

# Chairpersons, Discussants, and Keynote Speakers

## **Abdul Munir Mulkhan**

Abdul Munir Mulkhan, guru besar Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, lahir di Wuluhan, Jember, Jawa Timur: 13 November 1946. Pendidikan: S1: Fak Tarbiyah IAIN (1974) dan Filsafat UGM (1982), S2: Sosiologi UGM (1988), S3: Sosiologi UGM (1999). Pekerjaan: 1965-1975: Guru SD, SMP, SMA Di Jember dan Metro Lampung; 1976-1977: Kepala Urusan Umum Kantor Dep. Agama Kab Lampung Tengah; 1977-1978: Kepala KUA Kecamatan Sekampung, Lampung Tengah; 1979-1985: Pegawai Pada Kantor Wilayah Dep. Agama Propinsi DIY; 1986-1991: Kepala Seksi pada Kantor Wilayah Dep. Agama Propinsi DIY; 1991-sekarang: Dosen Fak Tarbiyah UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta; 2003: Postdoctoral Research di McGill University Canada tahun 2003; 2006: Research Fellow di Nanyang Technological University of Singapore; 2000-2005: Wakil Sekretaris Pimpinan Pusat Muhammadiyah; 1988-2000, 2005-2015: Anggota Majelis DIKTI (Pendidikan Tinggi) Pimpinan Pusat Muhammadiyah; 2007-2012: Anggota KOMNAS HAM RI.

Penerbitan Buku & Jurnal: Menulis lebih 70 buku, di antaranya: *Islam Sejati; Kiai Ahmad Dahlan dalam Kehidupan Petani* (Jakarta, Serambi, 2005); *Syekh Siti Jenar; Pergumulan Islam-Jawa* (Yogyakarta, Bentang, 2000); *Ajaran dan Jalan Kematian Syekh Siti Jenar* (Yogyakarta, Kreasi Wacana, 2002); *Makrifat Burung Surga dan Ajaran Kasampurnan Syekh Siti Jenar* (Yogyakarta, Kreasi Wacana, 2008); *Islamic Education And Da'wah Liberalization: Investigating Kiai Achmad Dachlan's Ideas* (Yogyakarta, al-Jami'ah Journal of Islamic Studies; Volume 46, Number 2, 2008/ 1429); *Politik Santri; Cara Menang Merebut Hati Rakyat* (Yogyakarta, Kanisius, 2009); *Misteri Kematian Syekh Siti Jenar* (Bandung, Mizan, 2009); *Jejak Pembaruan Sosial dan Kemanusiaan Kiai Ahmad Dahlan* (Jakarta, Kompas, 2010); *Marhaenis Muhammadiyah* (Yogyakarta, Galang, 2010); *Guru Sejati Syekh Siti Jenar Guru Sejati* (Yogyakarta, Metro Epistema, 2012); *The Signs of Sufi in The Javanese Songs in Kitab Bayan Budiman* (al-Jami'ah Journal of Islamic Studies; Volume 46, Number (in process); *Jejak-Jejak Sufi dalam Tembang Jawa Kitab Bayan Budiman* (Jurnal Tasawuf Volume 1, Nomor 1, Januari 2011, Pusat Kajian Budaya Hamka Universitas Muhammadiyah Prof. Dr. Hamka). Karya bersama Prof. Dr. Bilveer Singh: *Demokrasi Di Bawah Bayang-Bayang NII: Dilema Politik Islam dalam Peradaban Modern* (Jakarta, Kompas, 2010).

## **Ahmad Jainuri**

Sunan Ampel State Islamic Institute (IAIN), Surabaya

## **Ahmad Syafii Maarif**

Founder of Maarif Institute

## **Azyumardi Azra**

Azyumardi Azra, born on March 4, 1955, is Professor of history and Director of Graduate School, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia (January 2007-on); and was Deputy for Social Welfare at the Office of Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia (April 2007-October 20, 2009).

He was rector of Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University for two terms (1998-2002 and 2002-2006). He earned his MA in Middle Eastern Studies, MPhil and PhD degrees in history all from Columbia University in the City of New York (1992) with the dissertation “The Transmission of Islamic Reformism to Indonesia: Networks of Middle Eastern and Malay-Indonesian ‘Ulama’ in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries”. In May 2005 he was awarded Doctoral Degree *Honoris Causa* in *Humane Letters* from Carroll College, Montana, USA.

He was also a Honorary Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne, Australia (2004-9); a member of Board of Trustees, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan (2004-on); a member of Academic Development Committee, Aga Khan International University-Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations (AKU-ISMC), London (2006-9); and Chief, Auditory Board, Bogor Agricultural University (Bogor, Indonesia, 2008-on).

