

Fatwa's in Indonesia

Workshop held at the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies

Date:

Tuesday, July 17, 2012; 2pm – 5pm

Preparatory Meeting:

Tuesday, June 12, 2012; 5pm –6 pm

Organiser:

Prof. Nico Kaptein (Leiden University), Visiting Fellow at BGS MCS

Participants:

doctoral students of the BGS MCS

doctoral students and fellows from associated institutions

Readings:

- Nico J.G. Kaptein, 'The voice of the `ulamâ': fatwas and religious authority in Indonesia', in: *Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions*, No. 125 (janvier-mars) 2004, pp. 115-130 (also published on the web as Working paper: Visiting Scholars Series No.2, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, January 2004, Singapore).
- M. Atho Mudzhar, 'The Council of Indonesian `Ulama' on Muslims' Attendance at Christmas Celebrations, in: Masud, Muhammad Khalid, Brinkley Messick and David Powers, *Islamic legal interpretation: muftis and their fatwas*, Cambridge MA, London 1996, pp. 230-241.
- Piers Gillespie, 'Current issues in Indonesian Islam: analyzing the 2005 Council of Indonesian Ulama fatwa no. 7 opposing pluralism, liberalism and secularism', in: *Journal of Islamic Studies* 18:2 (2007), pp. 202-240.

Requirements:

- read the materials thoroughly;
- prepare two (written) questions on each of the three articles;
- (if possible) connect these materials to their own research topic;
- participate actively in the discussion.

Credit Points:

0,5 CP

Application:

The deadline for application is May 31 via e-mail to office@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de.

Contact:

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Workshop Outline:

The present seminar will deal with the issue of fatwa's in – mainly – contemporary Indonesia. These fatwa's shed light on Islam in Indonesia in general and more in particular on the question of whether Islam in Indonesia is becoming less tolerant.