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Young people in Beirut's Tent City during the protests following the assassination of Rafik Hariri, former prime minister of Lebanon, March 2005

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1. Director's Report

The year 2005 witnessed the ongoing debate about the place of Islam in the modern world. The street protests in Beirut, the London bombings of 7 July, suburban riots in Paris and the Shi'ite-won elections in Iraq instigated unprecedented questions over the relationship between religion, culture and politics – questions which are unlikely to be tackled adequately either by traditional methods of scholarship or by fashionable security approaches. Neither can the present societal concerns be sufficiently addressed by the popular media or governmental directives, even though they may succeed in forging public opinions. ISIM believes that in order to address contemporary issues in modern Islam there is a fundamental need for innovative and in-depth academic research with a long-term perspective.

ISIM furthermore works on the assumption that national concerns in individual countries may not be attended to in isolation from broader global structures and processes. Issues concerning Islam in Europe or the Netherlands, for instance, can only be addressed by looking beyond Europe, both historically and geographically. With its unique international disposition and worldwide network, ISIM has been at the forefront of promoting a perspective that enjoys a distinctive global dimension.

As an essentially international institution, ISIM has, at the same time, been striving to place itself in the Dutch national setting. Towards this end, we established in 2005 an Advisory Council where we benefit from the counsel of various representatives of Dutch society on matters of national relevance and connectivity.

During 2005 some twenty academic and public events explored topics that ranged from Islamic authority, public life and private realms to Muslim women, youths and fashion. These included such workshops as *The Role and Identity of Religious Authorities*, *The Making of Muslim Youths*, *Social Transformation in the Islamic Republic* and *Muslim Fashions – Fashionable Muslims*. In April, in his inaugural lecture at Leiden University, Asef Bayat scrutinised the much-debated question concerning the compatibility of Islam and democracy, an exploration that was continued by Professor Juan Cole. Professor Cole of Michigan University delivered the ISIM Annual Lecture, which took place two weeks before the Iraqi elections. He thus offered a very timely analysis

of 'The Ayatollahs and Democracy in Contemporary Iraq', shedding light on how democracy in a Muslim society like Iraq may develop.

With the growing public debate in Europe, particularly in the Netherlands, ISIM's attention to this continent gathered new momentum. The workshop *The Making of European Islam* addressed the specificities of religious identity and authority amongst European Muslims, while a new project funded by Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, or NWO) was established to study the 'Individualization, Fragmentation of Authority and New Organizational Forms among Muslims in Europe'. The project includes two Ph.D. and a post-doctoral fellowship.

Much of our scholarly engagement is carried out and disseminated through publications by ISIM fellows and professors. The year 2005 reflects a remarkable publication record. In addition to dozens of papers presented at conferences, the ISIM fellows and Chairs produced some one hundred works of scholarship including articles in refereed journals, book chapters and a half-dozen book-size monographs and edited volumes, such as *Religion, Media and the Public Sphere* (by Birgit Meyer and Annelies Moors).

To deploy scholarly learning in public debate in the Netherlands, nine ISIM researchers contributed to and collaborated on *Nederlandse moslims: Van migrant tot burger*. The book was edited by Dick Douwes, Welmoet Boender and Martijn de Koning.

ISIM, in cooperation with Amsterdam University Press (AUP), launched a new publication line, the ISIM Dissertation Series, which makes the dissertations of Ph.D. Fellows available to the public worldwide and at a minimum cost. The first book in this Series, *From Behind the Curtain: A Girl's Madrasa in India*, is by Mareike Winkelmann, ISIM's first Ph.D. graduate.

Also in 2005, the ISIM project 'Rights at Home: An Approach to the Internalization of Human Rights in Family Relations in Islamic Communities' came to a successful conclusion. The four-year project focused on challenges and opportunities facing human rights activists in Muslim societies and communities.

In summary, ISIM is proud to report on a successful year. We are happy to illustrate this conclusion by referring to new research initiatives in Europe and the United States borrowing from the ISIM model.

ASEF BAYAT / ISIM Academic Director

2. Mission

The International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) develops, supervises and engages in innovative, high quality research on social, political, cultural and intellectual trends and movements in contemporary Muslim communities and societies. Its research and research network comprise ISIM's societal capital: ISIM provides insights gained in its research programmes to the benefit of society at large, and introduces intellectuals from all over the world to public debate in the Netherlands.

ISIM's research approaches are interdisciplinary and comparative, covering a large geographic range that includes North Africa, the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia, South and Southeast Asia and Muslim communities in Europe. Broad in scope, ISIM brings together the various areas of disciplinary expertise in anthropology, sociology, religious studies, political science and cultural studies. ISIM's work is grounded in solid empirical research and knowledge of local languages and contexts. It focuses on 'Muslims' as social agents rather than on 'Islam' as an abstract doctrine.

ISIM is an international research community and worldwide network. Academics the world over are attracted and inspired by the diverse community conducting research from ISIM's Netherlands base. All their research is embedded in broad and diverse networks ranging from Muslim civil society grass roots to leading universities in the South and the North to prominent Muslim and non-Muslim thinkers on Islamic issues.

3. Research

In its totality, ISIM's ongoing research focuses on exploring the challenges and opportunities associated with modernity and the processes of globalisation and transnationalisation with respect to Muslim societies and communities. The point of departure of the research programmes is not simply an abstract notion of Islam that easily lends itself to essentialisation; instead, Muslims are seen as agents of their societies, cultures and histories, even if they are not of their own making.

Operating within this general theme, ISIM research involves four programmes, each defined by a specific conceptual and theoretical problematic, yet interrelated through their engagement with the key concepts of the 'public sphere', 'social movements' and 'identities': *Islam, Civil Society and the Public Sphere*; *Muslim Cultural Politics: Family Dynamics and Gender*; *Contemporary Islamic Identity and Public Life*; and *Agency and Change in Contemporary Muslim Societies*. A fifth field of inquiry, *The Production of Islamic Knowledge in Western Europe*, has a specific regional focus.

3.1. Islam, Civil Society and the Public Sphere

Programme Director: Martin van Bruinessen

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union and the triumph of neo-liberalism, there has been a renewed interest in developing civil society and the public sphere as a necessary condition for democratisation. It has long been commonplace to observe that civil society is weakly developed in the Muslim world, and that the public sphere – to the extent that it exists at all – is highly dependent on and controlled by the state. Nevertheless, there are in most Muslim countries numerous Islamic voluntary associations: charity, educational, health-oriented, economic self-help organisations, etc. The concept of civil society has acquired an important place in contemporary socio-political discourse in the Muslim world. Both Western NGOs and international Muslim organisations have funded NGOs and media in many Muslim countries. Moreover, scholars have become increasingly aware that

there exists a wide range of traditional social structures and mediating roles that at least to some extent perform functions similar to those associated in the West with 'proper' civil-society-type associations. The programme focuses especially on these less obvious patterns of civic activity.

Within the wider programme, there are three distinct sub-programmes. These are entitled 'Islam, Society and the State'; 'The Transformation of Sufi Orders in the Modern Urban Environment'; and 'The Transformation of Heterodox Religious Communities'.

Islam and Modernity: An Introduction to the Issues and Debates

18–19 July an editorial meeting was held at ISIM for the book project on Islam and modernity, set up by the editors Muhammad Khalid Masud, Armando Salvatore, Martin van Bruinessen and David Waines. They all took part in the 2002 ISIM Ph.D. course and found that no appropriate introductory works or textbooks for such a course existed and that it was even hard to compile a reader that gave an adequate overview of the major issues and scholarly debates. The project has invited authors whose work is seminal to present the state of the art in their respective disciplines or subject areas.

Against the background of this project, Armando Salvatore was an ISIM Visiting Fellow from 1 June–31 July 2005.

Conference co-organised under this programme

Dissemination of Religious Authority in Indonesia

7–9 July, Bogor, Indonesia

Organised by IIAS in collaboration with ISIM, KITLV and the Centre for Islamic and Social Studies (PPIM) of Jakarta, the final conference of the KNAW research programme *Dissemination of Religious Authority in Indonesia*, to which ISIM contributed financially and in supervision, was convened by Prof. Cees van Dijk (KITLV) and Dr Nico Kaptein (IIAS). In addition to the scholars and supervisors involved in the programme, which includes five Ph.D. and four postdoctoral projects, a number of prominent scholars working on other parts of the Muslim world were invited to consider the findings in a broader comparative perspective. Contributions by fellows

in this project and by other KNAW programme participants on religious authority concerned various institutions of religious education, organisations and settings for da`wa (the dissemination of religious teachings), the roles of popular preachers, Sufism and Sufi teachers. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Ph.D. research under this programme

On 14 June 2005 Noorhaidi Hasan (KNAW/IIAS/ISIM) defended his Ph.D. thesis on *Laskar Jihad: Islam, Militancy and the Quest for Identity in Post-New Order Indonesia* at Utrecht University. He was awarded his degree *cum laude*.

Additional candidates; all candidates are supervised by the Programme Director.

- Umut Azak (Leiden University, supervised jointly with Prof. Erik-Jan Zürcher): *Continuity and Change in the Discourse on Turkish Secularism (lâiklik) 1946–2003*
- Syuan-Yuan Chiou (ISIM): *Conversion, Ethnicity and Identity Among Chinese-Indonesian Muslims*
- Seda Altug (UU): *Memories of the Making of the Turkish-Syrian Border: The Sanjak of Alexandretta and Jazira During the French Mandate (1920–1946)*
- Miriam Geerse (WOTRO, supervised jointly with Prof. Ton Robben): *Kurdish Diaspora in Turkey: Migration and Identity*
- Egbert Harmsen (ISIM): *Muslim Voluntary Welfare Associations in Jordan: The Interrelationship Between Religious Discourse and Social Activities*
- Joost Jongerden (WOTRO, supervised jointly with Prof. Paul Richards): *Imagining the Future: Rehabilitation of Forced Migrants in the Kurdish Areas in Turkey*
- Mujiburrahman (ISIM): *Who is Threatened? Muslim–Christian Relations in Indonesia’s New Order*
- Farid Wajidi (KNAW/ISIM): *Muslim NGOs and Alternative Social Networks in Indonesia*

Post-doctoral research under this programme

- Roel Meijer (ISIM): *Islam and Violence: The National and Transnational Islamist Debate on the Legitimacy and Strategic Value of Violence*

Visiting Fellows

- Saida Kharaza: *Muslim Ambassadors to Europe and the Problem of Modernisation*
- Armando Salvatore: *Public Islam in the Middle East and in Europe: Historical, Conceptual and Comparative Dimensions*

3.2. Muslim Cultural Politics: Family Dynamics and Gender

Programme Director: Annelies Moors

This research programme addresses the politics of culture in Muslim societies, including such sensitive topics as family law reform, women migrant domestic workers and the body politics of representation. Intersecting and interacting with other forms of identification and political mobilisation, such as those based on nationality, ethnicity and class, both family and gender have been and still are crucial categories in such contestations and hence central in the sub-programmes. These all employ a similar approach: they begin with specific public debates and deal with the junctures and disjunctures between these debates and the practical politics of everyday life. They also investigate how these debates have been mass-mediated and the impact of particular forms and genres of mass-mediation on the issues debated. This includes an investigation of the processes of inclusion and exclusion that are at stake and an analysis of how patterns of authority are reproduced, modified or transformed.

