

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HS4022 Sociology of Islam in the Malay World

Pre-requisites : HS1001 Person and Society
HS2001 Classical Social Theory
HS2002 Doing Social Research
HS3001 Contemporary Social Theory
HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics

No. of AUs. : 4

Contact Hours : 52

Course Aims

This module explores the effects of the modernization project upon the religious life of the Malays. By employing sociological insights, the course provides theoretical tools to critically examine the strategies various Muslim and non-Muslim social groups in the Malay World adopt to respond and adjust to these social processes. It will study themes such as popular youth cultures, religious ideologies, socio-economic development, social movements and state management to disentangle the ways in which global processes such as the increasing securitization besieging the September 11 generation and living in an age of migration are experienced within the context of pietization in the Malay World.

This module aims to afford students with an empathetic understanding of the forms of piety and religious institutions of the Muslims in SEA, the factors and transformations that influence the different aspects of their lives (popular culture, workplace, education etc.), their significance, and challenges in the context of globalization, technological change and the management of religiosity in the face of secularization and multiculturalism/multiracialism. It seeks to develop perspectives on the study of Islam in SEA through employing theoretical tools derived from the sociology of religion. Students will also learn the techniques of searching for new sources to study Islam in SEA, formulate critical questions and prepare a well-researched paper based on the themes of the course.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Apply key concepts and sociological theories developed within classical and contemporary sociology in general, and in the sociology of Islam specifically, to address lived experiences, the trends and policies of social control in different countries.

2. Analyze power relationships and social governance to evaluate social statuses such as piety, ethnicity, gender and social class.

3. Compare policy responses and social norms of different countries across space and time with regards to evolving understandings of religion.

Course Content

Week 1: Theory, Scope and Key Concepts

Week 2: The Nature of Prejudice: Labeling Islam

Week 3: The Crisis of Religious Authority

Week 4: States' Management of Islam

Week 5: Islam and Social Movements

Week 6: Educating Muslims

Week 7: Being Young and Muslim

Week 8: Recess Week

Week 9: Multiculturalism and Inter-Ethnic Relations

Week 10: Representations of Islam in Popular Culture

Week 11: Popular Religion and Halal-Consciousness

Week 12: Engendering Islam in Muslim Southeast Asia

Week 13: Muslim Life in the Age of the Internet

Course Assessment

CA1 Presentation and Review Memo : 20%

CA2 Class Participation : 10%

CA3 Class Discussion : 10%

CA4 Term Paper : 30%

Final Examination : 30%

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100%