

Book Launch cum Panel Discussion on Islam and the State in Myanmar: Muslim-Buddhist Relations & the Politics of Belonging



Dr Melissa Crouch presenting a copy of her book to Associate Professor Dan Puchniak in appreciation for the funding and support provided the Centre of Asian Legal Studies

On 3 November 2016, the Centre for Asian Legal Studies was pleased to organise a book launch for Dr Melissa Crouch to celebrate the publication of her book entitled “Islam and the State in Myanmar: Muslim-Buddhist Relations and the Politics of Belonging in Myanmar”.



From left to right: Dr Alistair Cook (Panel Discussant), Dr Ronojoy Sen (Panel Moderator), Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw (Contributing Author), Dr Melissa Crouch (Editor), Associate Professor Farish Noor (Guest Commentator), Associate Professor Dan Puchniak (Director, Centre for Asian Legal Studies).

The editor, Dr Melissa Crouch, and two contributors, Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw and Dr Alistair Cook, offered their perspectives on the book. The panel was chaired by Dr Ronjoy Sen, and the book was subsequently launched by Associate Professor Farish Noor.



Special Guest Commentator, Associate Professor Farish Noor from the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, providing some insightful discussion on the issues addressed in the book

The book provides an informed, scholarly response to contemporary issues facing the Muslim communities of Myanmar from both an empirical and a comparative perspective. This book comes at a critical juncture in Myanmar's history and at a time when there is an urgent need for deeper knowledge of Muslim communities in Buddhist-majority Myanmar.

This book is based on papers that were presented at a conference held in 2014, sponsored by the Centre for Asian Legal Studies.

From 2013-2014, Dr Melissa Crouch was a Research Fellow at the Centre for Asian Legal Studies. Melissa would particularly like to thank Professor Andrew Harding for his support of this project.



Dr Melissa Crouch signing books for participants at the Book Launch

The book is available for purchase from Oxford University Press [here](#).