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CONCEPT NOTE FOR 2021

RESEARCH PROJECT: SOUTHEAST ASIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULES OF WARFARE IN ISLAM

INTRODUCTION

The principles of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), the laws limiting the use of force in times of armed conflict, are based on humanitarian principles that are ultimately rooted in the world's religious traditions. The role of religious scholars in promoting common humanitarian principles is therefore crucial. Since the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has a mandate to promote IHL, it has long reached out to academics and religious scholars to explore correspondences between IHL and other traditions, the aim being to learn from each other and encourage debate on key issues. While there is a great deal of common ground, the differences between IHL and various religious traditions are sometimes as important as the similarities and offer insights into how IHL might be further developed and improved.

For a number of decades, the ICRC has worked closely with Islamic scholars across the world to encourage scholarship on the correspondences between IHL and the law of armed conflict in Islam. Some of the world's leading Islamic scholars have researched and published on the subject. These contributions from scholars have had real influence in increasing the interest and acceptance of humanitarian issues in areas of conflict in the Islamic world.

Since 2010 the ICRC has also been working closely with Islamic scholars in Southeast Asia to develop the subject of IHL and the law of armed conflict in Islam in the region. Efforts have included translating a number of key publications into regional languages including Indonesian, Malay, Tagalog and Maguindanaon. Since 2015 the ICRC has also worked with leading Islamic educational institutions in Indonesia and most recently the Philippines to hold an annual Certificate Course in Islam and International Humanitarian Law open to both scholars and practitioners from relevant fields. The ICRC has also worked with armed forces and armed groups in Southeast Asia to ensure that Islam and IHL does not remain purely an academic field but also works to limit the use of force and protect civilians in times of conflict.

With many Islamic scholars in the region now familiar with the discourse of Islam and IHL, the ICRC would like to work with Southeast Asian scholars to promote new research examining the laws of armed conflict in Islam from a Southeast Asian perspective. Up to now the ICRC's materials on Islam and IHL are mainly based on the work of Arab and South Asian scholars. The Islamic countries of Southeast Asia as well as minority regions in the Philippines and Thailand have strong traditions of Islamic scholarship and contributions from *Nusantara* to the global development of Islam and IHL will enrich the field and highlight the important work being done in the region.

The development of regional scholarship on Islam and IHL will go alongside work to integrate the teaching of Islam and IHL into the curriculum at leading Islamic universities. On a regional basis, the research from this project will also further dialogue with armed groups that have developed codes of conduct based on Islam and IHL.

The ICRC would like to work with scholars to explore the diverse thoughts and ideas of Islamic scholars in Southeast Asia especially regarding the Islamic *jus in bello* – the laws and teachings that govern the way in which warfare is conducted. What, if anything, did traditional scholars – the Ulama Nusantara – in the Malay Archipelago say on how the use of force in war must be limited or on what and who can be considered a target and which categories of people must be protected? Are there records on how Islamic states in pre-colonial Southeast Asia conducted warfare?

As well as examining the historical record for writings on the law of armed conflict in Islam, the ICRC is also seeking contributions from contemporary scholars in Southeast Asia. How is the law of armed conflict in Islam relevant in Southeast Asia today? What is the view of major Islamic organisations such as Muhammadiyah and Nahdlatul Ulama on the development of Islamic perspectives on International Humanitarian Law?

Throughout 2021 the ICRC will work with scholars in the region to promote research and discussion on IHL and the law of armed conflict in Islam through the launch of a call for papers as well as a series of events allowing scholars to present their work and discuss with peers and interested observers in Southeast Asia. At the end of the project the ICRC will work to publish the research in English as well as key languages of Southeast Asia. The publication and research will be used in the promotion of Islam and IHL with academic and religious circles as well as arms carriers in Southeast Asia and beyond.

