

INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS IN INDONESIA

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As the Indonesian national motto, *Bhinneka Tunggal Eka*, points out, Indonesia is working to find unity in its great diversity. One key facet of Indonesian diversity is the plethora of religions in the archipelago, encompassing not merely the five broad categories found on Indonesian identity cards but also the traditional beliefs not represented on a national level and the varieties of religious understanding within each label. The interaction of religions provides a critical juncture for acting out the nation's unity or for exposing its lack of unity. The Yale Indonesia Forum Spring Conference 2009 seeks to probe this juncture from several disciplinary perspectives, examining the challenges, successes, and failures of interreligious relations in Indonesia.

Pre-Conference YIF Workshops

Feb 27: **Achmad Munjid**, Religion Department, Temple University; President of Nahdhatul Ulama Community in North

America; Associate, Dialogue Institute, Temple University

Mar 5: **Rev. Dr. Batara Sihombing MTh.**, Director of Postgraduate Studies, Abdi Sabda Seminary, The Batak Church,

Huria Kristen Indonesia, Pematangsiantar, North Sumatra

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Panel I

“Antisemitism, Syncretism, and the Definition of ‘Indonesia’”

Jeffrey Hadler, University of California, Berkeley

“Spirits and Citizens: The Politics of Religious Difference in Contemporary Indonesia”

Daromir Rudnyckj, University of Victoria

“Persecution of Deviance and Policing of Religious Boundaries: Campaigns Against Ahmadis, ‘False Prophets’ and ‘Deviant Cults’ within Indonesian Islam Since 2005”

John Sidel, The London School of Economics and Political Science

Panel II

“Reshaping Religious Subjectivities in a Contested Papuan Society”

Charles Farhadian, Westmount College

“Indonesian Discourses on Religion, Deforestation and Displacement”

Lorraine Aragon, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Round Table on State of the Field