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# **The Malay Diaspora in Europe**

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# Topics for our Lecture Today

1. **WHAT IS DIASPORA? DEFINITION AND CONCEPT**
2. **MALAYS IN EUROPE**
3. **MALAY IDENTITIES ACROSS BOUNDARIES**
4. **WHY DO MALAYS MIGRATE TO EUROPE?**
5. **POTENTIAL POSITIVE IMPACTS OF MALAY DIASPORA ON HOMELAND DEVELOPMENT**



# 1. INTRODUCTION

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## WHAT IS DIASPORA? DEFINITION & CONCEPT



# Evolution of the Concept

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**DIA SPEIRO (GREEK) = TO SCATTER SEED**

**GREEK COLONIAL EXPANSION: 800 - 600 BC**

**JEWISH HISTORY = FORCED EXILE, VICTIMIZATION,  
MYTH OF RETURN**

**586 BC THROUGH HOLOCAUST (1938-1944),  
ISRAEL STATE (1948) AND PRESENT**

**AFRICAN DIASPORAS**

**1960S -FORCED DISPERSION, HOMELANDS**

**RECENT LIBERAL USAGES OF THE TERM**

Any form of real or imagined community



**What is diaspora in sociology?**

**Diaspora, populations, such as members of an ethnic or religious group, that originated from the same place but dispersed to different locations.**



# Some Essential Characteristics

- Dispersal in two or more countries
- Memory of original homeland
- Alienation, marginalisation or exclusion in host land
- Relationship with kin in other diasporic communities
- Preserve ethnic boundaries
- Ongoing relationship with ancestral land
- Idealization or discourse of return



# Importance of Diasporas

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- **An analytical concept:**
  - History of human experience: dispersion, identity, longing, and return
- **A practical concept:**
  - Of interest to states – political, economic, or cultural mobilization
  - International organizations – development
  - International relations





# What are the Elements of Diaspora?

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1. **MOBILITY**
2. **CONNECTIVITY**
3. **COMMUNICATION**





# How Many Types of Diaspora?

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**PUSH DIASPORA (FORCED), WAR,  
COLONIALISM, POLITICAL ETC..**

**PULL DIASPORA (VOLUNTARY),  
ECONOMIC GROWTH, SHORTAGE  
OF LABOUR**



# MALAY DIASPORA IN EUROPE

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- **SWEDEN**
- **GERMANY**
- **THE NETHERLAND**
- **NORWAY**



# Malay Identities Across Boundaries

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# Why Do Malays Migrate to Europ  ?

## **PUSH FACTORS:**

- **EDUCATION**
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
- **OTHER PURPOSES**

## **PULL FACTORS:**

- **SHORTAGE OF LABOUR AND MAN POWER**
- **LOW BIRTH RATE**
- **AGING POPULATION**





# POTENTIAL POSITIVE IMPACT OF DIASPORA ON DEVELOPMENT OF HOMELAND

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- **ECONOMIC GAIN**
- **EDUCATIONAL TIES**
- **CULTURAL TIES**
- **PROMOTE FUTURE CONTACT**
- **OTHER RELATIONS**







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