The sub-programme 'Debating Family Law and Everyday Life' addresses the question that debates on family law reform indicate the political and cultural sensitivity of family-related issues in large parts of the Muslim world. After bringing together an international group of scholars doing comparative research on debates on family law, the focus has shifted to how these debates relate to legal practices and everyday life.

The sub-programme 'Migrant Domestic Workers: Transnational Relations, Families and Identities' intends to trace the transnational migration patterns of women who are positioned differently with respect to religion, ethnicity and nationality in order to analyse the relations between gendered family dynamics, transnational migration, and the production of collective identities. This includes the overt workings of 'political religion' in public debates about

migrant domestic work to the much more covert cultural-religious notions that are submerged in normative ideas about the family, labour and domesticity, and impact the intimate relations between employers and domestics.

The sub-programme 'The Body Politics of Representation: Fashion and Gold' focuses on the body politics of representation starting from Muslim women's appearance/embodied practices. Broadening the notion of the public sphere to a more all-encompassing 'politics of presence', both dressing styles and wearing gold relate to particular forms of cultural politics, albeit in different ways. Whereas debates about dress are about interpreting texts, access to gold jewelry is intimately linked to such crucial Muslim institutions as the dower and inheritance.

Religion, Media and the Public Sphere

In the context of this programme, *Religion, Media and the Public Sphere*, edited by Birgit Meyer and Annelies Moors with 14 contributions by leading scholars, was published in 2005 (Indiana University Press). This volume examines the public presence of religion in the information age worldwide. '...one of those rare edited volumes that advances social thought as it provides substantive religious and media ethnography that is good to think with.' Dale Eickelman (Dartmouth College)

Workshops and conferences organised or co-organised under this programme

Muslim Fashions – Fashionable Muslims

Convenor: Annelies Moors

University of Amsterdam, 15–16 April

ISIM and the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR) jointly organised this large two-day international conference with additional financial support from the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS). A selection of the papers will be published in 2007 in *Fashion Theory* (guest editors: Annelies Moors and Emma Tarlo). For a report see *ISIM Review* 16, p. 59. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.



A stereotyped image of a Indian Muslim boy wearing a Turkish cap, with the backdrop of Mecca and Medina. Presented at 'InVisible Histories: The Politics of Placing the Past'. (See page 16.)

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InVisible Histories: The Politics of Placing the Past

Convenor: Vazira Fazila-Yacoobali Zamindar

University of Amsterdam, 2–3 September

ISIM and the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR) jointly organised this workshop with additional financial support from NWO and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS). The workshop engaged two kinds of enquiry – research on the spatially fixed and research on the visually mobile aspects of material culture – and proposed a dialogue between them. For a report see *ISIM Review* 17, p. 58. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Negotiating in Private, Transforming the Public: The Dynamics of Migrant Domestic Labour in Asia and the Middle East

Convenor: Annelies Moors

University of Amsterdam, 9 September

This workshop was organised in cooperation with ASSR and IIAS. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Ph.D. research under this programme

On 15 August Nahda Shehada successfully defended her thesis on the politics of family law reform, court practices and everyday life in Gaza (ISS, supervisors Prof. Annelies Moors and Prof. Bas de Gaay Fortman). She was appointed a visiting fellow at ISIM to conduct research on legal debates and court practices, first in Iraq, then Lebanon, from 1 March through 1 August.

In September Anouk de Koning (ASSR) successfully defended her thesis *Global Dreams. Space, Class and Gender in Middle Class Cairo* (UvA, supervisor Prof. Annelies Moors).

In December Mareike Winkelman successfully defended her thesis *From Behind the Curtain: A Study of a Girls' Madrasa in India* (UvA, supervisor Prof. Annelies Moors).

Additional candidates; all candidates are supervised by the Programme Director.

- Miriyam Aouragh (ASSR, supervised jointly with Prof. Peter van der Veer): *Palestine in Cyberspace*
- Yuniyanti Chuzaifah (ISIM): *Transnationalism, Dynamics of Religion and Gender Relations: Indonesian Domestic Workers in Saudi Arabia*

- Miriam Gazzah (ISIM; supervised jointly with Prof. Abdulkader Tayob): *Music and Identity Construction of Young Dutch-Moroccans*
- Shifra Kish (ASSR, supervised jointly with Prof. Anita Hardon): *Translating Deafness and/in a Bedouin Community in Israel*
- Huong Nghiem (ASSR, supervised jointly with Prof. Marcel van der Linden): *Privatisation and Clothing Production in Vietnam*
- Tanya Sheikh (ISIM, supervised jointly with Prof. Léon Buskens): *Love Marriages in Pakistan: Legal Decision-making, Public Debates and the Family*
- Samuli Schielke (ISIM): *Mawlid Festivals in Egypt: A Study of the Description, Assessment and Categorisation of a Controversial Tradition*
- Nadia Sonneveld (ISIM, supervised jointly with Prof. Léon Buskens): *Reinterpretation of Khul' in Egypt: Intellectual Disputes, the Practice of the Courts and Everyday Life*
- Caco Verhees (ISIM, supervised jointly with Prof. Birgit Meyer): *Islam, Gender and the State: Female Muslim Identities in Paris and Dakar*
- Muhammed Waked (ASSR, supervised jointly with Prof. Mario Rutten): *Mediating Global Development Models in Cairo*

Post-doctoral research under this programme

- Marina de Regt (WOTRO): *Gendered Transnationalism: Women Migrants and Domestic Labour in Yemen*
- Vazira Fazila-Yacoobali Zamindar (ISIM): *Idols of the Past: The Construction of World Heritage and Islamic Intolerance*

Visiting Fellows

- Eva Fachrunisa Amrullah: *Politics, Religion and Muslim Women's Identities: Niqâb and Islamic Fundamentalism in Western Europe*
- Dorothea E. Schulz: *Islamic Revival, Mass-Mediated Religiosity and the Conflicted Construction of Political Community in Mali*

New Projects

In 2005 a WOTRO subsidy has been granted for *Moving Between Legal Systems: South Indian Women as Domestic Workers in Dubai* (proposed by Annelies Moors and Mario Rutten): a post-doctoral researcher will be appointed in 2006 and based at the ASSR, but will also participate in this ISIM programme.

A second WOTRO-financed post-doctoral researcher was secured: Nahda Shehada will join ISIM from 1 January 2006 through 14 May 2008.

3.3. **Contemporary Islamic Identity and Public Life**

Programme Director: Abdulkader Tayob

This research programme takes identity and public life as important theoretical and analytical starting points for reflecting on trends and developments in modern Muslim societies. These starting points are interrelated, the first focusing on the transformation of how individuals think of themselves in relation to groups, whilst the second stresses the wider political and social context within which the changes are taking place.

The programme has two sub-programmes to further develop our understanding of identity and public life. 'Religion, Culture and Identity in Africa' deals with the construction of Muslim identity in various public life contexts since the emergence of independent states in Africa in the second half of the twentieth century. It interrogates the ways in which Muslims have developed strategies to represent themselves and promote their interests and ideas in the new public spheres. The second sub-programme 'Identity in Modern Muslim Intellectual History' focuses on the intellectual capital that informs modern Muslim practices and movements in different cultural contexts. With a particular emphasis on religion, law, theology and politics, this sub-programme develops a comparative basis for investigating and evaluating the turning points in modern Muslim intellectual discourse. It also aims to go beyond the essentialist and contextualist approaches to modern intellectual production by focusing on the production of modern Islamic patterns on religious themes.

Workshops and conferences organised or co-organised under this programme

Islam as Religion in African Public Spheres

Organisers: Abdulkader Tayob, Karin Willemse (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and José van Santen (Leiden University)

Utrecht University, 16 June

This ISIM workshop explored how both the nation-state and transnational trends change the nature of religion in new public spheres in Africa. The media through which these changes occur include ritual, telecommunications, education and law. For a report see *ISIM Review* 16, p. 61. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Modern Islamic Intellectual History in Comparative Perspective

Convenor: Abdulkader Tayob

Paushuize, Utrecht, 29–30 September

Conference papers raised issues and questions about the production, transformation and reception of Islamic intellectual discourse. On the first day, presentations focused more on the contextual dimension of modern intellectual production, whilst on the second they stressed the theoretical questions raised over the last one hundred years by and about Muslims. For a report see *ISIM Review* 17, p. 63. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Ph.D. research under this programme

The candidates are supervised by the Programme Director; one exception mentioned.

- Sindre Bangstad (ISIM): *Global Flows, Local Appropriations: Facets of Islamisation among Muslims in Cape Town, South Africa*
- Gerard van de Bruinhorst (ISIM, supervisor Prof. Léon Buskens): *The Idd el Hajj in Tanzania: Textual Knowledge, Ritual Practices and Social Identities*
- Miriam Gazzah (ISIM, supervised jointly with Prof. Annelies Moors): *Music and Identity Construction of Young Dutch-Moroccans*
- Julian Rukyaa (RU, co-supervisor Prof. Frans Wijsen): *Religious Education and Prejudice: Muslims and Christians in Tanzania*

Post-doctoral research under this programme

- Marloes Janson (ISIM): *Appropriating Islam: Finoos (Islamic Bards) as Brokers Between Global Islam and Local Culture in The Gambia (West Africa)*
- Scott Kugle (ISIM): *Queer Muslim Community: The Challenge to Shari`a Posed by Gender and Sexuality Minorities*

Visiting Fellows

- Francesca Declich: *Women and Sufism in East Africa and the Horn*
- Na'eem Jeenah: *Political Islam in South Africa and its Contribution to the Discourse of a Fiqh of Minorities*
- Hameed Agberemi: *Islamism in Southern Nigeria*

New Project

In 2005 the project 'Islam in Africa: Globalization and Moving Frontiers' has been awarded funding from the NWO interdisciplinary programme *The Future of the Religious Past* (2006–2009). The project's main applicant was Prof. Peter Geschiere (Amsterdam School for Social Science Research), with Prof. Abdulkader Tayob and Dr Karin Willemse (Erasmus University Rotterdam) as co-applicants. The research team includes Dr Guèye (Université Anta Diop, Senegal), Dr Shamil Jeppie (University of Cape Town, South Africa) and Dr José van Santen (Leiden University).

