



# INSTITUTE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RELIGION IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN POLITICS: RESISTANCE, NEGOTIATION AND TRANSCENDENCE

11-12 December 2008

Seminar Rooms I & II

Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

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### PROGRAMME

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#### Thursday, 11 December 2008

- 9.00 am – 9.20 am Registration
- 9.20 am – 9.30 am **Welcome Address**  
*Ambassador K KESAVAPANY*  
Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- 9.30 am – 10.30 am **Keynote Address**  
**RELIGION AND THE STATE: CO-OPTATION AND THE IRONIES OF TAKE-OVER**
- Chairperson: *Dr CHIN Kin Wah*  
Deputy Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- Keynote Speaker: *Professor Merle C RICKLEFS*  
Department of History, National University of Singapore
- 10.30 am – 10.45 am Coffee
- 10.45 am – 12.45 pm **SESSION I: RELIGION AS A SITE OF POLITICAL RESISTANCE**
- Chairperson: *Dr HUI Yew-Foong*  
Fellow and Conference Coordinator, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- Paper Presenters: *Associate Professor Andrew C WILLFORD*  
Chair, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University  
**THE INDIAN UPRISING AND THE HAUNTING OF JUSTICE IN MALAYSIA**



*Mr Matthew WALTON*  
 PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science,  
 University of Washington  
**INSTITUTIONS, MOBILIZATION, AND PROTEST:  
 AN ANALYSIS OF MONASTIC PARTICIPATION IN  
 THE SAFFRON REVOLUTION**

*Dr Saroja DORAIRAJOO*  
 Assistant Professor, Department of  
 Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong  
 Kong  
**GOOD THAI, BAD MUSLIM: ISLAM AND  
 RESISTANCE IN SOUTHERN THAILAND**

*Dr Rizal G BUENDIA*  
 Teaching Fellow, Department of Politics and  
 International Studies, School of Oriental and  
 African Studies, University of London  
**THE POLITICS OF RELIGION AND SELF-  
 DETERMINATION: THE MAKING AND UNMAKING  
 OF THE MORO SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT**

12.45 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

**SESSION II: RELIGIO-SCAPES: RELIGION TRANS-  
 CENDING BOUNDARIES**

Chairperson: *Dr Irving Chan JOHNSON*  
 Assistant Professor, Southeast Asian Studies  
 Programme, National University of Singapore

Paper Presenters: *Dr Pattana KITIARSA*  
 Assistant Professor, Southeast Asian Studies  
 Programme, National University of Singapore  
**MOBILE SANGHA: THAI BUDDHISM AS A  
 TRANSNATIONAL RELIGION**

*Dr Varaporn CHAMSANIT*  
 Faculty Member, Office of Human Rights  
 Studies and Social Development, Mahidol  
 University  
**TRANSNATIONAL BUDDHIST WOMEN'S  
 MONASTICISM - TESTING THE BOUNDARIES OF  
 BUDDHIST PAROCHIALISM IN THAILAND**

*Associate Professor AHMAD FAUZI Abdul Hamid*  
 Political Science Section, School of Distance  
 Education, Universiti Sains Malaysia  
**THE AURAD MUHAMMADIAH CONGREGATION:  
 MODERN TRANSNATIONAL SUFISM IN  
 SOUTHEAST ASIA**

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Tea

4.00 pm – 5.00 pm      **SESSION III:      BETWEEN THE SECULAR AND THE RELIGIOUS: NEGOTIATION AND TRANSGRESSION**

Chairperson:      *Dr Audrey KAHIN*  
Cornell University

Paper Presenters:      *Dr Rachel A RINALDO*  
Kiryama Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for the Pacific Rim, University of San Francisco  
**ENGENDERING MORALITY: WOMEN, ISLAM, AND THE NATION-STATE IN INDONESIA**

*Dr Julius BAUTISTA*  
Lecturer and Visiting Fellow, Southeast Asian Studies Programme and the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore  
**FAMILY PLANNING OR A 'CULTURE OF DEATH'? : POPULATION GROWTH AND THE PHILIPPINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Friday, 12 December 2008**