He has been involved as a member of selection committees for research awards, such as SEASREP (Southeast Asia Studies Research Exchange Program), The Nippon Foundation & The Asia Center, Tokyo (1998-9). He is also a member of Advisory/Management Board of Asian Research Foundation (ARF), Bangkok (2005-on); Asian Scholarship Foundation (ASF), Bangkok (2007-on); The Habibie Centre Scholarship (Jakarta, 2005-on); Asian Public Intellectual (API) Fellowship Program, The Nippon Foundation, Tokyo (2007-on); and Indonesian International Education Foundation (IIEF, Jakarta 2007-on). He is also a member of Indonesian National Research Council (DRN, 2004-on); a life-time member of Indonesian Academy of Sciences (API); and President of International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA, 2010-12).

In addition, he is a member of advisory board of a number of international institutions such as Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (2004-on); the Multi-Faith Centre (MFC), Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia (2005-on); the US Institute of Global Ethics and Religion (2004-on); Centre for the Study of Contemporary Islam (CSCI), University of Melbourne, Melbourne (2005-09); Centre for Islamic Law and Society, University of Melbourne (2008-on); the UN Democracy Fund/UNDEF, New York (2006-08); US LibforAll (2006-on). He is also member of the Tripartite Forum [governments, UN offices and Civil Society organizations] for Interfaith Cooperation for Peace, Development and Human Dignity, launched at the UN in New York on March 24, 2006; member of the Board of International IDEA (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Stockholm 2007-on); member of Board of Governors, Bali Democracy Forum (BDF)/Institute for Peace and Democracy (IPD), Jakarta/Bali, 2008-on); and member of Council of Faith, World Economic Forum, Davos (2008-on).

He is editor-in-chief, *Studia Islamika: Indonesian Journal for Islamic Studies* (1994-on); advisory board of *Journal of Qur’anic Studies* (SOAS, London, 2005-on), *Journal Usuluddin* (Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, 2005 on); *Journal Sejarah* (Universiti Malaya, 2006-on); *Australian Journal of Asian Law* (2008-on); *Journal of Islamic Advanced Studies* (Kuala Lumpur, 2008-on); *Journal of Royal Asiatic Society (JRAS, London 2009-on)*; *Journal of Islamic Studies* (Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, 2010-on); and *Akademika: Journal of Southeast Asia Social Sciences and Humanities* (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 2010-on).

He has been international visiting fellow at the Azhar University, Cairo; Leiden University; Oxford University; University of Philippines; New York University; Columbia University; University of Melbourne, and many others. He regularly presented papers on various subjects at national and international conferences.

He has published 23 books; numerous chapters in internationally edited books; his English books are *The Origins of Islamic Reformism in Southeast Asia*, Crows Nest, Australia: Asian Studies Association of Australia and Allen & Unwin; Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press; Leiden: KITLV Press, 2004; co-editor, *Sharia' and Politics in Indonesia*, Singapore: ISEAS, 2005; *Indonesia, Islam and Democracy*, Jakarta & Singapore, ICIP & Equinox, 2006; *Islam in the Indonesian World: An Account of Institutional Development*, Bandung: Mizan International, 2007; contributing editor, *Islam beyond Conflict: Indonesian Islam and Western Political Theory*, London: Ashgate, 2008; and co-editor, *The Varieties of Religious Authority: Changes and Challenges in 20th Century Indonesian Islam*, Singapore: ISEAS, 2010.

He is also co-chair of United Kingdom-Indonesia Muslim Advisory Council, formed at the end of 2006 by British PM Tony Blair and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. He has been regularly invited to meet top level foreign dignitaries who visited Indonesia, among others: President George W Bush (October 2003); US State Secretaries, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, and Hillary Clinton; Prince Charles; Australian Prime Ministers John Howard, and Kevin Rudd; New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark; and Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende.

In conjunction with the commemoration of Indonesian independence (August 17, 1945), on August 15, 2005, he was awarded by Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono the 'Bintang Maha Putra Utama' [lit, the Star of the Greatest Son of the Soil], the highest star for Indonesia civilian, for his outstanding contribution to development of moderate Islam in the country. Early that year, in conjunction with its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, The Asia Foundation (TAF) also awarded him for his outstanding contribution to the modernization of Islamic education in Indonesia. And in August 2010 he was awarded Honorary CBE (Commander of the Order British Empire) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth for his outstanding contribution to inter-faith and inter-civilisation dialogues.