3.4. Agency and Change in Contemporary Muslim Societies

Programme Director: Asef Bayat

This programme addresses the way in which individuals, groups or movements affect the contours of social and political change in today's Muslim societies and communities. Since the 1970s, Muslim societies have witnessed social practices and movements that have often (but not always) been mediated in a complex fashion by the languages of Islam – sometimes as their discursive paradigm or mobilising frame and sometimes as the site of contention and the target of struggles. Studying these socio-religious activities, their discourse and especially their concrete practices helps uncover how

Muslims' individual and social actions continuously redefine the culture of Islam in today's Muslim societies. Such study can open up new discourses and social practices, yet the programme recognises the resilience of 'structures' (social, political or economic) in offsetting the desire of movements for change. The programme has three sub-programmes: 'The Making of Muslim Youths: Identity Politics and Social Movements'; 'Post-Islamism and Democratic Change in the Muslim Middle East'; and 'Living through Religious/Communal Divide'.

Saudi Arabia in the Balance

In the context of this programme, *Saudi Arabia in The Balance: Political Economy, Society, Foreign Affairs*, edited by Paul Aarts and Gerd Nonneman, was published in 2005 (London: Hurst & Company). The book grew out of the February 2004 workshop *Saudi Futures* organised by the editors at ISIM.

Workshops and conferences organised or co-organised under this programme

The Making of Muslim Youths: Youth Politics and Cultures in Muslim Societies and Communities

Convenor: Asef Bayat

Organisers: ISIM and IIAS

Leiden University, 18–19 February

The workshop examined the central, and complex, place of the 'young generation' in the politics and culture of Muslim societies and communities. Owing to a combination of shifting moral politics at home and globalisation, youth cultures are developing in novel but little understood ways. While often referred to as the 'builders of the future' by the power elite, the young are also stigmatised and feared as 'disruptive' agents who are prone to radicalism and deviation. Although gender, class and cultural divisions may make it untenable to render youths homogenous as an analytical category, it is equally true that the young do share a certain important habitus, which both the young themselves and the political and moral authority recognise. For a report see *ISIM Review* 16, p. 60. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Islam and Democracy: Perverse Charm of an Irrelevant Question

Inaugural Lecture by Asef Bayat, ISIM Chair at Leiden University, 26 April
Asef Bayat posited that Islamist movements in Muslim societies are undergoing a post-Islamist turn characterised by rights instead of duties, plurality in place of a singular authoritative voice, historicity rather than fixed scriptures and the future instead of the past. For a summarised version of the lecture see *ISIM Review* 16, p. 5.

Asef Bayat's inaugural lecture was covered by the Dutch Media:

- Interview with Asef Bayat, 'Druk op Iran is prima, ingrijpen niet gewenst', *De Volkskrant*, 27 April
- Interview with Asef Bayat, 'Hervormingen in het Midden-Oosten', *De Helling*, 2, summer issue
- Interview with Asef Bayat, 'Het leven van moslims is meer dan de islam', *Wetenschapsagenda Leiden University*, 19 April

Iran on the Move: Social Transformation in the Islamic Republic

Convenors: Asef Bayat, Anna Enayat (University of Oxford), Soraya Tremayne (University of Oxford) and Abbas Vali (University of Wales at Swansea)

Organisers: ISIM in collaboration with Leiden University, University of Oxford and University of Wales (Swansea)

Leiden University, 27–28 April

On the occasion of Asef Bayat's inaugural lecture, ISIM organised a conference that brought together a multidisciplinary group of social scientists, including demographers, sociologists, geographers, anthropologists, historians and political scientists, all specialised in contemporary Iranian studies. The conference was sponsored by ISIM, Leiden University, the Iran Heritage Foundation, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the UK and the University of Wales. For a report see *ISIM Review* 16, p. 62.

Ph.D. research under this programme

Onder Cetin joined ISIM and Leiden University on 1 October as a Ph.D fellow under this programme with the project *Framing the Other in the Self: Europe in the Identity Narratives of the Bosnian Islamist Intellectuals*.

Additional candidates; all candidates are supervised by the Programme Director; one exception mentioned.

- Joseph Alagha (ISIM, supervised by Prof. Antonie Wessels; co-supervised by Paul Aarts): *Hizbullah's Identity: Religious Ideology, Political Ideology and Political Programme*
- Robbert Woltering (ISIM): *Occidentalisms: Perceptions and Constructions of 'the West' in Egyptian Cultural Discourse*
- Maryam Yassin (American University in Cairo): *Egyptian Intellectuals and the West*

Visiting Fellows

- Wang Jinglie (KNAW: China Exchange Programme): *Socio-religious Movements and Social Change in Muslim Societies*
- Kamran Asdar Ali: *Labour Struggles, Ethnic Violence and Religious Identity: A Social History of Karachi, Pakistan*
- Saeid Golkar: *Roots of Islamists' Perception of America*
- Cristina Maria de Castro (CAPES Fellow): *The Brazilian Muslim Community: A Study of Its Identity Towards the New World Reality*
- Anwar Alam: *Accommodating Religion in Social Transformations*

3.5. The Production of Islamic Knowledge in Western Europe

Programme Director: Martin van Bruinessen

This research programme focuses on the ways in which Muslims in Western Europe acquire knowledge of Islam (or define for themselves what is and is not proper Islamic belief and practice), on the processes through which religious authority is constituted, and on the contents of this local knowledge of Islam. With the exception of a relatively small but influential proportion of converts, the Muslims of Western Europe consist of diaspora communities of various ethnic and national backgrounds that maintain transnational links with countries of origin, countries that provide models of Islam to be emulated (e.g. Saudi Arabia, Iran and Libya) and similar diasporic groups elsewhere in the West. In some countries, the vast majority of young Muslims are locally born, in others they are first or second generation immigrants. European countries also vary greatly in government policies towards

religion, the acceptance of cultural variety and integration policies. Therefore, the programme is by necessity comparative and emphasises the transnational dimension.

In response to the debate on Islam in the Netherlands and the demand for expert advice, in 2005 the research focus broadened in scope to include aspects of integration of Muslim communities and the response of European societies to the presence of Islam.

Workshop organised under this programme

Muslim Religious Authority in Western Europe

Convenors: Frank Peter and Elena Arigita

Organisers: ISIM and Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)

Leiden University, 30 September–1 October

The aim of the workshop was to bring together scholars working in what is arguably one of the most dynamic research fields in the study of European Islam. To stimulate exchange and reflection on current and future research agendas, 18 papers were presented before an audience of 40 academics, policy-makers and journalists. For a report see *ISIM Review* 17, p. 60. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Ph.D. research within the programme

Eric Roose joined ISIM on 1 July as an affiliated fellow under this programme with the Ph.D. project *Mosque Design and Identity in The Netherlands: Towards a Comparative Analysis of Modern Islamic Architecture* (supervisors Prof. Aart Mekking and Prof. Martin van Bruinessen).

Additional candidates; all candidates are supervised by the Programme Director; one exception mentioned.

- Mohammad Amer (ISIM): *Religion, Recreation, and Devotion: A Comparative Study of the Minhajul Qur'an Movement Among the South Asian Youth in Europe*
- Welmoet Boender (ISIM, supervisor Prof. Sjoerd van Koningsveld): *The Role of the Imam in Turkish and Moroccan Mosque Communities in the Netherlands and Flanders*
- Alexandre Caeiro (ISIM): *The Construction of Islamic Authority in Western Europe: An Analysis of the Production and Consumption of Fatwas*

Post-doctoral research within the programme

- Elena Arigita (University of Granada/ISIM): *The Discourses on Islamic Authority in Spain*
- Frank Peter (ISIM): *Religious Authorities in French Islam: A Case Study of 'Imams' in the Union of Islamic Organisations in France*

New project

In 2005 ISIM obtained funding from the NWO programme *The Future of the Religious Past* for the project 'Individualization, Fragmentation of Authority and New Organizational Forms among Muslims in Europe'. This project will be co-ordinated by Dr Nathal Dessing in co-operation with Dr Nico Landman (Utrecht University) and Dr Thijl Sunier (University of Amsterdam). Implementation will start 1 January 2006. The research will be carried out in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and France by Dr Nathal Dessing and by two Ph.D. candidates. They will be supervised by Prof. Martin van Bruinessen and Dr Nico Landman at Utrecht University, and Prof. Annelies Moors and Dr Thijl Sunier at the University of Amsterdam.

The project consists of three components, each focusing on a new organizational and participatory formation among Muslims in Europe today: institutions of Islamic higher education, Muslim student associations and Muslim women's organisations. These three settings constitute important public spaces where debate takes place over questions of what it means to be a Muslim in the migration setting, what constitutes correct or appropriate belief and practice, and how belonging both to 'Europe' and 'Islam' can be accommodated. Thus these sites are at least potential exemplars of religious renewal.

The NWO-funded research project 'Individualization, Fragmentation of Authority and New Organizational Forms among Muslims in Europe' was covered by the Dutch Media:

- Interview with Nathal Dessing, 'Moslim zijn in Europa: Hoe moet dat?' *Nieuwsbrief Universiteit Leiden*, 2 August
- Interview with Nathal Dessing, *NOS-Radio 1-Journaal*, 7 August

3.6. **Projects**

ISIM takes on externally funded research projects both in the context of the five institutional research programmes, and in response to concrete questions formulated by civil society and civil service. Projects are always supervised by one of the ISIM Chairs and generate project-based research positions.

Rights at Home

Project Director: Abdulkader Tayob

On 1 October 2005 'Rights at Home: An Approach to the Internalization of Human Rights in Family Relations in Islamic Communities' rounded up its activities. This four-year project, implemented by ISIM in collaboration with activists in Muslim societies, sought to move the human rights debate beyond the confines of states and legal structures.

In its final phase, the project focused on three areas of consolidation. First, 'Rights at Home' consolidated the intellectual capital on the relationship between human rights, law, Sharia and social context. The project team has become much more aware that the debate about Islamic law cannot be ignored.