OBJECTIVES

- To contribute to the global development of IHL and the law of armed conflict in Islam with a particular focus on Southeast Asian perspectives
- Raise the profile of Southeast Asian scholars on Islam and IHL
- To identify writings by leading historical Islamic scholars in Southeast Asia (Ulama Nusantara) on the topic of limits to the use of force in warfare
- To add to the ICRC's existing references on IHL and Islamic Law with more local and contextual sources
- To publish a collection of research on Southeast Asian perspectives on Islam and IHL in English and regional languages

RESEARCH PROJECT

- Call for papers researching Southeast Asian perspectives on Islam and IHL and the writing of Ulama Nusantara on the ethics of warfare
- Series of international webinars and a conference to present the selected papers on the topic
- Publishing selected papers in *Journal al-Jamiah*
- Publish a book from the selected papers produced during the call for papers competition
- Translate the book into English and regional languages

THEME:

SOUTHEAST ASIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULES OF WARFARE IN ISLAM

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in cooperation with Journal al-Jamiah of State Islamic University (UIN) Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta and the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS), Kuala Lumpur are delighted to invite academics, researchers, writers and intellectuals to submit abstracts of papers on Southeast Asian Contributions to the Development of the Rules of Warfare in Islam. The abstracts will be selected by a panel of experts on the topic and those who are selected will be notified, invited to present the main idea of their respected abstract and will be encouraged and facilitated to complete the research project resulting in the completion of a paper. Researchers will be provided with an incentive for full papers submitted and be facilitated to present their papers in ICRC national and regional events. The selected papers will be translated and published in Journal al-Jamiah and/or included as a chapter in a book related to the project.



TOPICS

- The Works of Particular Southeast Asian Ulama (Ulama in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Southern Thailand, Southern Philippines for instance) Related to the Ethic of War and Conflict (Tafsir, Hadith, Fiqh, Literature and other)
- The Role or Influence of Particular Ulama in the Region in Minimizing Harm and Suffering during War or Conflict
- Analysis on Religious Guidance (Decision, Fatwa, Circular) Issued by Individual Contemporary Ulama or Particular Religious Organizations Concerning War or Conflict Related Discourses
- Analysis on Religious Guidance (Decision, Fatwa, Circular) Issued by Individual Ulama or Particular Religious Organization in the Region Concerning Certain Issues Related to Means and Methods of Warfare (such as protection of civilians and civilian objects, use of certain weapons or tactics of war or armed conflict)
- Analysis on Codes of Conduct of Non-State Armed Groups in the Region and Their Influence during War or Armed Conflict



REQUIREMENTS

- The abstract must be submitted either in Malay/Indonesian, English or Arabic. The writers of abstracts selected by the jury panel can choose to write the full papers in English, Arabic, or Malay/Indonesian language.
- The research should explore Southeast Asian contributions to the development of the rules of warfare in Islam. Writers should familiarize themselves with the existing discourse on Islam and International Humanitarian Law (the law of armed conflict). The ICRC will facilitate selected participants to be familiar in this aspect.
- The research should focus on the rules of war (jus in bello aspect) and conflict related issues and should not focus on the justification for war or armed conflict (jus ad bellum aspect).
- The research could include the role, stance, religious edict or guidance issued by particular ulama or religious organizations in promoting rules or guidance for the conduct of war in times of conflict.
- The research could also cover the influence of particular ulama or religious organizations in preventing certain acts or behaviors to minimize harm or suffering during the conflict.
- Submitters should register themselves and upload their abstract to the following Google Docs [link](#).



JURIES

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- Novriantoni Kaharudin, ICRC Representative



IMPORTANT DATES

Launching and Announcement of Call for Papers	31 May 2021
Deadline for Abstracts Submission	6 August 2021
Announcement & Notification for Selected Abstracts	9-13 August 2021
Presentation of Draft of Paper and Main Ideas to the Juries	16-20 August 2021
Deadline for the Submission of Full Paper	20 September 2021
Deadline for Revision and Final Submission	20 October 2021
Regional Conference	October to November 2021
Publication of the Journal and Book	2021 - 2022



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5 selected best papers
(USD 100.00 each)



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