

# CONTENDING MODERNITIES

## BEYOND COEXISTENCE IN PLURAL SOCIETIES

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THE STATE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY (UIN)  
SYARIF HIDAYATULLAH, JAKARTA



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The Contending Modernities Working Group on Indonesia is a multi-year research project that explores the conditions that make peaceful coexistence among diverse ethnic and religious communities in Indonesia possible, with a particular focus on religious and secular forces. Since the collapse of the authoritarian regime in 1998, Indonesia has undergone dramatic changes to become the third largest democratic country in the world. However, the country has recently struggled with increasing religious intolerance and sectarianism. This Contending Modernities conference in Jakarta seeks to energize and shape the conversation on the pressing issues of pluralism facing the largest Muslim majority country, engaging scholars and researchers as well as inviting the participation of diverse religious leaders, public intellectuals, educators and opinion leaders.

Contending Modernities is an interdisciplinary research and education initiative based at the University of Notre Dame and in partnership with secular and religious institutions and individuals from around the world. The project seeks to generate new knowledge and greater understanding of the ways in which religious and secular forces interact in the modern world and to advance collaboration for the common good.

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## Monday, July 10 (Auditorium Harun Nasution)

8:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION**

8:30 a.m. **OPENING SESSION**  
National Anthem of the Republic of Indonesia

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Dede Rosyada, *Rector of UIN Syarif Hidayatullah*

Scott Appleby, *Co-Director of Contending Modernities and Dean of the Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame*

Muhadjir Effendy, *Minister of Education and Culture, Republic of Indonesia*

9:15 a.m. **KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
Introduction: Mun'im Sirry, *University of Notre Dame*

"Ambivalent Identities and Assertive Politics"  
Ebrahim Moosa, *University of Notre Dame*

10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. **PANEL 1: Empowering and Scaling-Up Pluralist Coexistence**  
Chair: Scott Appleby, *University of Notre Dame*

Robert W Hefner, *Boston University*: "What Reformasi Indonesia Tells Us about the Prospects for Civic-Pluralist Coexistence in Muslim-Majority Societies"

Respondent: Azyumardi Azra, *State Islamic University*

Nelly van Doorn-Harder, *Wake Forest University*: "Women's Rights Activism: Translating the Center to the Grassroots"

Respondent: Yuniyanti Chuzaifah, *National Commission on Violence against Women, Indonesia*

12:15 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:30 p.m. **PANEL 2: Authorizing Peaceful Coexistence: Domestic and Global Challenges**  
Chair: Atalia Omer, *University of Notre Dame*

James B Hoesterey, *Emory University*: "Soft Islam: Public Diplomacy and the Making of "Moderate Islam" in Indonesia"

Respondent: Muhamad Ali, *University of California, Riverside*

Mohamad Abdun Nasir, *State Institute of Islamic Studies*: "Muslim-Hindu-Christian Relations in Lombok: Conflict, Tolerance and Community Engagement"

Respondent: Webb Keane, *University of Michigan*

3:15 p.m. **BREAK**

3:30 p.m. **PANEL 3: Radicalizing Religion and Youth**  
Chair: Ebrahim Moosa, *University of Notre Dame*

Arskal Salim, *State Islamic University, Jakarta*: "Shari'a and the Politics of Culture and Identity in the Aceh-North Sumatra Border"

Respondent: Michael Feener, *University of Oxford*

Eckhard Zemmrich, *Humboldt-Universität*: "Religion as Clothing (Agama sebagai Baju)?: Some Aspects of a Complex Notion"

Respondent: Siti Syamsiyatun, *Universitas Gadjah Mada*

6:00 p.m. **DINNER**

## Tuesday, July 11 - Workshop (Uni Club Meeting Room)

8:00 a.m. **OPENING REMARKS**

Atalia Omer, *University of Notre Dame*  
Mun'im Sirry, *University of Notre Dame*

9:00 a.m. **SESSION 1: Scaling-Up Pluralism: A Project on Local-National Collaborations for Pluralist Coexistence in Contemporary Indonesia**

Moderator: Mun'im Sirry, *University of Notre Dame*  
Zainal Abidin Bagir, *Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta*  
Alimatul Qibtiyah, *State Islamic University, Yogyakarta*  
Abidah Muflihati, *State Islamic University, Yogyakarta*  
Marthen Tahun, *Protestant Theological University, The Netherlands*

10:00 a.m. **SESSION 2: Women Strengthening Pluralist Coexistence in Contemporary Indonesia: Analyzing the Role of Komnas Perempuan and the Koalisi Perempuan**

Moderator: Arskal Salim, *State Islamic University, Jakarta*  
Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta, *Duta Wacana Christian University, Yogyakarta*  
Inayah Rohmaniyah, *State Islamic University, Yogyakarta*  
Haryani Saptaningtyas, *Radboud Nijmegen University, The Netherlands*  
Mega Hidayati, *University of Muhammadiyah, Yogyakarta*

11:00 a.m. **BREAK**

11:15 a.m. **SESSION 3: Transforming Javanese Interreligious Literacy among Young People**

Moderator: Nelly van Doorn-Harder, *Wake Forest University*  
Eckhard Zemmrich, *Humboldt-Universität, Germany*

12:15 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK**

1:30 p.m. **SESSION 4: Religious Minorities, Minorities and Identities: Intra and Interreligious Relations in Post-Conflict Aceh**

Moderator: Ebrahim Moosa, *University of Notre Dame*  
Moch Nur Ichwan, *State Islamic University, Yogyakarta*  
Eka Srimulyani, *State Islamic University, Aceh*

2:30 p.m. **SESSION 5: Public Diplomacy and Changing Dynamics of Peaceful Coexistence**

Moderator: Atalia Omer, *University of Notre Dame*  
James Hoesterey, *Emory University*  
Mohammad Abdun Nasir, *State Institute of Islamic Studies, Mataram*

3:30 p.m. **BREAK**

4:00 p.m. **SESSION 6: Religious Radicalism and the Challenges for Coexistence**

Moderator: Mun'im Sirry, *University of Notre Dame*  
Ihsan Ali-Fauzi, *PUSAD Paramadina, Jakarta*  
Bagus Laksana, S.J., *Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta*  
Elga Sarapung, *Dian-Interfidei, Yogyakarta*  
Dadi Darmadi, *PPIM, State Islamic University, Jakarta*

5:30 p.m. **CLOSING**

6:30 p.m. **DINNER**