

RAZALI SAMSUDIN

Artist · Civic Technologist · Researcher · Educator

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Penang / London / Paris

British-born, mixed Malaysian, Sri Lankan, Singaporean, and Filipino heritage. Raised across London, Johor, the Philippines, and Singapore. Deepening practice in Southeast Asia through the Manifest APAC partnership with Amnesty International. Framework: Razlosophy — Decolonise · Decentralise · Democratise.

// PRACTICE

Founder · Manifest Studio Collective

Sep 2025 – present

- Poster studio and witness archive for human rights movements — offline, no accounts, low-spec hardware. Built from APAC threat models. In partnership with Amnesty International APAC for the BeHuman campaign; 15 languages. manifeststudio.org

Civic Tech & Digital Sovereignty Lead · Tech for Palestine

Feb 2026 – present

- Ecosystem mapping and civic tech strategy — working collectively with engineers, designers, and policy teams across the TfP network.

Creator · Threads of Solidarity · Artist

2024 – present

- Transnational activism initiative tracing a Hirbawi kufiyah from the last remaining factory in Al-Khalil across 16+ cities — Bristol, Manila, Bohol, Seoul, Berlin, London, Penang, KL — as a physical ledger of global majority solidarity. Photography archive across 3 continents. threadsofsolidarity.com
- Field documentation forming the methodological basis for regional activism ecosystem research.

Co-designer · HRDAO · Amnesty International Aotearoa NZ

2024 – present

- Contribution-based DAO governance; 40-participant pilot. Co-authored with Gareth Fakhry: DAO Governance Models for Social Impact and the Potential for a Human Rights Token for the Global Amnesty International Movement on the Cardano Blockchain (SSRN 5332134, 2025).

Creator · Commons Archive of Resistance

Mar 2026 – present

- Single-file offline archive in 15 languages, full RTL: 169+ digital security tools, 62 praxis thinkers, 37 liberation movements, live internet shutdown and Human Rights Tracker map. archiveofresistance.com

Independent Journalist & Asia Expert · Asialyst · Tibet.fr

2015 – present

- Long-form analytical journalism in French and English: Indonesia deforestation; China water sovereignty in Tibet; Coral Triangle; Palestinian olive trees and land rights.

// FACILITATION & COMMUNITY BUILDING

Governance Facilitator & Education Lead · Project Catalyst (IOG / Cardano)

2021 – 2025

- Governance facilitation, onboarding curricula, and mentorship across 6 continents over 4 years. 40+ participant cohorts; scaled to operational decentralised governance within 12 months.

Convener: Civic Tech for Impact · Web3Forward-BuildMindz IMPACT SERIES

Mar 2026

- Civic tech webinar for Filipino student community with Imhel (Imz) Asis. Opened sustained relationships with Filipino university students and activism networks across Asia.

Moderator · Smart Futures · Berlin Blockchain Week

2025

- Moderated the Smart Futures panel at Berlin Blockchain Week 2025, convening practitioners across decentralised technology, civic infrastructure, and social impact.

Researcher · Greenpeace Jakarta · Forum for the Future, London

prior

- On-the-ground environmental research and advocacy in Jakarta and London.

Advisory Board Member · Double Down News

present

- We serve people not power — bringing people together with empathy and evidence.

// SELECTED OUTPUTS & RECOGNITION

2026 Accepted paper — Aarhus University, Democracy and Digital Citizenship Conference (Aug 2026)

Governing Participation: Digital Citizenship, Collective Memory, and the Infrastructures of Resistance

2026 Speaker & challenge setter — UCL Innovation Fest, Data Empowered Societies track (Jun 2026)

Manifest as civic infrastructure for movements, artists, and journalists in eroding civic spaces

2026 Speaker — Web3Forward-BuildMindz IMPACT SERIES: Civic Tech for Impact (Mar 2026)

Webinar for Filipino student civic tech community

2025 Published — SSRN 5332134 (Jul 2025)

DAO Governance Models for Social Impact and the Potential for a Human Rights Token for the Global Amnesty International Movement on the Cardano Blockchain (with Gareth Fakhry)

// EDUCATION

PGCE Geography with QTS

University of East London

MSc Environmental Technology (Water Management)

Imperial College London

MA Sustainable Development & Responsible Organisations

Université Paris-Dauphine

Community Leadership Certificate

Birkbeck, University of London

BSc Economic & Social Policy

Birkbeck, University of London

// NETWORKS · LANGUAGES · ONLINE

Southeast Asia, South Asia, Europe, Americas, Africa, Oceania — activist collectives, civil society organisations, NGOs, cultural hubs, and third spaces. Amnesty International APAC and Aotearoa NZ. Tech for Palestine. Palestine House (London). Lost Gens (Kuala Lumpur). Beautiful Trouble. Association for Progressive Communications. EngageMedia SEA. Freedom Film Network. LUMA Penang.

English native **French** intermediate **Malay** conversational **Tagalog** basic

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