9.00 am – 10.30 am      **SESSION IV:      NATION, NARRATION AND THE RELIGIOUS SUBJECT**

Chairperson:      *Dr Benjamin WONG Koon Siak*  
Assistant Professor, Policy and Leadership Studies, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University

Paper Presenters:      Associate Professor *Tamara LOOS*  
Department of History, Cornell University  
**THE POLITICS OF RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE AND ITS SILENCES IN THAILAND**

*Dr Coeli BARRY*  
Lecturer, Office of Human Rights Studies and Social Development, Mahidol University  
**THE CHRISTIAN STATE AND MUSLIM LIVES AS DEPICTED IN MUSLIM-FILIPINO FICTION**

Associate Professor *Eric TAGLIACCOZZO*  
Department of History, Cornell University  
**'I WAS THE GUEST OF ALLAH': THE WRITING OF MODERN HAJJ MEMOIRS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

10.30 am – 10.45 am      Coffee

- 10.45 am – 12.15 pm      **SESSION V:      THE POLITICS OF ISLAMIZATION**
- Chairperson:      *Dr LEE Hock Guan*  
Senior Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- Paper Presenters: *Dr MAZNAH MOHAMAD*  
Visiting Senior Fellow, Asia Research Institute and Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore  
**MALAYSIA'S EMERGING NEW ISLAMIZATION**
- Ms Regina LIM*  
PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Birmingham  
**ISLAMIZATION AND ETHNICITY IN SABAH: THE STATE AS AN ARBITER OF ISLAMIC FAITH AND POLITICAL POWER**
- Ms Arunajeet KAUR*  
Research Associate, ISEAS and PhD Candidate, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University  
**MAINTAINING RELIGIOUS BOUNDARIES: CASE STUDY OF THE SIKH COMMUNITY AGAINST RISING ISLAMIZATION IN MALAYSIA**
- 12.15 pm – 1.30 pm      Lunch
- 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm      **SESSION VI:      THE STATE'S CO-OPTION OF RELIGION: AUTHORITY, LEGITIMACY AND IDEOLOGY**
- Chairperson:      *Dr OOI Kee Beng*  
Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- Paper Presenters: *Dr Jane M FERGUSON*  
Lecturer, Faculty of Asian Studies, The Australian National University  
**SACRED GEOGRAPHIES AND LIBERATED AREAS: SHAN (SUB) NATIONAL POLITICS AND BUDDHIST PRACTICE AT THE BURMA-THAI BORDER**
- Mr Mathieu BOUQUET*  
PhD Candidate, Department of Religious Studies, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE), Paris, France  
**VIETNAMESE PARTY-STATE AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM SINCE 1986: CLOSING IN TO BUILD THE FATHERLAND?**

*Ms Edyta ROSZKO*

PhD Candidate, Socialist and Postsocialist Eurasia, Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany

**RITUALS OF COMMEMORATION AND STATE: STRUGGLE OVER MEMORY AND LEGITIMACY IN VIETNAM**

*Dr Margaret CHAN*

Practice Assistant Professor of Theatre/ Performance Studies, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University

**CHAP GO MEH IN SINGKAWANG: RITUAL THEATRE AND THE CIRCUS OF POLITICS**

3.15 pm – 3.30 pm

Tea

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

**SESSION VII: THE STATE AND THE DYNAMICS OF RELIGIOUS CHANGE**

Chairperson: *Dr Terence CHONG*

Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Paper Presenters: *Associate Professor Geoffrey BENJAMIN*

Division of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University

**TEMIAR RELIGIONS, 1994–2008**

*Dr Daniel P S GOH*

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

**FROM LIBERATION THEOLOGY TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE: COMMUNITARIAN STATE AND TRANSFIGURATIONS OF SOCIAL CHRISTIANITY IN POSTCOLONIAL SINGAPORE**

*Dr KOH Keng We*

Curator, Dr Shao You-Bao Chinese Overseas Documentation and Research Center, Ohio University Library

**THE DEITY PROPOSES AND THE STATE DISPOSES: THE VICISSITUDES OF A CHINESE TEMPLE IN 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY SINGAPORE**

5.00 pm – 5.30 pm

**Closing Roundtable Discussion**

Chairpersons: *Dr HUI Yew-Foong*

Fellow and Conference Coordinator, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

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