

Islam, Law and the State in Myanmar Workshop 2014

23 and 24 January 2014

Lee Sheridan Room, National University of Singapore, Bukit Timah Campus

Workshop Programme

Thursday 23 January 2014 (Day 1)

8.30am - 9.00am Registration

(Lee Sheridan Room, Eu Tong Sen Building)

9.00am - 9.30am Welcome and Introduction

Professor Andrew Harding

DIRECTOR

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Dr Melissa Crouch

RESEARCH FELLOW

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9.30am - 11.00am Session 1: Security, Identity and Information

CHAIRPERSON: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BRIDGET WELSH, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SMU

Securitization and Islamophobia: Analysis of the 969 Movement in Myanmar

MR NYI NYI KYAW, PHD CANDIDATE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

**Whither the 'Moderate Mainstream'? Religious Violence and Myanmar's
Evolving Information Environment**

MR MATT SCHISSLER, PAUNG KU, YANGON

11.00am - 11.15am Morning Tea (Outside Lee Sheridan Room)

11.15am - 12.45pm Session 2: Democracy and Humanitarian Aid

CHAIRPERSON: PROFESSOR CLARK LOMBARDI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

**Contested Humanitarian Space and Inter-communal Violence in
Rakhine State**

DR ALISTAIR COOK, RESEARCH FELLOW, S. RAJARATNAM SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, NANYANG
TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

The Identity Crisis of Muslims in Myanmar

MR AUNG KO KO, MYANMAR EGRESS

12.45pm - 2.00pm Lunch

2.00pm – 3.30pm Session 3: History and Legal Authority

CHAIRPERSON: PROFESSOR ANDREW HARDING

Muslims in Myanmar: The Challenge of Understanding the Position of Islam in British Burma

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR STEPHEN L. KECK, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF SHARJAH

Personal Law and Colonial Legacy: State-Religion Relations and Islamic Law in Myanmar/Burma

DR MELISSA CROUCH, RESEARCH FELLOW, CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

3.30pm – 4.00pm Afternoon Tea (Outside Lee Sheridan Room)

4.00pm – 5.30pm Session 5: Discussion

Professor Clark Lombardi, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dr Melissa Crouch, RESEARCH FELLOW, CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

5.30pm Group Photo (Day 1)

5.45pm Bus to Welcome Dinner at Samy's Curry (Dempsey Hill)

9.00pm Bus to the hotel

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9.00am – 10.30am **Session 6: Education and Women**

CHAIRPERSON: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JACLYN LING CHIEN NEO, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Muslim Women's Education in Myanmar

MS PHYU PHYU OO, UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES, YANGON

**Eclipse of the Crescent in the Land of the Pagoda: Myanmar's Islamic
(Madrasah) Education**

MR MOHD MOHIYUDDIN MOHD SULAIMAN, UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY MARA MALAYSIA

10.30am – 10.45am **Morning Tea** (Outside Lee Sheridan Room)

10.45am – 12.15pm **Session 7: Comparative Perspectives from South Asia**

CHAIRPERSON: DR RONOJOY SEN, INSTITUTE OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Muslim Minorities 'under law' in Sri Lanka

DR BENJAMIN SCHONTHAL, UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND

**Dilemmas of Desire & Belonging amongst the Burmese-Rohingya &
Bangladeshi Migrants in Pakistan**

DR NAUSHEEN H ANWAR, ASIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

12.15pm – 1.15pm **Session 8: Discussion and Conclusion**

Professor Clark Lombardi, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dr Melissa Crouch, RESEARCH FELLOW, CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

1.15pm **Bus to Lunch at Shoebox Canteen (36 North Canal Road)**

2.45pm **Bus to the hotel**