### **Bambang Purwanto**

– Gadjah Mada University (UGM), Yogyakarta

### **Dicky Sofyan**

Dicky Sofjan is a Core Doctoral Faculty in the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. After receiving a research fellowship, he was appointed as the Regional Project Manager for the Asian Public Intellectuals (API) Fellowships Program of The Nippon Foundation in 2008-2012. Dr. Sofjan has been serving as an Indonesian member of the Bi-National Review and Selection Committee for Fulbright Scholarships. Prior to working for ICRS and API, he worked as an officer, manager and director for international organizations such United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). He is the author of *Why Muslims Participate in Jihad: An Empirical Survey on Islamic Religiosity in Indonesia and Iran* (Mizan and Australian Theological Forum Press 2006/2007; ISBNs:

9789794333999, 9794333999). He received his Ph.D. from the National University of Singapore. He has held research fellowships in Institut Kajian Malaysia dan Antara Bangsa (IKMAS) in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Malaysia (2008), Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University, Japan (2008) and Tehran International Studies and Research Institute (TISRI), Iran (2003). His M.A. thesis from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, entitled *The Madani Society: Assessing Muslim Politics in Contemporary Indonesia*, among others looked at Muhammadiyah as a significant force of change during the 1980s and 1990s, leading up to the *reformasi* movement in 1997/1998, which ultimately saw the downfall of Suharto's 32-year reign. He was invited in 2011 to give a talk at the Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta Branch on Islamic Persian Intellectual Influence on Indonesia. In 2009, Dr. Sofjan founded and currently chairs INA Frontier (Indonesian Learning and Social Enterprise), a group of intellectual-activists working in the areas of education, training and social entrepreneurship. Among his many passions in life, he is also a PADI Certified Advanced Diver, who has conducted logged dives in Komodo National Park (East Nusa Tenggara), Derawan (East Kalimantan) and Raja Ampat (West Papua).

### **Fajar Riza Ul Haq**

MAARIF Institute's executive director (2009 – present), a non-governmental organization which founded by Professor Ahmad Syafii Maarif, the former chairman of the Central Board of Muhammadiyah. He obtained a master degree (2006) from Center for Religious and Cross Cultural Studies, Gadjah Mada University of Yogyakarta; received Chevening Fellowship Awards (2009) at University of Birmingham, United Kingdom; and graduated from Sloan School Management, Massachusetts Institute Technology, USA.

In 2005, he was honored with selection for the Australia Indonesia Institute's Young Religious Leaders Exchange Program. Two years later, he also was selected as the participant of the 17th New Generation Seminar organized by the East West Center, Hawai'i, and Facilitation of Dialogue Process and Mediation Efforts conducted by Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden. Before charging as an executive director, he involved in Muhammadiyah's education system reform project by incorporating human rights values into religious education curricula since he was responsible for program director at the institute from 2007-2009. Previously in Surakarta (2002-2005), Fajar involved in promoting multicultural education for Muslim teachers and Islamic organizations. He is author of three books —Promoting Pluralism and Taking Side of the Oppressed: The New Political Vision of Muhammadiyah, Purification and Cultural Reproduction in South Java: Muhammadiyah and Local Arts, and Muhammadiyah-Christian: Religious Education Convergences—, edited three books on Islamic education based on human rights for senior high schools, edited two books on Character Education on Anti Violent and Tolerance for teachers, and regular contributor to major newspapers, journals, and magazines on social and religious issues.

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[habibpeace@yahoo.com](mailto:habibpeace@yahoo.com), HP 08567651983. Designation: 1. Coordinator, South East Asia Regional Forum on Islamic Epistemology and Education Reform. 2. President, Islamic Forum on Peace, Human Security and Development Studies. 3. Former Commissioner, the National Commission on Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia (Komnas HAM RI), 2002 to 2007. 4. Founding member and Board of Trustee, South East Asia Regional Initiative for Community Empowerment (SEA-RICE), Manila, since 1982. 5. International Advisory Panel, International Movement for a Just World, Kuala Lumpur, since 1994, for life. 6. International Advisory Board, World Family for Peace, Taiwan, since 2002. 7. International Board, Global Ethics and Religions Forum, Fresno, California, since 2003. 8. International Advisory Board, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Global Watch, New York, since 2006. 9. International Advisory Board, Council of Character Education, Universal Peace Federation (UPF), New York, since 2009. Awards: 1. The Aga Khan Award for Architecture, Lahore, Pakistan, 1980. 2. The Ambassador of Good Will, Governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton, 1987. 3. The Ambassador for Peace, Universal Peace Federation, Seoul, Korea, 2002.

