

## **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](mailto:office@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de).

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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.