A second focus was to ensure that materials developed would be available to our participants and others who may be dealing with the same issues. The website (www.rightsathome.org) has been further developed and its accessibility enhanced. The Training Manual used in the Advanced Training Programme has been published.

A third focus for 2005 was the launch of sub-projects on the marriage contract in Yemen and Zanzibar. They crystallize the values, concerns and initiatives of the whole project and aim to raise greater awareness of the marriage contract as a means to protect the rights of women and other affected parties. The sub-projects consisted of three components: a study of relevant Sharia theory and practices concerning the marriage contract in the region in question; a field survey of existing practices and views; and a preliminary report and dissemination of the findings. In Zanzibar the findings of the 'Rights at Home' sub-project were also promoted in the local media.

The 'Rights at Home' project was financed by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The ISIM project team included Primary Consultant Laila al Zwaini and Project Manager Mariëtte van Beek.

Publications

- Balchin, Cassandra (Compiler/Editor), *Advanced Training Manual for Social Agents of Change in Human Rights Advocacy and the Family, 23 June–8 July 2004*, Zahlé, Lebanon, Leiden: ISIM 2005
- Video recordings of several parts of the 'Rights at Home' Advanced Training were placed on DVD's and made available for future trainings.
- Paper by the Yemeni 'Rights at Home' sub-project's research team on Sharia. The paper is on the importance of a new marriage contract that guarantees the independent choice of all marriage partners. It systematically challenges traditional viewpoints that undermine the full and independent role of women in the marriage contract.
- Tayob, Abdulkader. Various articles on 'Human Rights and Islamic law' for the websites <http://www.rightathome.org> and <http://www.rah.uwc.ac.za>.

Meetings under this project

- 2–3 April, Kuala Lumpur, Editorial Board Meeting of the 'Rights at Home Project', convened by Abdulkader Tayob
Following the launching of the 'Rights at Home' website in Autumn 2004 a third meeting of the Editorial Board of the website was organised. The management of the website, one of a kind in its response to activist needs, was to be taken over by the Malaysian NGO Sisters in Islam (SIS). Adibah Syarifatul, SIS employee and one of the trainees who took part in the 'Rights at Home' website training in 2004, would be the new webmaster. At the end of the meeting the Editorial Board of the 'Rights at Home' website was dissolved.
- 11–12 April, Zanzibar, Consultation Meeting of the ISIM 'Rights at Home' Project, convened by Abdulkader Tayob

Training

- 6–7 April, Kuala Lumpur, *Critical Islamic Legal Theory*, series of lectures at a course for human rights organisations, lawyers forum and journalists, by Sisters in Islam (SIS), ISIM's partner organisation in the 'Rights at Home' project

- 23 June–8 July, Zahlé, Lebanon, ‘Rights at Home’ Advanced Training by legal trainers Ziba Mir Hosseini, Muhammad Khalid Masud and Ebrahim Moosa

Researchers/Research Coordinators on the Marriage Contract

- Shifaa Hassen, Zanzibar
- Nabila al-Mufti, Yemen

Visiting Fellows

- 1–28 February, Salma Maoulidi, Executive Director of the NGO Sahiba Sisters Foundation (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania), collected website materials on the issues of HIV/AIDS and women in public life with a focus on assisting civil society groups in Muslim communities that are engaged in reform on these matters. She made sure to also include Swahili materials on these and other ‘Rights at Home’ priority issues (domestic violence, early marriage and inheritance).
- 1–28 February, Nahda Shehada (see also under 3.2) edited and translated the ‘Rights at Home’ Advanced Training manual and other materials contained in the ‘Rights at Home’ website from English to Arabic.

Traditional Practices Harmful to Women

ISIM professors Moors and Van Bruinessen reported on the state of research on forced marriage, domestic violence and honour-related violence in the Netherlands and other European countries and supervised additional research of informal mechanisms of conflict resolution and mediation preventing honour-related violence. This project has been carried out on behalf of the Netherlands Ministry of Social Affairs.

Europe’s Muslim Communities post-September 11: Security and Integration

Project Supervisor: Martin van Bruinessen

ISIM is the Netherlands-based partner in an international comparative research project on inter-ethnic relations, perceptions and discourse, which

is part of the larger *Ethnobarometer* programme. The other participants are leading research groups in Italy, France, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Germany. A central element in the research methods of this project consists of focus groups that in their composition – age, ethnicity, political and religious commitment – reflect the composition of local communities where conflict or inter-ethnic tension have occurred. The research was carried out by Martijn de Koning and five research assistants, beginning in mid-2005.

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4. Publications

By means of publications and events, ISIM aims to disseminate the insights gained from its research programmes and projects, and the views represented by its network. ISIM Publications and publications by ISIM researchers address a broad audience ranging from the academic and the professional to the general.

4.1. Publications by ISIM Researchers

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ISIM publishes the *ISIM Review*, *ISIM Papers* and *ISIM Dissertations*, along with informative publications geared towards the Dutch public.

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In 2005 the name of the *ISIM Newsletter* was changed to *ISIM Review* to more accurately reflect the publication's objective of providing a review of research, debates and events pertaining to contemporary Muslim societies and communities. The *ISIM Review* features accessible articles by scholars from all over the world. It is sent for free to more than 7,000 institutional and private subscribers – academics, professionals and lay readers – in the global North and South, and is also available on the ISIM website.

- ‘Debates on Islam in Europe: Multiculturalism, Citizenship, Integration, Culture, Globalization and Orientalism’. *ISIM Review* 15. Leiden: ISIM (Spring).
- ‘Youth: Music, Movements, Politics, Practices, Cultures, Consumptions’. *ISIM Review* 16. Leiden: ISIM (Autumn).

Editors: Dick Douwes and Linda Herrera

ISIM Paper Series

The *ISIM Papers* present individual lectures delivered at the invitation of ISIM, exposing them to the wider academic community. The *ISIM Paper Series* is published in cooperation with Amsterdam University Press.

- Sachedina, Abdulaziz. ‘The Role of Islam in the Public Square: Guidance or Governance?’ *ISIM Paper* 5. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press/ISIM.
- Abu-Lughod, Lila. ‘Local Contexts of Islamism in Popular Media’. *ISIM Paper* 6. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press/ISIM.

Editor: Dick Douwes

ISIM Dissertation Series

In 2005, in cooperation with Amsterdam University Press, ISIM launched a printing service for its Ph.D. fellows, the first of whom were approaching the final phase of their research. The series aims to disseminate their findings to a worldwide audience at limited cost.

- Winkelmann, Mareike Jule. *From Behind the Curtain: A Study of a Girls' Madrasa in India*. Amsterdam: AUP.

General Readership

ISIM promotes the publication of books and articles in its field of research geared towards the general Dutch audience. In 2005 ISIM co-produced *Nederlandse moslims: Van migrant tot burger*, edited by Dick Douwes, Martijn de Koning and Welmoet Boender (Amsterdam: Salomé). This publication includes a CD-ROM with television, film and music excerpts.

In the fall ISIM embarked on a collaboration with Kennislink.nl to further disseminate its research findings to the Dutch general public. A number of ISIM fellows and staff have published their research and act as 'correspondents' in the field.

- Marloes Janson, 'In de voetsporen van de profeet'.
- Martijn de Koning, 'Dit is geen poep wat ik praat'.

4.3. ISIM Library

The ISIM Library, located within the larger Middle Eastern and Islamic collections of the Leiden University Library, collects items on modern Islam and the Muslim world, regardless of provenance or language and with an emphasis on the social sciences. Consulted by academics from around the world and young Muslims from the Netherlands, the ISIM Library includes volumes from academic publishers and devotional materials purchased in the Muslim world. The collection now consists of over 11,000 volumes and 83 periodical subscriptions.

5. Events

ISIM and ISIM researchers present knowledge and views on contemporary issues concerning Muslim societies and communities to various audiences in the Netherlands and abroad by way of lectures, debates and other academic and public events. (ISIM research conferences and workshops have been reported on in chapter 3.)

5.1. Presented Papers and Invited Lectures by ISIM Researchers

Presentations by ISIM researchers in chronological order:

January

- 6 January, University of Amsterdam, ‘Gendered Globalization: The Multiple Meanings of Gold Jewellery’, by Annelies Moors at the NWO workshop *Migratory Aesthetics* (ASCA/CentreCath)
- 18 January, Halle, ‘Between Salafism and Sufism: Contested Muslim Religious Authority in Indonesia’, by Martin van Bruinessen, Institute Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
- 24 January, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, cartoon presentation on imams and imam training in the Netherlands, by Welmoet Boender at the annual Ambassadors’ conference
- 25 January, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, ‘Islam in Civil Society’, by Martin van Bruinessen at the annual Ambassadors’ conference
- 26 January, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, ‘Foreign Relations with Civil Society in the Islamic World: Experiences from the Project “Rights at Home”’, by Laila al-Zwaini at the annual Ambassadors’ conference

February

- 4–6 February, Cairo, Annelies Moors participated in the Arab Families Working Group (AFWG) core group meeting
- 12 February, Rahima, Jakarta, ‘Interreligious Marriage: Learning from Various Countries’ Experiences’, by Eva Fachrunisa Amrullah
- 14 February, European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris, ‘Iraq: Kurdish Challenges’, by Martin van Bruinessen at *Iraq after the Elections*, the First Meeting of the Middle East Task Force
- 14 February, University of Amsterdam, ‘Taking the Islamist Movement Seriously’, by Roel Meijer
- 16 February, Amsterdam, ‘History on the Margin: Citizenship and National Order in a Divided South Asia’, by Vazira Fazila-Yacoobali Zamindar; also on 25 February, Syracuse University, NY; 28 February, Brown University, Providence, RI; 7 March, Institute for Asian Research, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- 16 February, Rotterdam, ‘Muslim Youth and Radicalisation’, by Martijn de Koning at Rotterdam Social Work Expert Meeting; also on 2 June 2005
- 17 February, Arab-Dutch Friendship Association, Utrecht, ‘De islamitische bewegingen in Egypte, Saoedi Arabië en Irak’, by Roel Meijer
- 18–19 February, Leiden University, ‘Young Moroccan Dutch Muslims’, by Martijn de Koning at the workshop *The Making of Muslim Youths: Youth Politics and Cultures in Muslim Societies and Communities*
- 18–19 February, Leiden University, ‘Rap and Rage: Cultural politics of Moroccan Youth in the Netherlands,’ by Miriam Gazzah at *The Making of Muslim Youths: Youth Politics and Cultures in Muslim Societies and Communities*
- 18–19 February, Leiden University, ‘Subversive Accommodation: Cultural Politics of Youth in Iran’, by Asef Bayat at *The Making of Muslim Youths: Youth Politics and Cultures in Muslim Societies and Communities*
- 18–19 February, Leiden University, ‘The Making of Moral Youths: The Politics of Schooling in Egypt’, by Linda Herrera at *The Making of Muslim Youths: Youth Politics and Cultures in Muslim Societies and Communities*
- 18–19 February, Leiden University, ‘Imported In-laws, Bollywood and Islam: Faces of Identity among Muslim Youth in London’, by Mohammed Amer at *The Making of Muslim Youths: Youth Politics and Cultures in Muslim Societies and Communities*
- 19 February, Elspeet, ‘The Religious and Social Functions and the Status of Imams in the Netherlands’, by Welmoet Boender at the *Expert Meeting Contactorgaan Moslims en Overheid (CMO)*

