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Islamic Culture(s), Nation-building and the Media: Contemporary Issues

22-23 September 2006
The Windsor Hotel, 103 Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000

Workshop Convenors
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Registration
Public Lecture: \$20.00
(Full-time students: free with Student ID card)
Workshop: \$50.00 (full attendance including lunch)
\$20.00 (lectures only, no lunch)
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Programme - Friday 22 September 2006

Public Lecture Session

- 09.20 Registration
10.00 Opening address: Professor Marika Vicziany, Director, Monash Asia Institute
10.05 Professor Dr Abdul Munir Mulhan: The *santri* view of the Indonesian state
10.45 Tea and coffee
11.05 Professor Hossein Elahi Ghomshei: The divine nature of man
11.50-12.30 Questions from the audience

∞ ∞ End of public lecture session ∞ ∞

Workshop Sessions

- 12.30-13.30 Lunch (for workshop participants only)
- 13.30-15.00 **Panel 1 Nationhood and Islamic modernity**
Chair: Dr Shahram Akbarzadeh, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University
Islamic feminism, Muslim feminism, and secular feminism in Iran: a comparative study, Ms Hourii Jahanshahrad, Monash University
Dakwah and Islamic Identity in an Islamic Transnational Movement: The Case of Jama'at Tabligh Mr Kamaruzzaman Bustamam-Ahmad, Latrobe University.
Islam, gender and rebellion: Afghanistani women writers, Dr Faridullah Bezhani, Monash Asia Institute
- 15.00-15.30 Tea and coffee
- 15.30 –17.00 **Panel 2 Diasporic Islam in plural contexts**
Chair: Dr Aneela Zeb Babar, Monash Asia Institute, Monash University
Moral minorities: queer communities, Muslim communities and the building of multicultural states, Mr Ibrahim Abraham, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University.
Islamic schools and colleges in Australia – Muslims in Australia or Australian Muslims, Peter Jones, University of New England.
Traitor or Indiana Jones, Family Man or Terrorist? Media representation of David Hicks and Mamdouh Habib, Ms Ana Kailis, Schools of Historical Studies and Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University.
- 18.30 **Workshop Dinner** at Tandoori Nights, 167 Sydney Rd., Brunswick 3056

Saturday 23 September 2006

- 9.30-11.30 **Panel 3 Conceiving ‘Islamic democracy’**
Chair: Ms Nisreen Bajis, Centre for Muslim States and Societies, University of Western Australia
- Structural scaffolding for building Islamic democracy: democratic seeds and precedents in Islam, Mr Louay Abdulbaki, Monash Asia Institute.
- Civil-military cooperation: the case of Afghanistan, Prof Amin Saikal, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University.
- The means and application of Islamic culture in democratic nation-building, Dr Sayed Khatab, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University.
- Religious-based social capital in Indonesian nation-building: a disturbing question of *shari’atisation* of PERDA, Mr Suaidi Asyari, University of Melbourne.
- 11.30-11.50 Tea and coffee
- 11.50-13.15 **Panel 4**
Islam and nation-building: Historical representation
Chair: Dr Faridullah Bezhani, Monash Asia Institute, Monash University
- Knowledge creation and nationhood construction through sanctioned religio-historical discourse in Pakistan, Dr Tahmina Rashid, University of Melbourne.
- Tarekat* in representations of national history, Dr Julian Millie, Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Monash University.
- The fall of the Sultanates – a British perspective Mr Anthony Garnaut, Australian National University.
- 13.15-14.00 Lunch

- 14.00-15.50 **Panel 5 Political structures in ‘Islamic cultures’**
Chair: Dr Ahmad Sarmast, Monash Asia Institute, Monash University

Tribalism in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, Ms Victoria Kelly-Clark, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University.

Political organisations and trust in religious institutions in Muslim countries, Emeritus Prof Riaz Hassan, Department of Sociology, Flinders University.

Confessional politics, nation-building and the role of media in Lebanon, Dr Benjamin MacQueen, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University.

Islam and professionalism within the Pakistan Army – post-colonial military structures, praetorianism, strategic culture and Islam – the impact of the Zia interregnum, Mark Briskey, University of New England.

- 15.50-16.15 Tea and coffee

- 16.15-17.45 **Concluding Panel**
Chair: Prof Amin Saikal, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University

The concluding panel will feature media professionals. The purpose of this panel is to explore the differences between writing on the conference themes by academics and journalists respectively. Starting with an acknowledgement of the differing conditions under which these two sectors operate, it is hoped the workshop will allow an exchange on the relationships between the activities of these two sectors.

- 17.45 **Conclusion of the workshop followed by tea and coffee**

***Each speaker will be given 20 mins for presentation and 10 mins for Q&A*

