

## **A review of Malaysia-United Kingdom relations: a literature review analysis**

### **ABSTRACT**

Malaysia and the United Kingdom have a long history dating back to before independence, where numerous areas of cooperation have developed, resulting in the British system having a significant impact on Malaysia's political system, parliamentary system, economy, and educational system. Therefore, when examining Malaysia's foreign policy and relations with other nations, Malaysia's relations with the United Kingdom are by far the most prominent compared to those with its other bilateral partners. Nonetheless, given the significance of both countries' relations, how extensively has past research examined Malaysia-United Kingdom relations? To address this statement of problem, the purpose of this paper is to conduct an in-depth analysis of the past literature studies on Malaysia-United Kingdom ties. This includes identifying what studies have been conducted, what has not, and evaluating previous studies on Malaysia-United Kingdom relations. The study's research method is a critical analysis of previous studies on Malaysia-United Kingdom relations, encompassing summarising, synthesising, and evaluating the literature. The study found that, there are still a lack of studies on Malaysia-United Kingdom relations, with only a few in-depth studies undertaken on the subject. This is evident from a review of the literature which reveals that most studies on Malaysia-United Kingdom relations have concentrated on issues that arose between the two countries during Mahathir Mohamad's administration, leaving a gap in understanding of how the two countries' relations were during the administrations of other prime ministers. Moreover, an examination of the existing body of literature indicates that there has yet a comprehensive study conducted that offers essential data on the dynamics of the bilateral relations between the two nations, specifically concerning their cooperation in defence, economy, and social. Thus, research on Malaysia-United Kingdom relations remains inadequate in empirical data, and it is anticipated that forthcoming studies will make greater contributions to this area of study.