- 21 February, Centre d'études et de recherches internationales, University of Montreal, 'L'institutionnalisation de l'Islam en France et en Angleterre', by Frank Peter
- 27 February, Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, American University in Cairo, 'Here We Cannot See the Food! From Farming along a River to Making a Living in Dar Es Salaam's Suburbs', by Francesca Declich at the workshop *Gendering Urban Space in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia* organised by Kamran Asdar Ali in collaboration with Martina Rieker
- 27 February, Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, American University in Cairo, 'Could the Men Move: Women Workers and the Changing Public Sphere in Pakistan', by Kamran Asdar Ali at the workshop *Gendering Urban Space in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia* organised by Kamran Asdar Ali in collaboration with Martina Rieker

March

- 7 March, Paris, 'Islam et mondialisation: le cas du cheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi', by Alexandre Caeiro at the workshop *Les figures religieuses des musulmans en contextes minoritaire et diasporique*, organised by Élisabeth Allès, Aminah Mohamad-Arif and Éric Germain (IISMM and EHESS)
- 5 March, De Balie, Amsterdam, Asef Bayat participated in the debate *Civil Society-building and Democratization in the Middle East*
- 8 March, Amsterdam, Free University, Annelies Moors was a panel member at *Multiculturalism and Feminism* organised by Free University and the Pavem Committee
- 9 March, Center for Muslim Networks, Duke University, Raleigh, USA, 'The Recognition of South African Muslim Marriages in Comparative Religious Perspective: South African Constitutional Court Deliberations', by Abdulkader Tayob
- 11–13 March, University Park, Pennsylvania, 'Muslims and Globalisation: A Discourse in South Africa', by Abdulkader Tayob at the Congress of the American Comparative Literature Association; also delivered 29 June–2 July, London, at AEGIS (Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies)
- 13 March, Kenniscentrum Rechtsstaat en Ontwikkeling (KREO), Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden, 'De Egyptische khul' wet: progressief of niet?', by Nadia Sonneveld
- 15 March, Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Amsterdam, 'Migrant Domestic Workers', by Annelies Moors

- 31 March–2 April, University of Oslo, ‘Siku ya Arafa na siku ya kuchinja: Textual Knowledge, Ritual Practice and Social Protest in Tanzania’, by Gerard C. van de Bruinhorst at the 6th Swahili Workshop
- 31 March–2 April, University of Oslo, ‘Interpreting Muslim Poetries, Legitimacy and Daily Life Politics’, by Francesca Declich at the 6th Swahili Workshop

April

- 1 April, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, ‘Reading Religion and the Religious in Modern Islam’, by Abdulkader Tayob
- 2 April, Cambridge University, ‘Islam, Class and Revolution in the Middle Eastern Modernity’, by Asef Bayat at the conference *Modernity, Class and Revolutions*
- 8–11 April, Vancouver, ‘Searching for “True Islam”: Youthful Involvement in the Tabligh Jamā‘at in The Gambia’, by Marloes Janson at the Society for the Anthropology of Religion Meeting
- 11 April, University of Louvain, ‘Articulation of Local and Global in the Islamist Movements: The Egyptian Case’, by Asef Bayat
- 14 April, Arab-Dutch Friendship Association, The Hague, ‘The Transformation of Islamism in Egypt’, by Asef Bayat
- 15–16 April, University of Amsterdam, ‘Fashion on the Streets of San’a’, by Annelies Moors at the conference *Muslim Fashions – Fashionable Muslims*
- 15–16 April, University of Amsterdam, ‘The “Virtuous” and the “Authentic” Women: Competing Constructions of Femininity through Dress Practices in Mali’, by Dorothea E. Schulz at *Muslim Fashions – Fashionable Muslims*
- 22 April, Islamic University of Zanzibar, ‘What Rights Do Muslims Have in an Islamic State?’, by Abdulkader Tayob

May

- 7–9 May, Faculty of Islamic Studies, Sarajevo, ‘The Development of Fiqh in Western Europe: Mapping the Terrain’, by Alexandre Caeiro at the International Workshop and Public Forum *The Changeable and Unchangeable in Islamic Thought and Practice, New Directions in Islamic Thought and Practice: Exploring Issues of Equality and Plurality*

- 12–13 May, Paris, Abdulkader Tayob was a round-table participant at the conference *Islam, Disengagement of the State and Globalisation in Sub-Saharan Africa* organised by UNESCO
- 25 May, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, ‘Islamism and the Politics of Fun’, by Asef Bayat
- 25 May, The Hague, ‘Virtual Muslims’, by Martijn de Koning at the Internet and Technology Commission of the Dutch House of Representatives
- 26–29 May, Wassenaar, Netherlands, Annelies Moors was a participant in the workshop *Migrant Domestic Workers in Europe: Global Perspectives*, organised by NIAS
- 28 May–3 June, Beirut and Damascus, ‘Migration, Faith and Community; Extra-local Linkages in Coastal Syria’, by Dick Douwes at the conference *Homage to Abdul-Karim Rafeq: Recent Research on Bilad al-Sham*
- 30 May, European University Institute, Florence, ‘Secularity as a Wisdom of Power? Religion and Politics in European Modernity’, by Armando Salvatore at the workshop *Religion and Dialogue*

June

- 3 June, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, ‘Geven en nemen in Jemen: nut en zin van antropologisch onderzoek’, by Marina de Regt
- 3 June, Leiden, ‘The Institutionalisation of Islam in France: State Demands, Social Expectations and Muslim Responses’, by Alexandre Caeiro at *RIMO 23^{ste} Jaarlijkse Symposium Nationale vertegenwoordigingen van moslims in Europa*
- 3 June, Leiden, ‘National Representation of Muslims in France and England: a Comparison’, by Frank Peter at *RIMO 23^{ste} Jaarlijkse Symposium Nationale vertegenwoordigingen van moslims in Europa*
- 10 June, Departamento de Estudios Árabes, Instituto de Filología, CSIC Madrid, ‘The Revolt in Falluja and the Changing Discourse of Sunni Resistance’, by Roel Meijer, in the lecture series *Activismo Político y Religioso en el Mundo Islámico Contemporáneo*
- 14 June, Wageningen University and Research Centre, ‘Gender Issues in Community Participation: Lessons Learned from Hodeidah, Yemen’, by Marina de Regt at the *Integrated Water Resources Management Seminar*

- 16 June, Utrecht University, ‘The Recognition of South African Muslim Marriages in Comparative Religious Perspective: South African Constitutional Court Deliberations’, by Abdulkader Tayob at *Islam as Religion in African Public Spheres*
- 16 June, Utrecht University, ‘Hajj-linked Rituals in Present-day Tanzania’, by Gerard C. van de Bruinhorst at *Islam as Religion in African Public Spheres*
- 24–25 June, Afhad University for Women, Khartoum, ‘Of Women, Work and the Public Sphere: Some Thoughts on Karachi’s Urban Poor’, by Kamran Asdar Ali at the workshop *Urban Landscapes on the Margins: Khartoum and Karachi* organised by Kamran Asdar Ali in collaboration with Martina Rieker; also presented 27 September, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam; 18 October, University of Sussex, Department of Social Anthropology; 19 October, Cambridge University, South Asia Centre; 20 October, University of Manchester’s Department of Sociology and Women’s Studies
- 24–29 July, Yogyakarta, ‘Islamisation and Its Impact on Women’s Rights: A General Feature’, by Abdulkader Tayob at the international conference *Islam, Women and The New World Order*
- 29 June–3 July, SOAS, London, ‘Roaming About for God’s Sake: Female Activists in the Tabligh Jamā’at in The Gambia’, by Marloes Janson at the European Conference on African Studies
- 29 June–3 July, SOAS, London, ‘Muslim and Globalization: A Discourse in South Africa’, by Abdulkader Tayob at the European Conference on African Studies

July

- 7–9 July, Bogor, Indonesia, ‘Contesting Religious Authority in Modern Indonesia’, by Martin van Bruinessen at *Dissemination of Religious Authority in Indonesia*
- 7–9 July, Bogor, Indonesia, ‘The Role and Identity of Religious Authorities in the Nation State: Egypt, Indonesia and South African Comparisons’, by Abdulkader Tayob at *Dissemination of Religious Authority in Indonesia*
- 7–9 July, Bogor, Indonesia, ‘The Making of a European Islam? The ECFR between Adaptation and Universality’, by Alexandre Caeiro at *Dissemination of Religious Authority in Indonesia*

- 10 July, Amsterdam, ‘Cultural Politics of Dutch-Moroccan Youth: Music and Identities’, by Miriam Gazzah, *Islamic Diaspora in Europe*, Study Abroad Program for American Undergraduate Students by SIT
- 18–22 July, Zagreb, ‘Defining Islam for the Secular State: The Conseil français du culte musulman’, by Alexandre Caeiro at the workshop *Islam and European National Identities* convened by Frank Peter and Barbara Thériault, 28th Meeting of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion
- 18–22 July, Zagreb, ‘Migrating Islam: Muslim Theological Reinterpretations of the Status of Women in the West’, by Alexandre Caeiro at the workshop *Islam and European National Identities* convened by Frank Peter and Barbara Thériault, 28th Meeting of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion
- 18–22 July, Zagreb, ‘Incorporating Islam in France and England: The Role of “National Policies”’, by Frank Peter at the workshop *Islam and European National Identities* convened by Frank Peter and Barbara Thériault, 28th Meeting of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion

