

مَنْ يُؤْتِ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا

“and he to whom wisdom is granted receiveth indeed a benefit overflowing”
(Al-Baqara 2:269)

Islamic Groups: Identities, Worldviews and Issues of Security

An International Conference to held at the
Centre for Muslim States and Societies,
The University of Western Australia (Perth),
25-26 February 2006

The Centre for Muslim States and Societies will host an international conference on assessing the role of Islamic groups at the University of Western Australia on 25-26 February 2006.

Conference Aims

A number of Muslim groups have attracted attention since 11 September. This raises questions about how Muslims organise themselves. This conference will look at different ways in which Islamic groups operate at national, regional and international levels. The main aim of the conference is to develop a typology of Islamic Groups operating at the regional and global level with a view to assessing their implications for security in the short and long term. To this end, it would address the following issues:

- ❖ *What are the origins, worldviews and policy instruments used by Islamic groups operating in the Asia Pacific region?*
- ❖ *What are the implications of these worldviews for their operations at national, regional and global levels? Are these implications essentially negative in nature?*
- ❖ *What place do women occupy in these groups? What kind of social structures are they developing in this process and what is its likely impact upon societies in which they are operating?*

A number of Australian and international specialists will be presenting papers on different Islamic groups with a view to providing a better and deeper understanding of the types of such groups and their impact upon their immediate and global environment.

- ❖ **Professor James Piscatori**, *Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Oxford University*
- ❖ **Dr Frederic Grare**, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC.*
- ❖ **Dr Greg Fealy**, *The Australian National University*
- ❖ **Professor Amin Saikal**, *The Australian National University*
- ❖ **Professor William Maley**, *The Australian National University*
- ❖ **Dr Tahmina Rashid**, *University of Melbourne*

- ❖ **Dr Alan Godlas**, *University of Georgia, USA.*
- ❖ **Ms Kate Riddell**, *University of Western Australia*
- ❖ **Mr Adis Duderija**, *University of Western Australia*

Conference Papers

Proposals for presentation of papers are invited from those who can contribute to the main aims of the conference. Participants may wish to discuss groups based in a country/region, or focus on transnational Islamic movements/groups, e.g, Salafi movements, Sufis, Ismailis, or Islamic organisations dealing with specific issues.

If you would like to present a paper at this conference, please forward your abstract (1000 words long) and brief CV (not more than 1 page) via email to Wendy Chew (wpychew@cyllene.uwa.edu.au) by 15 February 2006. If the proposal is accepted the participants will be expected to give a 20-25 minutes presentations on the topic with a final paper due by end June 2006. The papers should be a maximum of 7-8,000 words.

Registration

For One day:

General Attendees: \$88.00 (including \$8.00 GST)

Students: \$44.00 (including \$4.00 GST)

For two days:

General Attendees: \$110.00 (including \$11.00 GST)

Students: \$66.00 (including \$6.00 GST)

Registration includes morning and afternoon tea on both days. Lunch will not be provided.

Funding

Limited travel funds are available for postgraduate students living outside Perth. Successful students will need to apply for such assistance.

Travel and Accommodation

A list of possible accommodation venues that are convenient to the conference venue can be found on the UWA website at <http://admissions.uwa.edu.au/accommodation>

Venue

The University of Western Australia

25 February 2006, Saturday – The University Club, 1st Floor, Case Study Room

26 February 2006, Sunday – Old Senate Room, Irwin Street Building (opposite James Oval)

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Further Information and Enquiries

Website: <http://www.cmss.uwa.edu.au/events/conferences>

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Registration Fee

Please tick box as appropriate. GST is included.

For one Day:

General Attendees \$88

Students \$44

For two days:

General Attendees \$110

Students \$66

Registration includes copies of all conference papers, as well as morning and afternoon tea on both days. Lunch will not be provided.

Special Needs _____

Please fill in the registration form and send with cheque (addressed to “The University of Western Australia”) to the following address by 22 February 2006:

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