Panel 3.2: Democratic Governance Challenges in Asia-Pacific

Malaysia: A Roller-Coaster in Democratic Governance

This presentation focuses on challenges to Malaysia’s governance, especially since 2013 when the unexpected loss of two-thirds majority in parliament set the stage for confrontational politics. Several institutions are engaged in promoting good governance including the Public Accounts Committee, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, the Auditor General, electoral watchdogs like Bersih, political parties, social media and others. We examine their accomplishments and challenges in 2015 in the context of inflation, national debt and the volatile ringgit.