August

- 24–27 August, Utrecht University, ‘Where Have the Buddhas Gone? Histories of Archaeology in a Muslim Society’, by Vazira Fazila-Yacoobali Zamindar at *Iconoclash: Struggle for Religious Identity*, Second Conference of Church Historians
- 29 August, Islamic Research Institute, Islamic University Islamabad, ‘The Predicament of the Ahl-e Sunnat in the UK: A Case of the Minhajul Quran’, by Mohammed Amer

September

- 2–3 September, Amsterdam, ‘Where Have the Buddhas Gone? Ruined and Recovered Histories in North-western Pakistan’, by Vazira Fazila-Yacoobali Zamindar at *InVisible Histories: The Politics of Placing the Past*
- 9 September, University of Amsterdam, ‘Migrant Domestic Workers: A New Public Presence in the Middle East?’, by Annelies Moors at *Negotiating in Private, Transforming the Public: The Dynamics of Migrant Domestic Labour in Asia and the Middle East* convened by Annelies Moors and Marina de Regt

- 9 September, University of Amsterdam, 'Ways to Come, Ways to Leave: The Multiple Trajectories of Ethiopian Domestic Workers in Yemen', by Marina de Regt at *Negotiating in Private, Transforming the Public: The Dynamics of Migrant Domestic Labour in Asia and the Middle East* convened by Annelies Moors and Marina de Regt
- 22 September, Amsterdam, *Domestic Work in the Middle East*, by Marina de Regt in *Citizenship, Migration and Identities*, Master's course in Contemporary Asian Studies and in Social Sciences at the International School for Humanities and Social Sciences
- 26–27 September, Korea, 'National Report on Indonesian Migrant Workers', co-authored by Yuniyanti Chuzaifah and presented at the Asian Migrant Forum
- 27 September, Radboud University Nijmegen, 'Migrant Domestic Workers in Yemen', by Marina de Regt in *Migration and Diaspora*, course in the Mediterranean Studies and Middle Eastern Studies programme
- 27 September, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, 'Of Women, Work and Public Space: Some Thoughts on Karachi's Poor', seminar by Kamran Asdar Ali
- 28 September, Radboud University, Nijmegen, 'Sufism as Islamic Spirituality', by Scott Kugle
- 29–30 September, Paushuize, Utrecht, 'Intellectuals and Politics in Iraq. The Association of Muslim Scholars and Its Ideological Justification of the Sunni Resistance', by Roel Meijer at *Modern Islamic Intellectual History in Comparative Perspective*
- 29–30 September, Paushuize, Utrecht, 'The Making of Popular Religion: Nationalism, Islamic Reform and the Construction of Mawlid Festivals as an Other of Modern Egypt (1880-1950)', by Samuli Schielke at *Modern Islamic Intellectual History in Comparative Perspective*
- 29–30 September, Paushuize, Utrecht, 'Islam Beyond Violence: The Potential for Non-violence among Muslims', by Scott Kugle at *Modern Islamic Intellectual History in Comparative Perspective*
- 30 September–1 October, Leiden University, 'Authority among Muslims in Europe: The Role of New Organizational Forms', by Nathal Dessing at *Muslim Religious Authority in Western Europe*
- 30 September–1 October, Leiden University, 'Dressing up for Your Shaikh: The Minhajul Quran Movement in London', by Mohammed Amer at *Muslim Religious Authority in Western Europe*

- 30 September–1 October, Leiden University, ‘Muslim Leaders in Spain: Discourses about Representation and Authority after March 11’, by Elena Arigita at *Muslim Religious Authority in Western Europe*
- 30 September–1 October, Leiden University, ‘The Functions of the Muftī in the West: Tradition and Change in the Practice of Iftā’’, by Alexandre Caeiro at *Muslim Religious Authority in Western Europe*
- 30 September–1 October, Leiden University, ‘From Periphery to Centre: Female Muslim Leadership in Milli Görüs in the Netherlands’, by Welmoet Boender at *Muslim Religious Authority in Western Europe*
- 30 September–1 October, Leiden University, ‘Islamic Reformism and Religious Authority. A Study of Imam Khatibs in France’, by Frank Peter at *Muslim Religious Authority in Western Europe*

October

- 4 October, The Hague, ‘Young Muslims in the Netherlands’, by Martijn de Koning in the WRR lunch meeting series
- 6 October, Leiden, Kamran Asdar Ali moderated the seminar ‘Cultural Difference and Dutch Society’, at *Courage is a Must*, symposium organised by the Veer Stichting
- 7 October, Halle, ‘Secularity and Public Religion in Europe’, by Armando Salvatore in a plenary session on *Universalism and Religion*, by the German Anthropology Association
- 7 October, Central European University, Budapest, ‘Islamism and the Politics of Culture’, by Asef Bayat
- 17 October, Oxford University, Department of Anthropology, ‘Pulp Fiction: Reading Pakistani Domesticity’, by Kamran Asdar Ali
- 26 October, University of Cape Town, ‘Qawwali: The Sung Poetics of Erotic Mysticism’, by Scott Kugle at a graduate seminar in Religious Studies; also 20 November at the AAR Annual Conference in Philadelphia
- 27 October, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Leiden University, ‘Conducting Ethnographic Field Research in The Gambia’, by Marloes Janson
- 28 October, European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris, ‘Kurdish Questions’, by Martin van Bruinessen at the seminar *The Kurdish Issue and the EU*
- 29 October, European University Institute, Florence, ‘Euro-Islamic Configurations of Solidarity: Connective vs. Organic?’, by Armando Salvatore at the conference *European Solidarity and Solidarity Beyond Europe*

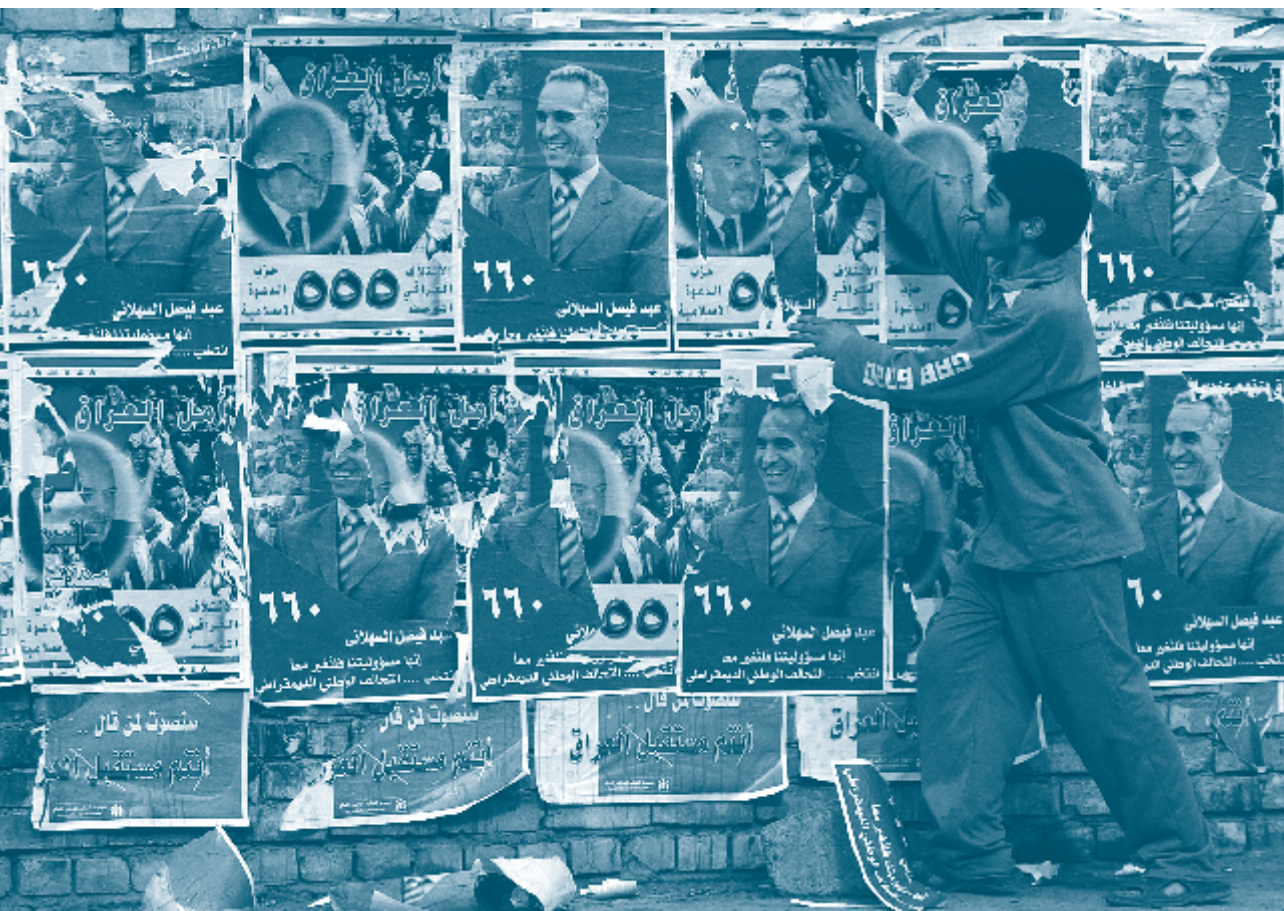
November

- November, Jakarta, ‘Cross Cutting Women’s Movement and Women Migrant Workers’ Movement in Indonesia’, by Yuniyanti Chuzaifah at the workshop *Task Force on Migrant Workers*
- 4 and 5 November, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, ‘Women’s Participation in the Tabligh Jamā‘at in The Gambia’, by Marloes Janson at the Working Group Meeting for Researchers and Scholars Working on Transnational Pietist Movements: *Women Actors and Agents in Normative Islamic Religiosity and New Currents of Popular Islamic Praxis*
- 8 November, University of Amsterdam, Nathal Dessing delivered a lecture at the course ‘Mondialisering en religie’,
- 9 November, University of Maastricht, ‘Islam, Gender and Identity Politics’, by Annelies Moors in the minor course *Crucial Differences*
- 9-11 November, New Delhi, ‘Geographies of Conflict and Coexistence: Living through Religious Divide in Cosmopolitan Cairo’, by Asef Bayat at the international conference *Living Together: Conflict and Coexistence in Cosmopolitan Context*
- 10 and 11 November, Geneva, “Popular” Practices, State Rituals and Contestation: The Suppression and Revival of Sufi Orders and Associated Practices’, by Martin van Bruinessen at the colloque *Le monde turco-iranien en question: évolution historique et perspective d’avenir* by the Institut universitaire d’études du développement (IUED) and the Institut universitaire de hautes études internationales (HEI)
- 11 November, Leiden University, Nathal Dessing delivered a lecture at the course ‘De islam en Nederland’
- 11 November, Free University, Amsterdam, ‘Wat je zingt, ben je zelf! Muzikale strategieën tussen Rif en Randstad’, by Miriam Gazzah at the MOI congress *Muziek kent geen grenzen. Continuïteit en verandering in muziek en identiteit*
- 11–12 November, Bellagio, Italy, Abdulkader Tayob participated in the round-table meeting on *Islam in Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa: Recentering the Periphery?* organised by Rockefeller Foundation. Tayob led the discussion on ‘Shaping the Identities of Young Muslims’.
- 13 November, Naples, ‘Convergences and Divergences Among Cultural Traditions in the Greater Mediterranean’, by Armando Salvatore at the conference on *The Greater Mediterranean: Classical Cultures* by Fondazione Mediterraneo