### **Herman L. Beck**

Herman L. Beck (b. 1953 in Sorong) is since 1991 professor of Religious Studies and Islam, School of Humanities, Tilburg University, the Netherlands. He defended his PhD thesis at Leiden University in 1984 (*cum laude*). Before coming to Tilburg he worked at Leiden University and the IAIN Sunan Kalijaga in Yogyakarta. His research and publications are focused on Islam, Rituals and Religious Diversity in Indonesia, Morocco and the Netherlands.

LIST of Publications (regarding the Muhammadiyah): ‘The rupture between the Muhammadiyah and the Ahmadiyya’, in *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land en Volkenkunde*, 161:2/3 [2005], pp. 210-246; ‘The Borderline between Muslim Fundamentalism and Muslim Modernism: An Indonesian Example’, in Jan Willem van Henten and Anton Houtepen (eds.): *Religious Identity and the Invention of Tradition*. (STAR 3), Assen 2001, pp. 279-291; ‘Islamitisch modernisme en mystiek. De Muhammadiyah en Pangestu op Centraal-Java, Indonesië’, in: Marjo Buitelaar en Johan ter Haar (red.): *Mystiek: het andere gezicht van de islam*. Bussum 1999, pp. 75-89; ‘Religieus pluralisme in de islam’, in: K.-W. Merks en H.L. Beck (red.): *Religieus pluralisme - Dynamiet of dynamiek? Bedreiging of verrijking van de Nederlandse samenleving?* [Annalen van het Thijmgenootschap, jaargang 85, aflevering 1]. Ambo, Amsterdam [1997], pp. 88-105; ‘Islamic purity at odds with Javanese identity: the Muhammadiyah and the celebration of the Garebeg Maulud ritual in Yogyakarta’, in: Jan Platvoet and Karel van der Toorn [eds.]: *Pluralism and Identity. Studies in ritual behaviour*. Leiden 1995, pp. 261-283; ‘Een eenige tweeling. Sura 3:110 als inspiratiebron voor modernisten en fundamentalisten in de islam in Indonesië’, in: H.L. Beck en K.-W. Merks: *Fundamentalisme. Ethisch fundamentalisme in wereldgodsdiensten*. [Annalen van het Thijmgenootschap, jaargang 82, aflevering 3]. Ambo, Baarn [1994], pp. 88-104; *De Islam en Nederland: Romancing Religion*. Inaugurale rede. Tilburg 1992;

### **Jonathan Benthall**

Jonathan Benthall is an honorary research fellow in the Department of Anthropology, University College London, and was formerly Director of the Royal Anthropological Institute. His extensive publications on Islamic humanitarianism, and Faith Based Organizations in general, include *The Charitable Crescent*:

*Politics of Aid in the Muslim World* (with Jérôme Bellion-Jourdan, London: I.B. Tauris, 2003, new paperback edition 2009)

### **Martin van Bruinessen**

Martin van Bruinessen is Professor Emeritus of Comparative Studies of Modern Muslim Societies at Utrecht University and currently a senior visiting research fellow at the Asia Research Institute (ARI/NUS) in Singapore. He is an anthropologist with a strong interest in politics, history and philology, and much of his work straddles the boundaries between these disciplines. He has conducted extensive fieldwork in Kurdistan (Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria) and in Indonesia and has taught on subjects ranging from Ottoman history and sociology of religion to theories of nationalism.

His involvement with Indonesia began with fieldwork in a poor urban *kampung* in Bandung (1983-84) and included stints as an advisor on research methods at LIPI (1986-90) and as a lecturer at the IAIN Sunan Kalijaga in Yogyakarta (1991-94). At LIPI he worked with Indonesian scholars in a major research project on the world view of Indonesia's ulama, which introduced him to the world of the *pesantren* and the Nahdlatul Ulama organization as well as the networks of young Muslim intellectuals.

After his return to the Netherlands, van Bruinessen took part in founding the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) in 1998 and was one of its professors during 1999 through 2008.

