

> IIAS Research Programmes

Islam in Indonesia: the Dissemination of Religious Authority in the Twentieth Century

This 4-year cooperative research programme aims at studying and documenting important changes, which occurred in religious – especially Muslim – authority in Indonesia during the past century and which have contributed significantly to the shaping of the present nationhood. Its main donor is the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences (KNAW); co-sponsors are ISIM, CNWS, and the IIAS. The programme furthermore cooperates with several research institutions in Indonesia, such as the Islamic State Universities (IAIN).

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The Syntax of the Languages of Southern China

This research programme aims at describing and analyzing a number of syntactic phenomena in six languages spoken in Southern China comparing them in order to contribute to further

development of the theory of language and the human language capacity. The research focus is on classifiers, modifiers, and possessors in the nominal domain; and on aspectual particles, resultatives and sentence-final particles in the sentential/verbal domain.

The languages involved in the project are Yue, Wu, and Mandarin (all Sinitic) as well as the non-Sinitic Zhuang (Zhuang-Tai), Miao (Hmong-Mien), and Wa (Mon-Khmer). The project is co-funded by the Dutch Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) and Leiden University (main sponsors), and the IIAS.

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Indonesianisasi and Nationalization

This research programme focuses on the shift in the management of the Indonesian economy from control by Western, especially Dutch private enterprises to Indonesian business, including Chinese Indonesian entrepreneurs. The project embraces macroeconomic policy, public discourse and case studies of major Dutch business firms and new Indonesian enterprises. Locations include Jakarta, Central Java, Bandung, Medan, and Makasar where local scholars will partic-

ipate. The project is sponsored by the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation (NIOD).

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ABIA South and Southeast Asian Art and Archaeology Index

The ABIA Index online database covers publications on prehistory, archaeology and art history, material culture, inscriptions, coins and seals of South and Southeast Asia. The IIAS is the centre for regions outside Asia, with support from the Gonda Foundation. Between 2002 and 2006 the project is coordinated by PGIAR, Colombo, with support from the Central Cultural Fund. Offices have also been opened at the IGNCA, New Delhi, and the Research Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences, Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta. ABIA Index volume 1 is available at the IIAS. Volume 2 is available at www.brill.nl

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CLARA: Changing Labour Relations in Asia

This research programme aims to build a comparative and historical understanding of labour relations in different parts of Asia which are undergoing diverse historical processes and experiences in terms of their national economies, their links with international markets, and the nature of state intervention. Several types of activities, namely: coordination of workshops; research projects; short-term research fellowships; networking; publications; and the setting up of a databank are promoted. CLARA is supported by the IIAS and the International Institute of Social History (IISH).

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Genomics in Asia: Socio-Genetic Marginalization

This new research programme studies the socio-political implications and practices of the development and application of the new biomedical and genetic tech-

nologies in Asian religious and secular cultures. It aims to generate insight into the ways in which the use and monopoly over genetic information shape and influence population policies, environmental ethics, and biomedical and agricultural practices in various cultures and across national boundaries.

The programme was initiated by IIAS and the Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM, Leiden), and will be executed in cooperation with other Dutch research institutes such as the Centre for Bioethics and Health Law (CBG, University of Utrecht), the Institute for Innovation and Trans-disciplinary Research (Free University, VU), and various Asian research institutes.

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Transnational Society, Media and Citizenship

This programme studies the complex nature of contemporary cultural identities and the role which the globalization of information and communication technologies (ICT's) plays in the (re)construction of identities. The research will broaden our understanding of implications of new media and communications technologies in transforming political and religious forms, which transcend the nation state and the relationship between consumption practices and identity formation.

The programme was initiated by the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR) together with the IIAS and is executed with financial support from the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO).

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The institute endeavours to develop a dynamic and versatile approach in its research programmes. Research fellows at a post-PhD level are temporarily employed by or affiliated to the institute, either within the framework of a collaborative research programme, or on an individual basis. Always ready to anticipate new developments, the IIAS opts for the enhancement of a broad, high quality level of knowledge on Asia. The institute organizes seminars, workshops, and conferences, and publishes a newsletter with a circulation of approximately 21,500 copies. Moreover the IIAS has established a database for Asian Studies, which contains information on researchers and research related institutes worldwide.

The IIAS acts as an international mediator, bringing various parties together. In keeping with the Dutch tradition of transferring goods and ideas, the IIAS works as a clearinghouse of knowledge and information. This entails activities such as providing information services, constructing international networks, and setting up international cooperative projects and research programmes. In this way, the IIAS functions as a window on Europe for non-European scholars and contributes to the cultural rapprochement between Asia and Europe.

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