- 15 November, Sana'a, 'Ethiopian and Somali Domestic Workers in Yemen', by Marina de Regt at the CEFAS/IRD workshop *Migrations transnationales, identités et reconfiguration des territoires urbains (Afrique-monde arabe)*, by Centre français d'archéologie et sciences sociales
- 17–20 November, Washington D.C., 'Bantu Somali Refugees Adapting Strategies in Dar es Salaam's Suburbs', by Francesca Declich at the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association on *Health, Knowledge, and the Body/Politic in Africa and the African Diaspora*
- 18 November, University of Amsterdam, 'Het doen van veldwerk. Muziek en identiteit bij Marokkaans-Nederlandse jongeren', by Miriam Gazzah in an undergraduate course, communication sciences
- 21 November, University of Granada, 'Representación y autoridad del Islam en España', by Elena Arigita in the lecture series *Inmigración e Islam en España*, by the Cátedra Emilio García Gómez
- 25 November, Raad voor de Rechtspraak, The Hague, 'Over de geschiedenis en politiek van Turkije', by Martin van Bruinessen at the meeting on the Twinning project with Turkey: *Support for the Establishment of Courts of Appeal in the Republic of Turkey*
- 25–26 November, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, 'Becoming a "True Muslim": Young People's Conversion to the Tabligh Jamā'at in The Gambia', by Marloes Janson at the conference *Conversion, Modernity and the Individual with Particular Reference to Islam in Africa and Asia*
- 28 November, Brussels, 'The Discursive Tradition of the Shari'a: Historical Gaps and Convergences in Western Europe and the Balkans', by Alexandre Caeiro at the conference *The Role of Balkan Muslims in Building a European Islam* by Fondation Roi Baudouin and the European Policy Centre

December

- 2 December, Utrecht, *Muslim Identity in Perspective in the Netherlands*, by Abdulkader Tayob at the FORUM Instituut voor Multiculturele Ontwikkeling launch of *Islam en de rechten van vrouwen*
- 2 December, Amsterdam, 'Anti-Semitism in Indonesia Today and the Connection between the Arab and Asian Worlds', by Martin van Bruinessen at the seminar *Anti-Semitism Today: A Phenomenon of Globalisation? Differences and Parallels between Anti-Semitism in Europe and Asia* by the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation (NIOD)



Iraqi boy removes election posters from a wall in central Baghdad, 16 December 2005. (See page 54, ISIM Annual Lecture.)

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- 9–10 December, Bogazici University, Istanbul, ‘Teaching Integration: Shifting Notions of the Place of Religion in the Public Sphere’, by Welmoet Boender in *Rethinking Europe through Rethinking Islam*

5.2. ISIM Events

ISIM organises and co-organises events jointly with universities, research institutes, civil society organisations and governmental departments, focusing on the dissemination of insights gained from ISIM research programmes and viewpoints represented by the wide-ranging ISIM network.

ISIM Annual Lecture

The ISIM Annual Lecture combines solid knowledge with societal urgency in ISIM’s field. The venue rotates among the cities of participating universities.

1 December, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, ‘The Ayatollahs and Democracy in Contemporary Iraq’, ISIM Annual Lecture, by Juan Cole (University of Michigan)

Professor Cole argued that clerically-led Shi’ism in Iraq is undergoing a ‘reformation’, in which leading figures are attempting to reconcile the principles of Islam with those of the Enlightenment. The current attempt by ayatollahs to engage with the ideals of Jean-Jacques Rousseau is among the more thorough and institutionally promising in modern history. For a summarised version of the lecture see *ISIM Review* 17, p. 34.

The ISIM Annual Lecture was covered by the Dutch Media:

- ‘Terroristen zijn vijgenblad voor de soennieten’, *De Volkskrant*, 5 December
- ‘Een verlichte Ayatollah’, *NRC Handelsblad*, 10 December
- “‘Libanees model is best-case scenario’: Juan Cole over Irak’, *ZemZem*, 1, 2006

ISIM Debate

ISIM inspires and contributes to public debate on topical issues in its field of research.

IMES/ISIM Series

Jointly with the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES), ISIM organised:

25 February, University of Amsterdam, *Young Muslims in the Netherlands: The Search for a True Islam*, by Martijn de Koning; discussant: Thijl Sunier (University of Amsterdam/IMES)

13 May, Leiden, *Het succes van Marokkaanse meisjes*, by Leen Sterckx and Carolien Bouw (SISWO); chaired by Martijn de Koning

Public symposium: Women and Islam: New Perspectives

18 May, De Balie, Amsterdam

Organised jointly with the Department of Philosophy of the University of Amsterdam, ASCA and De Balie

Organisers: Karin Vintges and Annelies Moors

In current controversies in Europe and the United States it is often argued that Islam is inherently oppressive towards women. In contrast to this position, this symposium explored contemporary reinterpretations of the Quran and Islamic traditions from the perspective of Muslim women, which involve a critique of, and alternatives to, strong secularism – including its feminist varieties. De Balie was full; the audience engaged in discussion with the panel chaired by Annelies Moors and consisting of Prof. Fatima Sadiqi (University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Fez), Prof. Ziba Mir-Hosseini (School of Oriental and African Studies, London) and Prof. Amina Wadud (Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond).

Public Lecture: The Future Is a New Oasis: Change and Continuity in the United Arab Emirates

3 June, Leiden University, by Hein Matthee (Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research)

ISIM at the Ramadan Festival: Islam, Authority and Women

11 October, Felix Meritis, Amsterdam

Organised by Ramadan Festival Office and Felix Meritis together with ISIM. This event, chaired by Annelies Moors, brought to the Ramadan Festival Masjaliza Hamzah (of Sisters in Islam, Malaysia) and Fatima Seedat (Canada/South Africa).

ISIM with MOI: Music Without Borders. Continuity and Change in Music and Identity

11 November, Free University, Amsterdam

ISIM supported the Netherlands Association for the Study of the Middle East and Islam (MOI) in the organisation of this symposium. See under 5.1. for the contribution by Miriam Gazzah.

Public event: Forum Amsterdam: Imagining Europe

11 December, Felix Meritis, Amsterdam

Organised by Felix Meritis in cooperation with ISIM

A day of debates and presentations on urban life, identity and religion. ISIM contributed by organizing: 'Are the French Riots Possible in the Netherlands too?', with Sjoerd de Jong (journalist for NRC newspaper), Jan Willem Duyvendak (University of Amsterdam) and Fouad Laroui (writer)

5.3. **Education**

ISIM arranges and contributes to academic education at ISIM, participating universities and elsewhere. ISIM Chairs and Fellows engage in trainings for professionals, organised by ISIM or others. They furthermore offer expert advice to public and private institutions and organisations on methods employed and views prevalent at ISIM.

ISIM Staff and Ph.D. Seminars

ISIM organises staff and Ph.D. seminars to provide an opportunity for ISIM Chairs and Fellows to present their research and exchange ideas, and to discuss literature of broad interest. Venue: Leiden University

- 8 February by Francesca Declich: 'Contesting Translations and Legitimacy in Daily Life Muslim Contexts'
- 22 February by Nadia Sonneveld: 'Four Years of Khul' in Egypt: The Practice of the Courts and Daily Life'
- 8 March by Roel Meijer: 'The Use of Social Movement Theory in the Middle East'
- 5 April by Scott Kugle: 'The Challenge to Shari'a Posed by Gender and Sexuality Minorities'

- 19 April by Alexander Caeiro: ‘Islam in Transition: Muftis and Fatwas in Western Europe’
- 3 May by Dorothea Schulz: ‘Islam in the Marketplace of Ideas: Mass Media and the Remaking of Religious Experience in Mali’
- 31 May by Kamran Asdar Ali: ‘Of Women, Work and the Public Sphere: Some Thoughts on Karachi’s Urban Poor’
- 16 June by Samuli Schielke: ‘The Cultural Politics of Festivity, Piety, and Modernity at Mawlid Festivals in Egypt’
- 20 September by Marloes Janson: ‘Conducting Field Research into the Tabligh Jama’at in The Gambia’
- 4 October by Eric Roose: ‘The Mobarak Mosque: From Shelter Church to Beacon of Light. 50 Years of Islamic Architecture and Muslim Identity in The Netherlands’
- 1 November by Caco Verhees: ‘To Be or Not to Be a Feminist ...: Feminism and Islam in Senegal’
- 15 November by Roel Meijer: ‘The Role of the Association of Muslim Scholars in Iraqi Politics’
- 29 November by Sindre Bangstad: ‘Lā taqrabuna al-zina and Beyond: HIV/AIDS in Cape Muslim Communities’
- 13 December by Martin van Bruinessen: ‘Religious Practices in the Turkish–Iranian World since the Iranian Revolution and the Demise of the Soviet Union’

ISIM Courses

In 2005 ISIM organised a Ph.D. course:

History on the Margins of Nation: Islam in South Asia, five weekly sessions from 12 May.

Instructor: Vazira Fazila-Yacoobali Zamindar

Education by ISIM Researchers

ISIM researchers (co-)taught courses at such institutes as the University of Amsterdam, Utrecht University, Radboud University Nijmegen, Leiden University, Maastricht University, Freie Universität Berlin, Universität Hamburg, University Complutense (El Escorial), University of Cape Town and University of Zanzibar. (See under 5.1.)

All ISIM Chairs and a number of ISIM Fellows supervise M.A. and Ph.D. students. Ph.D. students in the ISIM research programmes are listed in chapter 3.

