



PDC 2/17  
Dated 17 May 2017

*The Professional Development Subcommittee  
presents a talk on*  
**Resurgence of the Right**

16 June 2017 (Fri)

3:00pm to 5:00pm

(Registration will begin at 2:30pm)

Penang Bar Auditorium

No.4 Green Hall

10200 Penang

Registration Fees (incl. 6% GST):

- RM53.00 members of the Bar

- **RM26.50 members Called to the Bar from 1 July 2011 onwards / chambering pupils and law students**

- RM106.00 non-members

**Talk synopsis:**

- The election of Trump, Modi and Duterte and the Brexit referendum result point to the revival of populism, whose origins are invariably from the Right
- Causes for such resurgence
- Is this a short-term trend, lasting 5 to 10 years, or long lasting?
- Will it be confined to certain countries, or will it be more universal?
- Is there already a roll-back in Western Europe with the defeat of Geert Wilders and Le Pen? And what about Malaysia in this global scheme of things?
- Having regard to the failure of the Bolshevik, Fascist and Nazi Revolutions in the 20th century, should we be unduly concerned?

**The speaker:**

**Tommy Thomas** was educated at the University of Manchester and the London School of Economics. He is a Barrister (Middle Temple) and was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1976, and has been in active and continuous practice.

Mr Thomas has appeared as counsel in all the courts of Malaysia, including the Privy Council in London, which was Malaysia's highest court until 1985 and now belongs to an ever shrinking group of Malaysian barristers who were privileged to appear in the Privy Council. He has acted as counsel in some 150 reported cases, and in hundreds of unreported cases.

In a career spanning 40 years, Mr Thomas has had the pleasure of acting for a wide range of clients from state governments, statutory authorities, multinationals, companies and individuals. After the establishment of his barristers' firm in 2000, Mr Thomas has been instructed by numerous firms of solicitors to appear as Leading Counsel in complex cases before the superior Courts.

Numerous independent international publications have repeatedly singled out Mr Thomas as one of Malaysia's leading litigation lawyers. He was a member of the Bar Council for over a decade and was Editor of its publication, *Insaf* from 1984 to 1987 and Secretary in 1995-1997.

Mr Thomas regards himself as a social scientist, having abiding interests in economics, politics and history. He has written extensively and presented papers on these subjects at various fora. He has published 2 books of essays on these subjects.

**Issued by:**

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