

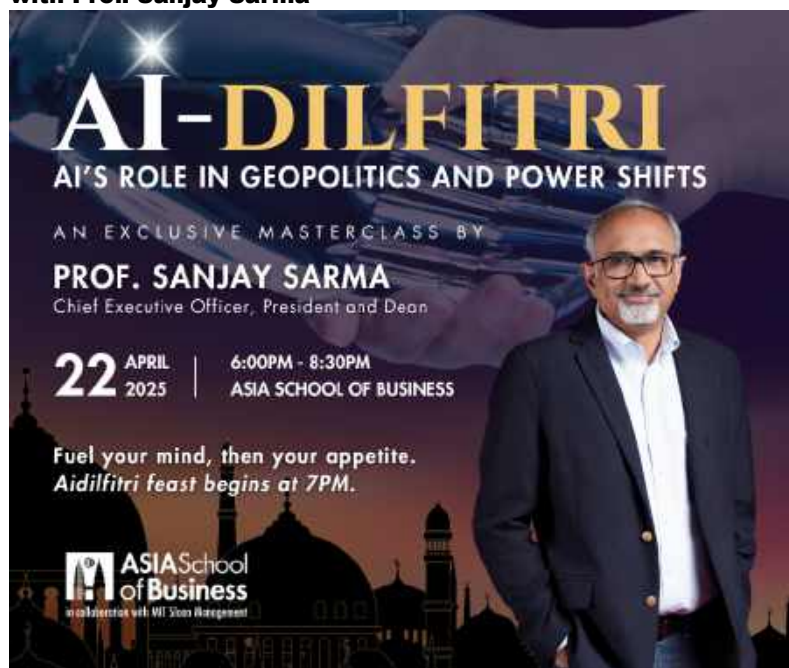


**ASB Alumni**

**April 2025**

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

### 1. Learn & Lemang – A Raya Celebration & AI Masterclass with Prof. Sanjay Sarma



Dear Alumni,

This Raya, we're bringing tradition and thought leadership together at an exclusive, in-person gathering featuring festive treats and a **Hybrid Masterclass: AI's Role in Geopolitics and Power Shifts** with **Professor Sanjay Sarma**, happening **Tuesday evening, April 22, 2025**.

#### Why you should join:

🎓 **Explore AI's real-world impact**

Understand how artificial intelligence is influencing global power, security, and the economy from Prof. Sanjay Sarma (renowned MIT Professor, former Head of Open Learning, and expert in innovation and AI)

🌟 **Celebrate Raya, ASB-style**

Connect with fellow changemakers over delicious lemang, kuih raya, and warm conversations.

📅 **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

📍 **Asia School of Business, Kuala Lumpur**

 **Hybrid Masterclass begins at 6:00PM | Aidilfitri feast at 7:00PM**

This is your chance to be part of a timely, thought-provoking discussion at the crossroads of culture, technology, and global influence.

Spots are limited. **RSVP by April 13, 2025** to secure your place at this evening of knowledge, culture and celebration. Zoom link will be available in the confirmation email.

[RSVP here](#)

**2. Join us for the eFinancialCareers ADGM Virtual Career Fair!**



**Interested in working in Abu Dhabi?**

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Register to meet many employers at the  
**ADGM Virtual Career Fair**  
May 14, 2025  
3pm -10pm HKT/SGT



[Register now](#)

Meet employers with exciting vacancies ready to hire international candidates



eFinancialCareers has partnered with ADGM to host the [ADGM Virtual Career Event](#). ADGM are the world's premier International Financial Centre in the capital of the UAE.

At the event, you will have the opportunity to meet a range of employers with exciting vacancies ready to hire **international** qualified candidates. Access new possibilities and explore opportunities in **Abu Dhabi**.


**Here are just a few of the employers confirmed:**


ADGM, ADGM Academy, SCVentures by Standard Chartered, Al Maryah Community Bank, KMPG, HSBC, Gulf Capital, Citi, Grant Thornton, CITCO and many more!

**The benefits of working in Abu Dhabi includes:**

- Excellent compensation packages with 0% on income tax
- Recognised as the safest city in the world (Mindset Therapy)
- Brilliant international school and education
- A place full of rich cultural heritage
- Fantastic weather all year-round!

**Details of the virtual career fair as below:**

 **Date:** May 14, 2025

 **Time:** 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM GMT+4

[Register here](#)

**3. Research Seminar Series – Rajesh Ramachandran |Was Ambedkar Right? Evidence from the Religion-Caste Overlap in India (with Ashwini Deshpande)**

Dear Carmen,

We are pleased to invite you to the upcoming **Research Seminar Series at ASB**, where **Rajesh Ramachandran** will share valuable insights on:

**Topic:** *Was Ambedkar Right? Evidence from the Religion-Caste Overlap in India* (with

Ashwini Deshpande)

**Date:** April 16, 2025

**Time:** 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM (MYT)

**Venue:** Asia School of Business, Level 2, CR-W2-03 | Online via Zoom (details below)

### **Abstract**

B.R. Ambedkar, born into an oppressed caste subjected to untouchability (now classified as Scheduled Castes, SC), argued that leaving Hinduism was essential for SCs to achieve equality. This study provides the first empirical evidence on the impact of religious identity on SCs in India.

Exploiting the fact that individuals from the same caste (jāti) often adopt different religions to escape stigma, we compare those who share social structures but differ in religious affiliation. Guided by a theoretical framework predicting negative selection at both group and individual levels, we analyze nationally representative data on human capital, occupation, assets, and social stigmatization, controlling for jāti fixed effects.

Findings reveal that SC-Christians and SC-Others have higher human capital, better occupational outcomes, and lower social stigma than SC-Hindus. Additionally, we examine the Mahars—Ambedkar’s community—who converted to Buddhism, using distance from mass conversion sites as an instrument. Instrumental variable estimates align with jāti fixed effects results, reinforcing that SC-Others fare better overall.

This study offers important insights into the role of religious identity in shaping socioeconomic disparities and its interplay with institutions and affirmative action.

### **How to Join**

If you are unable to attend in person, you can join us online:

#### **Zoom link as below:**

<https://asb-my.zoom.us/j/91078726759?pwd=aFbJrKnrKBlLVNd9SQL0Fb3bara1.1>

Meeting ID: 910 7872 6759

Passcode: 614082

We look forward to your participation!

### **4. Limited Seats - upcoming ACE course for Alumni!**

Registration for Micro-Credential in Operations Management (more details [here](#)) will be opening soon on **April 11, 12.00pm**. If you are interested, please register by **April 18, 12.00pm**.

[Register here](#)

Cheers,

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