His publications include *Agha, Shaikh and State: The Social and Political Structures of Kurdistan* (London, 1992); *Evliya Çelebi in Diyarbakir* (with H. Boeschoten, Leiden, 1988), *Tarekat Naqsyabandiyah di Indonesia* (Bandung, 1992), *NU: Tradisi, Relasi-relasi Kuasa, Pencarian Wacana Baru* (Yogyakarta, 1994), *Kitab kuning, pesantren dan tarekat: Tradisi-tradisi Islam di Indonesia* (Bandung, 1995), *Rakyat kecil, Islam dan politik* (Yogyakarta, 1998), *Mullas, Sufis and heretics: the role of religion in Kurdish society* (Istanbul, 2000), *Kurdish ethno-nationalism versus nation-building states* (Istanbul, 2000), the edited volumes *Islam und Politik in der Türkei* (with J. Blaschke, Berlin, 1985), *Islam des Kurdes* (with Joyce Blau, Paris, 1998), *Sufism and the 'Modern' in Islam* (with Julia D. Howell, London, 2007), *The Madrasa in Asia: Political Activism and Transnational Linkages* (with Farish A. Noor and Yoginder Sikand, Amsterdam, 2008), *Islam and Modernity: Key Issues and Debates* (with M. Khalid Masud and Armando Salvatore, Edinburgh, 2009), and *Producing Islamic Knowledge: Transmission and Dissemination in Western Europe* (with Stefano Allievi, Oxon, 2011), and numerous articles. Much of his work on Indonesian Islam is available in Indonesian translation; his most recent Indonesian book is *Kitab Kuning, Pesantren dan Tarekat* (edisi revisi, Yogyakarta, 2012).

Van Bruinessen can be contacted at: [m.vanbruinessen@uu.nl](mailto:m.vanbruinessen@uu.nl); many of his articles can be downloaded from his personal website:

<http://www.hum.uu.nl/medewerkers/m.vanbruinessen/index-eng.html> .

### **M. Amin Abdullah**

M. Amin Abdullah (1953) is a professor of philosophy and Islamic studies in the State Islamic University (UIN) Yogyakarta, Indonesia. He was a member of *Majelis Tarjih*, Muhammadiyah, 1990-1995. After Banda Aceh Mukhtamar (1995), he led the *Majelis Tarjih dan Pengembangan*

*Pemikiran Islam*, 1995-2000. He introduced a new division within this Majelis such as a gender mainstreaming, the development of Qur'anic exegesis, and the development of Islamic methodology in understanding religious text. The epistemological term, such as Bayani (textual), Burhani (rational), and Irfani (intuitive) in understanding a fundamental religious text arose in this period. The most debatable issue during this period is the publication of *Tafsir Tematik al-Qur'an tentang Hubungan Sosial antarumat Beragama* (Thematic Qur'anic exegesis on the inter-faith social relationship), 2000. Finally, he was appointed as a member of board of Muhammadiyah, 2000-2005. Several articles in journal and anthology and books are written, *The Idea of Universality of Ethical Norms in Ghazali and Kant*, Ankara: Turkiye Diyanet Vakfi, 1992. This book has been translated into Germany, *Universalitat Der Ethik: Kant & Ghazali*, Frankfurt: Verlag Y. Landeck, 2003 and into Indonesian *Antara Al-Ghazali & Kant : Filsafat Etika Islam*, Bandung: Mizan, 2002; *Falsafah Kalam di Era Post-modernisme* (Philosophy of Kalam in the Era of Post-Modernism), Yogyakarta: Pustaka Pelajar, 1995; *Studi Agama: Normativitas atau Historisitas?* (Religious Studies: Normativity or Historicity?), Yogyakarta: Pustaka Pelajar, 1996; *Dinamika Islam Kultural: Pemetaan Atas Wacana Keislaman Kontemporer* (The Dynamics of Cultural Islam in the Contemporary Discourses), Bandung: Mizan, 2000; *Pendidikan Agama Era Multikultural* (Religious Education in Multicultural Era), Jakarta: PSAP, 2005; *Islamic Studies di Perguruan Tinggi : Pendekatan Integratif-Interkonektif* (Islamic Studies in Higher Education: Integrative – Interconnective Approach), Yogyakarta: Pustaka Pelajar, 2006; *Membangun Perguruan Tinggi Islam, Unggul dan Terkemuka: Pengalaman UIN Sunan Kalijaga* (Building Islamic Higher Education: Experience of UIN Sunan Kalijaga), Yogyakarta: Suka Press, 2010. Besides, in the administration of higher education, he was elected as a rector of the State Islamic University (UIN), Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, 2002-2006 and reelected 2006-2010. Since July, 2011, has been appointed as a member of Indonesian Academy of Sciences (AIPI). In 2012, currently appointed as one of the expert staffs of the minister in the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Jakarta. Contact : +62 81 126 8420; E-mail: [aminabdullah53@gmail.com](mailto:aminabdullah53@gmail.com); Wordpress: <http://aminabd.wordpress.com>; Address: Cupuwatu I, RT 02 RW 01, Purwomartani, Kalasan, Sleman, Yogyakarta, 55571, Indonesia.

### **M.C. Ricklefs**

M. C. Ricklefs is Professor Emeritus of the Australian National University and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. He is a scholar of the history and current affairs of Indonesia, whose recent publications have concentrated particularly on the role of Islam in recent and contemporary Java. Prof. Ricklefs was formerly Director of the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the Australian National University and more recently Professor of History at the National University of Singapore. He has also held appointments at The School of Oriental and African Studies (London University), Monash University and All Souls College.

