

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.

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Islam in Post-Reformasi Indonesia: The End of Tolerance?

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



January, 13th – 14th, 2018

Festsaal der Universität Bonn

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?



Preliminary timetable and panels

Saturday, 13.1.2018

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, Dr. Tomáš Petrů)

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.

Sunday, 14.1.2018

9:30-10:00 Hendra Pashuk (Deutsche Welle): Pluralism, Islam and Media in Indonesia

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: *Reformasi* is dead, long live *reformasi*! Islam between democracy and the dawn of new authoritarianism.**

13:30-14:00 Closing remarks

