

TRENDING THOUGHTS

Seminar Series

“Islam, Politics, and Society in Southeast Asia”

DATE AND TIME

26 May 2025,
10am - 11.30am

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VENUE

Lecture Theatre 5
Building 2 Level 5, (2.505)

SYNOPSIS - This talk will identify trends in contemporary Muslim societies in Southeast Asia, focusing primarily on Indonesia and Malaysia. Drawing on two and a half decades of studying political Islam in the region, the talk will explore the prevailing schools of thought in the study of Islamism in the region and what scholars have identified as the "conservative turn" in Muslim socioreligious mobilization, examine these developments against larger transnational sources of Islamist activism, and discuss how and why these dynamics have resonated with and empowered political Islam in the region in the last four decades.



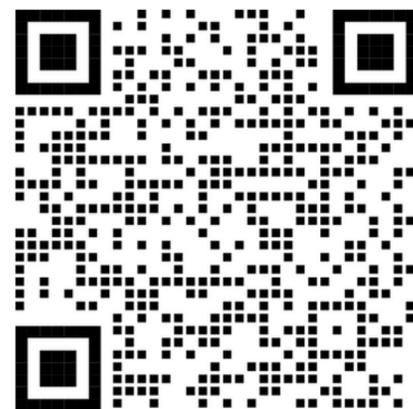
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