His major books include *Jogjakarta under Sultan Mangkubumi, 1749–1792* (1974), *War, culture and economy in Java, 1677–1726* (1993), *The seen and unseen worlds in Java, 1726–49* (1998), *Mystic synthesis in Java: A history of Islamisation from the fourteenth to the early nineteenth centuries* (2006), *Polarising Javanese society: Islamic and other visions c.1830-1930* (2007), *Islamisation and its opponents in Java: A political, social, cultural and religious history, c. 1930 to the present* (2012), and *A history of Modern Indonesia* (4<sup>th</sup> English edition and 3<sup>rd</sup> Indonesian-language edition both 2008). He also edited and translated the English edition of P.J.

Zoetmulder, *Pantheism and monism in Javanese suluk literature* (1995), and co-authored and edited *A new history of Southeast Asia* (2010) with colleagues at NUS. He edited *Islam in the Indonesian social context* (1991) and H.J. de Graaf and Th.G.Th. Pigeaud, *Chinese Muslims in Java in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries* (1984). He is the Southeast Asia sectional editor for the third edition of Brill's *Encyclopaedia of Islam*.

He has held several major research grants in both Australia and Singapore and has made several radio (and a few television) presentations. He is on the editorial boards of several journals, including *Studia Islamika* and *Journal of Indonesian Islam*. He is an honorary member (*erehid*) of the Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde.

## **M. Din Syamsuddin**

### **Mitsuo Nakamura**

Mitsuo Nakamura (b. 1933), Professor Emeritus of Chiba University, was educated at Tokyo University, receiving a Bachelor's degree in Western philosophy and a Master's in cultural anthropology. He continued graduate studies in anthropology and Southeast Asian studies at Cornell University on Fulbright scholarship and obtained a PhD on the basis of field observation of the Muhammadiyah movement in Kotagede, Yogyakarta, 1970-72. After a brief stay at University of Adelaide as a senior teaching fellow, 1974-75, upon the request of the late Professor Selo Soemardjan, he joined the Social Science Research Training Program (PLPIIS) as a research associate (*tenaga ahli*) for its Jakarta station, attached to the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Indonesia (FIS-UI). After working for two years, 1976-77, for PLPIIS, he moved back to Australia as a visiting research fellow at the Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU, 1978-80. He was then introduced by Professor William Graham of Harvard University to join its Center for the Study of World Religions as a visiting scholar, 1981-82. While at Harvard, he revised his doctoral dissertation for publication, which came out from Gadjah Mada University Press in 1983 with the title, *The Crescent Arises over the Banyan Tree: A Study of the Muhammadiyah Movement in a Central Javanese Town*. Meanwhile, he expanded his research coverage to Nahdlatul Ulama upon the suggestion of the late Abdurrahman Wahid (Gus Dur), who invited him to attend its 1979 Muktamar as an observer. This experience has yielded an article entitled, "The Radical Traditionalism of the Nahdlatul Ulama in Indonesia: A Personal Account of Its 26th National Congress, June 1979, Semarang," *TONAN AJIA KENKYU (Southeast Asian Studies)*, 19:2, (CSEAS, Kyoto University, 1981).

In 1983, he was given professorship at Chiba University, Japan, where he continued to teach anthropology, Southeast Asian studies and Islamic studies until his retirement in 1999. While at Chiba, he organized "Study Group on Islam in Southeast Asia," through which he encouraged a number of young colleagues and graduate students of Japan to engage in research on Islam and Muslim societies in the region.

Economic and political crises that hit Indonesia in 1997-98 also shocked Japan, and its government became concerned about the future of Indonesia after the fall of President Soeharto. Professor Nakamura with his wife Hisako joined an observation team sent by the Japanese government to monitor the first general elections in the post-Soeharto era in 1999. Professor Nakamura was also requested by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to assess



the sovereign risk of Indonesia: from 2001 to 2003, he carried out this assignment by visiting a number of places in Indonesia for field observation and interviewing, and presented a report to the JBIC, which was later published as *Religious, Ethnic and Social Problems in Indonesia and Prospects for its National Re-Integration*, (JBICI Research Paper No.25, Tokyo, 2003 in Japanese).

During his tenure as a visiting scholar at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 2004-05, he and Hisako volunteered to join the international observation corps of the 2004 general and presidential elections in Indonesia. The result has been published from the Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School, in a booklet entitled, *Islam and Democracy in Indonesia: Observations on the 2004 General and Presidential Elections*, Occasional Publications 6, December 2005.

