian, Kyaw Lynn will provide a brief presentation on key findings from his research and discuss critical insights. Join us by registering at the link below to listen to and engage with the speakers in a moderated session.

Supported by the Pyin-Nya-Man-Daing Programme (PNMD), a total of 80 researchers have studied key issues in Myanmar, including gender, environmental justice, governance, migration amid ongoing crises following the 2021 military coup. Based on these research outputs, the YRI is organizing a monthly research seminar series to strengthen evidence-based governance and policy reform, and improve quality collaborative efforts on Myanmar's pressing challenges. These seminars aim to present research findings, gather feedback, and promote evidence-based dialogue among stakeholders to inform policy and advocacy.

Speakers' Profiles

Kyaw Lynn is a freelance researcher writing about conflicts, peace and democratization in Myanmar, especially in Rakhine state. He often contributes commentaries and articles to the local media and research platforms such as Development Media Group (DMG), The Diplomat, and Transnational Institute (TNI), etc.

Dr. Pau Sian Lian, also known as Lian, is a Research Fellow at Waseda University and an Affiliate Faculty member at the Carter School of Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from Waseda University, Japan. In 2023, he published *Federalism in Myanmar*. His expertise spans comparative politics, federalism, reconciliation, constitutional studies, and Myanmar studies.

Event Agenda

10:00 AM	Greetings and Introduction	Strategy and Communication Adviser
10:05 AM	Keynote	Chairperson/ Senior Programme Manager
10:15 AM	Discussion Introduction to the Researcher Research Presentation Questions and discussions	Researcher and Research Supervisor moderated by SCA
11:40 PM	Participants' questions and discussions (20 mins)	Participants