

Panel Proposal

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Transregional Southeast Asian Connections – Indonesia and Malaysia

This multi-disciplinary panel discusses religious, cultural, educational, political and economic entanglements of Southeast Asia with other regions. The papers are informed by theories of cultural anthropology and political science and stress agency over structure.

By focusing on Muslim-majority Indonesia and Malaysia, it is shown how ideas, individual and group identities are constituted through movement across space. Furthermore, in the field of religion, Indonesia and Malaysia are increasingly looked up to as potential role models or are striving to exert influence beyond their own regional borders. Accordingly, the panel critically evaluates the long established perception of both countries as an Islamic periphery. By focusing on transregional connectivities, the panel also aims at contributing to the debate on new area studies and the concept of 'region' within area studies.

Panelist 1: Prof. Claudia Derichs (Humboldt-University Berlin)

From periphery to centre? - Islamization of knowledge across regions

Panelist 2: Dr. Viola Thimm (University of Hamburg)

Bringing back piety:

Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca as catalyst for gendered Islamization processes in Malaysia

Panelist 3: Dr. Mirjam Lücking (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Narratives of separation, pragmatic cooperation and surprising similarities:

Movement between Israel, Indonesia and Palestine

Panelist 4: Amanda tho Seeth, M.A. (Philipps-University Marburg)

Contesting the centre-periphery divide in the Muslim world:

Indonesia's Islamic soft power diplomacy

Discussant: Prof. Mirjam Künkler (University of Leipzig)