In more recent years, Professor Mitsuo Nakamura has been concentrating again on the study of Islamic social movements like Muhammadiyah and NU in the Post-Reformasi era. He has done a re-visiting research on Muhammadiyah in Kotagede, 2008-09. The result has just been published as a revised/enlarged edition of the old Banyan Tree book from ISEAS, Singapore. The new edition includes Part Two, covering the development of Muhammadiyah in Kotagede, 1972-2010. Together with Part One (reprint of the original Banyan Tree book), the new book traces the history of Muhammadiyah in Kotagede for about 100 years, i.e. from c.1910s to 2010. Professor Nakamura regards this publication to be his personal project to celebrate academically the centennial anniversary of Muhammadiyah.

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### **Robert W. Hefner**

Robert W. Hefner is professor of anthropology and director of the Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs (CURA) at Boston University, where he has directed the program on Islam and society since 1991. Hefner has conducted research on the comparative sociology of the world religions for some 30 years; he has dedicated special attention to Muslim culture, politics, and education since the mid-1980s. He has directed some 16 major research projects and organized 14 international conferences. Hefner has also authored or edited seventeen books, including several that touch directly on the Muhammadiyah and Islamic education in Indonesia, including *Shari`a Politics: Law and Society in the Modern Muslim World* (Indiana 2011), *Muslims and Modernity: Culture and Society since 1800*, *New Cambridge History of Islam*, Volume 6 (Cambridge 2010), *Making Modern Muslims: The Politics of Islamic Education in Southeast Asia* (Hawaii 2009), and, with Muhammad Qasim Zaman, *Schooling Islam: The Culture and Politics of Modern Muslim Education* (Princeton 2007). He is currently involved in a comparative collaborative study of the role of sharia and Islamic public ethics in political transitions underway across the Muslim world.

### **Robin Bush**

Robin Bush is a Senior Research Fellow in the Religion and Globalization Cluster at the Asia Resear Institute, NUS, Singapore. Dr Bush's research interests revolve around the interfaces between Islam, politics, and development, particularly in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. She is

pursuing two research projects at ARI – the first is an updated and in-depth examination of NU and Muhammadiyah, Indonesia’s large mass-based Muslim organizations, and the second is contributing to the cluster’s overall project on Religion and NGOs in Asia. Prior to joining ARI in December of 2011, Dr Bush spent 11 years at The Asia Foundation’s Indonesia office – directing its programs on Islam for the first 6 years, and then as Deputy and Country Representative for the last 5 years. Her book is entitled *Nahdlatul Ulama and the Struggle for Power in Islam and Politics in Indonesia* (2009), and she is the author of numerous other articles on Islam in Indonesia.

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Vice Chairman, International Relations, Central Board of Muhammadiyah. Email Address: [s\\_markus@cbn.net.id](mailto:s_markus@cbn.net.id). Graduated from School of Medicine, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, 1970, but interested more in humanitarian and civil society-related affairs. He has three folds experiences along his carrier paths, being Director for NGO Affairs in the Government Ministry and Senior Programme Coordinator for Poverty, Health and Humanitarian Affairs within United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Director for Social Development & Environment in a multinational corporation, and finally as civil society and humanitarian activist. He was the founder of the Ikatan Mahasiswa Muhammadiyah or the Muhammadiyah University Student Association, than continued his services with Muhammadiyah as Chair of the Muhammadiyah Council of Health (1995-2000), than as Chairman of the Central Boarf of Muhammadiyah (2005-2010). He was, along with some East and West NGOs leaders, also the Founder of the Humanitarian Forum International registered at the Charity Commission of UK and Wales (2006).

His books on *Muhammadiyah sebagai Gerakan Masyarakat Islam (Muhammadiyah as an Islamic Civil Society Movement)* (2008) and *Muhammadiyah Menuju Peradaban Utama (Towards Civilization of Excellence)* indicated his strong commitment in consolidating Muhammadiyah as an Islamic civil society movement, in addition to its mainstreaming as da’wah- amar ma’ruf nahi munkar, through the services development in the fields of education, health and welfare.

### **Syafiq Mughni**

Syafiq A. Mughni was born in Lamongan, Indonesia, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1954; completed Muhammadiyah Elementary School, Paciran, Lamongan (1966); High School of Pesantren Persis Bangil, Pasuruan, Indonesia (1971); IAIN (State Institute of Islamic Studies) Sunan Ampel, Surabaya, Indonesia (Undergraduate, 1985; and Doctorandus, 1979); and University of California, Los Angeles, USA (M.A, 1995; Ph.D., 1990) in Islamic Civilization.

