

# Communing With The Dark Side

Borneo's Masks & Masquerades

**BORNEO CULTURES MUSEUM  
ARTS & CRAFT ROOM, LEVEL 2  
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at 2pm**



## About the Talk

Communing With The Dark Side discusses the different masquerade cultures of the Malay, Bidayuh, Kanayatn (Selako), Ibanic, Ot Danum and Ngaju, Kayan, Kenyah, Berawan (Lelak) & Melanau. These masks address a gamut of different situations including mortuary, fertility, headhunting, cleansing rituals.

## The Speaker

Dr. Michael Heppell spent a couple of years studying Iban adat & child rearing practices, the Bidayuh and Buket (Ukit) studying social organisation & child rearing practices. Dazzled by the very rich material culture of all Borneo people, he took a great interest in understanding more about such an underappreciated subject. He has written books on Iban art, Iban textiles and Borneo masks with one on weaponry & warfare awaiting publication.



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