

Aim of the Conference

The conference aims to bring together scholars from different disciplines as well as people from civil society, media and government. We hope to get a better insight into current developments in Indonesia since the re-negotiation of the relation between Islam, pluralism and democracy. This is also an important point of reference for ongoing discussion in other Muslim societies.

We kindly ask you to register for this conference via E-Mail until January 7th, 2018 at tduile@uni-bonn.de (Dr. Timo Duile)

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Demonstration in Makassar, 2017.
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Islam in Post-Reformasi Indonesia: The End of Tolerance?

Re-Negotiating the
Relations between State,
Religion, and Society

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Often taken as a role-model for a successful synthesis of Islam and pluralism in the past, Indonesia's image of a tolerant country has been tarnished in recent years. Religious minorities like Ahmadis and Shiites, human rights activists and people of non-binary gender identity became targets of fundamentalist groups.

The state often failed to ensure the rights and safety of the threatened. Rather, politics and the state became also influenced by a new conservatism, most often by applying religion as political capital. In the course of the trial against the former Christian governor of Jakarta and huge demonstrations carried out by Islamist groups, the national motto of "Unity in Diversity" (*Bhinneka Tunggal Ika*) has again become a subject of debates.

- Is unity still possible in the course of the growing influence of hard-line-organizations demanding the superiority of Sunni Islam in Indonesia?
- What does "diversity" mean in a country where the practicing of indigenous and other minority beliefs are more and more restricted?
- Moreover, can the tolerance expressed in the motto of *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika* be maintained and used as a blueprint for other Muslim societies?
- Which role do state and religious institutions such as the Nahdlatul Ulama and Muhammadiyah take within the context of conflicting ideas of religion and pluralism?
- Is the world's third largest democracy culturally and institutionally prepared for the challenges of radical Islam?

Program Saturday, 13.1.2018

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| 9:00-10:00 | Arrival/Registration of participants and guests |
| 10:00-10:30 | Welcome speech by the organizing committee |
| 10:30-11:00 | Keynote
Prof. Christoph Antweiler |
| 11:00-13:30 | Panel 1: Negotiations of religious diversity and its limits
Dr. Simone Sinn
Zacky Khairul Umam
Prof. Thomas Reuter |
| 13:30-14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30-16:30 | Panel 2: Utilizing Islam, capitalizing the State?
Alex Flor
Mark Philip Stadler |
| 16:30-17:00 | Coffee Break |
| 17:00-19:00 | Panel 3: Sharia in Practice and its implications for women
Dr. Kristina Großmann
Sita Hidayah |
| 19:00 | Dinner and get-together |

Program Sunday, 14.1.2018

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| 9:30-10:00 | Pluralism, Islam and Media in Indonesia
Hendra Pashuk (Deutsche Welle) |
| 10:00-12:00 | Panel 4: Islam at a crossroads: The clash of values
Dr. Carool Kersten
Amanda tho Seeth
Ario Seto Hardjana |
| 12:00-12:30 | Coffee Break |
| 12:30-13.30 | Final Discussion
<i>Reformasi is dead, long live reformasi!</i>
Islam between democracy and the dawn of new authoritarianism |
| 13:30-14:00 | Closing remarks |