He is currently Professor in Islamic Civilization at IAIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya (1997-present); was a Visiting Professor at McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1999), and State University of New York,

Buffalo, NY, USA (2006); Dean of Adab Faculty, IAIN Sunan Ampel, Surabaya (1995-1998); and Rector of Muhammadiyah University at Sidoarjo (2001-2005)

In Muhammadiyah he served as Vice Chairperson of Muhammadiyah Provincial Board of East Java (2000-2005); Chairperson of Muhammadiyah Provincial Board of East Java (2005-2010); and currently Chairperson (responsible for Health and Social Welfare) of Muhammadiyah Central Board, Indonesia (2010-2015).

International conferences he participated include Levi Della Vida Conference in Islamic Studies, Los Angeles, USA (1985; 1987); American Oriental Society Congress, Los Angeles, USA (1987); Seminar on Islamic Literature, Washington, DC, USA (1985); International Symposium of ISESCO, Cairo, Egypt (1993); Workshop on the Management of Higher Learning Institutions, Montreal, Canada (1995); Asia-Pacific Interfaith Dialogue, New Zealand (2007); Asia-Europe Interfaith Dialogue, Nanjing, China (2007); The Third International Muslim Leaders Consultation on HIV/AIDS, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2007); Indonesia-Austria Interfaith Dialogue, Vienne, Austria (2009); Conference on "Russia and the Islamic World," Moscow (2010); Conference on Religion, Law and Neutrality of State in Contemporary World," Provo, Utah, USA (2010); Conference on Role of FBOs in Children and Maternal Health, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, May 22-25, 2011; and Building Hope Conference, Yale University, 13-22 June, 2011.

His works include *Hassan Bandung: Pemikir Islam* (Surabaya: 1980;1986); *Ahmad Hassan: Wajah dan Wajah Seorang Mujtahid* (Bangil:1984); *Sejarah Kebudayaan Islam di Kawasan Turki* (Jakarta: 1999); *Gerakan dan Ideologi Hanbali pada Abad Klasik* (Surabaya: 1995); *An Anthology of Contemporary History of the Middle East*. Montreal, Canada: 2000; *Nilai-Nilai Islam* (Jogjakarta, 2001); *Dinamika Intelektual Islam pada Abad Kegelapan* (Surabaya, 2002); *Radikalisme dalam Sejarah Islam* (Surabaya: 2010); *Di Balik Simbol: Memahami Pesan Agama dengan Semangat Kemajuan* (Surabaya: 2012).

He wrote articles, such as "Ahlussunnah wal Jama'ah dan Posisi Teologi Muhammadiyah," in M.Din Syamsuddin (ed.), *Muhammadiyah Kini dan Esok* (Jakarta: Panjimas, 1990); "Dinamika Pembaharuan Islam di Indonesia," in *Kontekstualisasi Ajaran Islam: 70 Tahun Prof. Dr. H. Munawir Sjadzali, M.A.* (Jakarta: IPHI-Paramadina, 1995); he also presented papers in seminars, such as Kepribadian Muhammadiyah dan Tantangan Era Globalisasi, paper presented at Pimpinan Cabang Muhammadiyah Brondong, Lamongan, 30 Mei 1993; Gerakan Puritan Islam dalam Perspektif Sejarah, paper presented at Masyarakat Muslim Filsafat, UGM, Yogyakarta, 1991; Reformisme Islam di Indonesia, paper presented at Fakultas Adab Surabaya, IAIN Sunan Ampel, 15 Agustus 1994; Ideologi Muhammadiyah: Telaah atas Produk Pemikiran Formal Persyarikatan, paper presented at Fakultas Tarbiyah Universitas Muhammadiyah Sidoarjo, 12 April 1995; Muhammadiyah dan Pemikiran Keagamaan: Reorientasi Wawasan dan Implementasi untuk Aksi, paper presented at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta, 8-9 April 1995.

He has been a contributor to *Matan*, montly magazine published by Provincial Board of Muhammadiyah, East Java. Between 2006 and 2011, his articles in the magazine include various topics on Muhammadiyah, such as Intervensi; Aisyiyah; Pencerahan; Tajdid Muhammadiyah; Kekuatan Ekonomi; Mamahami Muhammadiyah; Tema Gerakan Muhammadiyah; Refleksi Milad Muhammadiyah ke-97; Refleksi Seabad Muhammadiyah; Kepribadian Muhammadiyah; Menepis Stigma Elitisme; Kiai dalam Muhammadiyah; Merajut Ukhuwah Islamiyah; Dakwah Muhammadiyah; and Muhammadiyah dan Politik Kebangsaan.