

## HANISAH BINTE ABDULLAH SANI

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### EDUCATION

Expected 2019	PhD	Sociology, University of Chicago <i>Dissertation:</i> Elite Politics, Jurisdictional Conflicts, and the Legacy of Colonial State Building in Malaysia <i>Committee:</i> Andrew Abbott (chair), Elisabeth Clemens, Dan Slater
2015	M.A.	Sociology, University of Chicago
2011	M.A.	Malay Studies, National University of Singapore
2007	B.S.S.	Sociology with minor in English, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Upper Honors, National University of Singapore

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-reviewed journal article

Binte Abdullah Sani, H. (2015). Corporeal Poetics of Sacred Space: An Ethnography of *Jum'ah* in a Chapel. *Space and Culture*, 18(3), 298–310

#### Book review

Binte Abdullah Sani, H. Review of *Islam, Politics and Change: The Indonesian Experience after the Fall of Suharto*, Ed. Kees van Dijk and Nico J.G. Kaptein, Leiden University Press (2018). For the American Academy of Religion. Forthcoming.

### PAPERS IN PROGRESS

“The Lawless Europeans: Law and Order on Penang Island, 1786-1807” (Under review)

“Precolonial roots to the Varieties of Indirect Rule: a Comparative Analysis of the Malay States”

“Manifest Anxiety: Managing Religious Conversion in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century British Malaya”

“State Law and Legal Pluralism: Towards an Appraisal”

### INVITED LECTURE

“Framing Sufism: A Case Study of the Naqshbandi Haqqani Sufi Order in Singapore”, Islamic Religious Council of Singapore, September 2012

### CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“From Legal Sovereign to Legal System: the Precolonial Roots of Legal Administration on the Malay States”, Determinants/Origins of Colonial Institutions, Association for Asian Studies, March 2019 (Panel Organizer and Paper Presenter)

“Manifest Anxiety: Managing Religious Conversion in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century British Malaya”, Empire and Religious Difference, Social Sciences History Association, November 2018

“From Traditional Rule to Professional Experts: the Rise of New Religious Elites in British Malaya”

- Comparative Historical Section, American Sociological Association, August 2018
- Younger Scholars in the Sociology of Religion Conference, University of Notre Dame, April 2018
- Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference, Northwestern University, April 2018

“The Lawless Europeans: Law and Order on Penang Island, 1786-1807”

- Legal Histories of the British Empire, Law and Society Association, April 2018
- Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, August 2017

“Innovations in *Tariqa* Movements”, Religion & New Media, International Sociological Association, September 2008

“Two Religious Orientations of Muslims in Singapore”, Religion & the Formation of New Publics, International Sociological Association, September 2007

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

### **External**

2016 – 2019	National University of Singapore Overseas Graduate Scholarship
2014 – 2017	David Rockefeller Fellows of the Trilateral Commission (Asia Pacific Fellow)
2011	Lembaga Biasiswa Kenangan Maulud Foundation (Singapore) Prestigious Scholarship
2011	Islamic Religious Council of Singapore Research Grant

### **Internal**

2018 – 2019	Division of Social Sciences Mellon Dissertation-Year Fellowship
2018 – 2019	Committee of International Social Sciences Research (CISSR) Dissertation Fellowship
2018	Committee of South Asian Studies Dissertation Grant
2018	Division of Social Sciences Travel Grant
2017 – 2018	Department of Sociology Society for Social Research Grant
2017	Department of Sociology Henderson Research Grant
2017	Nicholson Center for British Studies Graduate Research Fellowship
2015 – 2016	Committee of South Asian Studies Pre-dissertation Overseas Travel Fellowship
2013 – 2018	Division of Social Sciences Five-Year Fellowship

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Chicago**

2018	Teaching Assistant, <i>Sociological Methods</i>
2016	Teaching Intern, <i>Colonizations</i> , College core sequence
2015 – 2016	Teaching Intern, <i>Self, Culture, and Society</i> , College core sequence

### **National University of Singapore**

2008	Teaching Assistant, <i>Islam in the Malay World</i>
2007	Teaching Assistant, <i>Malays and Modernization</i>
2007	Certificate in Teaching Pedagogy

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Current	Occasional reviewer – <i>American Journal of Sociology, Space and Culture</i>
2015 – 2016	Manuscript Board Student Editorial Committee, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>
2015 – 2016	Student Representative, Sociology of Religion Section, <i>American Sociological Association</i>

## **ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP**

American Sociological Association  
Association for Asian Studies  
Law and Society Association  
Social Sciences and History Association

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

August 2012 – September 2013

Senior Analyst, Contemporary Islam Program, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Worked on two book projects with Professor Joseph Liow Chinyong, Dean and Professor of International Relations and Comparative Politics i.e. *Religion and Nationalism in Southeast Asia* (Cambridge University Press 2016) and *Dictionary of the Modern Politics of Southeast Asia* (Routledge 2014).

January 2010 – August 2011

Executive, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Singapore

Staff the office of Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs;

Oversee the strategic functions of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore;

Policy formulation and review of the Administration of Muslim Law Act;

Prepare pre-Cabinet and Cabinet papers for Parliamentary Debates 2010 & 2011;

Member of the inter-agency United Nations (UN) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native), Malay (native), Mandarin (elementary), Jawi (reading)

## **REFERENCES**

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