7–14 December, Beirut, *Social Change and Identity in Muslim Societies*, training workshop organised by ISIM jointly with SEPHIS and Orient Institut Beirut. The workshop's focus included social movements, public space and youth and identity in recent history. The main goal of this South-South training workshop was to enhance the research skills of participants and exchange experiences, theories and methodologies. The interdisciplinary workshop brought together junior and senior scholars in social sciences from the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Both Asef Bayat and Dick Douwes convened and taught in this workshop.

5.4. **Public Communication**

In addition to addressing the general public via publications and public events, these activities are also covered by Dutch and international media. The press furthermore featured interviews with ISIM researchers, including expert commentary in the context of the July 7 London bombings (RTL 4 Nieuws) and the trials of Mohammed B. and the 'Hofstadgroep' (Radio 1, *Met het oog op morgen*, *Radio 1 Journaal*). ISIM researchers were furthermore interviewed and quoted by media such as *Zembla*, NPS Television, *Editie NL*, RTL 4 Television, NMO Television, *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, *Le monde*, *De Volkskrant*, *NRC Handelsblad*, *De Groene Amsterdammer*, *ZemZem*, *Radio 1*, *Radio 747AM* and *Radio Nederland Wereldomroep*. ISIM researchers also published in the press. A selection of the media coverage is reported in the publications list (under 4.1.) and under the respective activities (under 3. and 5.).

In addition to direct mediatisation and presentation of views and analysis, a substantial part of ISIM's insights and opinions reach the public otherwise. ISIM researchers provide background information to Dutch and foreign journalists on the trial of Mohammed B. and the 'Hofstadgroep', and the Pakistani earthquake. ISIM researchers also advised and trained prominent public institutions such as the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Members of Parliament (both the national and the European Parliaments) and the European Union Institute for Security Studies.

6. Organisation

6.1. History

ISIM was established in 1998 in response to a need for further research on contemporary developments of great social, political and cultural importance in the Muslim world from social science and humanities perspectives. The founding universities are the University of Amsterdam, Leiden University, Utrecht University and Radboud University Nijmegen.

6.2. Finance

ISIM is funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (through NWO, the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research) and the participating universities. In 2005, these parties jointly realised an institutional budget of 1.857 million euros. For fellowships, research and other projects, and for academic and public events, ISIM raised additional funding.

6.3. People

Board

The four founding universities are represented on the ISIM Board. The Board meets at least twice a year; in 2005 the meetings were on 21 January and 23 November.

- Anne Willem Kist (Chair), *President of Leiden University*, until 1 September
- Prof. Ton van Haften (Chair), *Vice Rector of Leiden University*, from 1 September
- Dr Sijbold Noorda, *President of the University of Amsterdam*
- Dr Jan R.T.M. Peters, *Vice President of Radboud University Nijmegen*, until 7 October

- Roelof J. de Wijkerslooth de Weerdesteyn, *President of Radboud University Nijmegen*, from 1 November
- Yvonne van Rooy, *President of Utrecht University*

Advisory Council

The Advisory Council was installed in 2005 and met for the first time on 6 September 2005. The Council advises ISIM on its societal positioning, role and tasks in The Netherlands. Its members are:

- Nebahat Albayrak, *Member of the Netherlands House of Representatives*
- Dr Nicholas Biegman, *photographer, former Netherlands Ambassador and Representative to NATO*
- Dr Job Cohen, *Mayor of Amsterdam*
- Sadik Harchaoui, *Director of Forum Institute for Multicultural Development*
- Farah Karimi, *Member of the Netherlands House of Representatives*
- Dr Ab Klink, *Director of the Scientific Bureau of the CDA party, Member of the Netherlands Senate*
- Els van der Plas, *Director of the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development*
- Prof. Paul Scheffer, *Wibaut Chair at the University of Amsterdam, writer*

Chairs

The ISIM Chairs are appointed at the universities participating in the institute and direct the ISIM research programmes. They meet bi-monthly.

- Prof. Asef Bayat, *Academic Director, ISIM Chair at Leiden University (1.0 fte)*
Served in: Editorial Team, *Journal of Development and Change*; Editorial Board, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*; Editorial Board, *Cairo Papers in Social Science*; Contributing Editor, *Middle East Report*; Associate Editor, *Journal of the Iranian Research and Analysis*; Advisory Board, *Critique: Critical Middle East Studies*; Editorial Committee, *Stanford Studies in Middle Eastern and Islamic Societies and Cultures*; Editorial Advisory Board, *Social and Intellectual History of the Middle East Series*. Member of: Reviewing Committee of the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; Sub-Board, Arts and Culture Network Program, Open Society Institute, Budapest; Advisory Committee, Netherlands Institute for Academic Studies, Damascus
- Prof. Martin van Bruinessen, *ISIM Chair at Utrecht University (0.8 fte)*
Additional functions: Member of the Programme Commission of the NWO research programme *The Future of the Religious Past*; Member of the Scientific

- Committee of the research school CNWS (until October 2005); Member of the 'Middle East Task Force' of the European Union's Institute for Security Studies; Member of the Board of the Kurdish Library, Stockholm
- Prof. Annelies Moors, ISIM Chair at the University of Amsterdam (1.0 fte)
Additional functions: Vice-chair of the Board of the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR); Member of the ASSR programme council; Member of the Arab Families Working Group; Member of the Editorial Board, *Critique of Anthropology*; Member of the Evaluation Panel for Research Proposals, NIAS, Wassenaar
 - Prof. Abdulkader Tayob, ISIM Chair at Radboud University Nijmegen (1.0 fte)
Served in: Editorial Board, *Journal for Islamic Studies*; Editorial Board, *Journal of Religion in Africa*; Editorial Board, book series 'Religion and Society in Transition' (Waxman Verlag); Editorial Board, book series 'World Religions and Globalisation' (Ashgate Series)

Post-doctoral Fellows

- Dr Elena Arigita, see under 3.5.
Additional function: Member of the working group 'Estudios Árabes Contemporáneos', University of Granada
- Dr Vazira Fazila-Yacoobali Zamindar, see under 3.2.
- Dr Marloes Janson, until 24 September, see under 3.3.
- Dr Scott Kugle, see under 3.3.
Additional functions: Member of the American Academy of Religion, active in the Study of Islam Section; Directory Board of the 'Consultation on Contemporary Islam' at the American Academy of Religion; Service on the Shari`a Advisory Board for Al-Fatiha Foundation, Washington, D.C.; ad hoc advisor to Stichting Habibi Ana, Amsterdam
- Dr Roel Meijer, see under 3.1.
Additional function: Contributing Editor for *ZemZem*
- Dr Frank Peter, until 30 September, see under 3.5.
Additional function: Member of the Network of Young Scientists at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld
- Dr Marina de Regt (Affiliated), see under 3.2.
Additional functions: Board member of the Dutch Association for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies (MOI); Member of the Board of LOVA, the Netherlands Association of Gender and Anthropology; Chair of the LOVA conference committee; Secretary of the Marjan Rens Foundation

Ph.D. Fellows

- Joseph Alagha, see under 3.4.
- Mohammad Amer, see under 3.5.
- Sindre Bangstad, see under 3.3.
- Welmoet Boender, see under 3.5.
- Gerard van de Bruinhorst, see under 3.3.
- Alexandre Caeiro, see under 3.5.
- Onder Cetin, from 1 October onwards, see under 3.4.
- Syuan-Yuan Chiou, see under 3.1.
- Yuniyanti Chuzaifah, see under 3.2.
- Miriam Gazzah, see under 3.3.
- Egbert Harmsen, see under 3.1.
Additional function: Editor at newsfloor.com
- Noorhaidi Hasan (Affiliated), see under 3.1.
- Mujiburrahman, see under 3.1.
- Eric Roose (Affiliated), from 1 July onwards, see under 3.5.
- Samuli Schielke, see under 3.2.
Participation with photographs and materials in the exhibition ‘Minareetin Kutsu’, Kulttuurien Museo, Helsinki 2004–2005; Photography exhibition ‘Vroomheid en Plezier’, ZiM Cultureel, Rotterdam 29 April–13 May
- Tanya Sheikh, see under 3.2.
- Nadia Sonneveld, see under 3.2.
Additional activity: freelance journalist for *NRC* newspaper
- Caco Verhees, see under 3.2.
- Farid Wajidi, see under 3.1.
- Mareike Winkelmann, see under 3.2.
- Robbert Woltering, see under 3.4.
Additional function: Contributing Editor for *ZemZem*

Visiting Fellows

- Hameed Agberemi, 31 January–1 April, see under 3.3.
- Dr Anwar Alam, 1–15 September, see under 3.4.
- Dr Kamran Asdar Ali, 1 January 2005–1 January 2006, see under 3.4.
- Dr Francesca Declich, 1 December 2004–1 March 2005, see under 3.3.
- Eva Fachrunisa Amrullah, 1 March–30 April, see under 3.2.
- Saeid Golkar, 1 February–1 May, see under 3.4.
- Na’eem Jeenah, 15 January–1 April, see under 3.3.

- Dr Wang Jinglie, 1 January–1 June, see under 3.4.
- Saida Kharaza, 6 October 2003–6 January 2005, see under 3.1.
- Salma Maoulidi, 1–28 February, see under 3.6.
- Cristina Maria de Castro, 16 June–30 November, see under 3.4.
- Dr Armando Salvatore, 1 June–31 July, see 3.1.
- Dr Dorothea Schulz, 1 February–1 August, see under 3.3.
- Dr Nahda Shehada, 1–28 February; 1 March–1 August, see under 3.2. and 3.6.

Staff

The office staff supports research programmes and projects by organising workshops, conferences, meetings and other academic and public events; managing ISIM publications and the website; updating and contributing to the development of the ISIM network; and attending to the institute's lively community of fellows – not in the least by taking care of visa procedures.

- Dr Dick Douwes, *Executive Director, Editor and Researcher* (1.0 fte)
Additional function: Chairman, MOI
- Dr Linda Herrera, *Editor* (0.5 fte), until 1 July
Additional function: Research Member, 'Educating the Global Citizen', Paulo Freire Institute, UCLA
- Dr Nathal Dessing¹, *Researcher and Educational Coordinator* (1.0 fte)
Additional function: Secretary, Vereniging tot de Bestudering van het Recht van de Islam en het Midden Oosten (RIMO)
- Martijn de Koning, *Educational Coordinator* (replacement), *Researcher Ethno-Barometer Project* (0.6 fte)
Additional function: Treasurer, MOI
- Dennis Janssen, *Publications and Projects Officer* (1.0 fte)
- Laila al-Zwaini, *Primary Consultant Rights at Home* (1.0 fte), until 1 October
Additional functions: Member of the Advisory Council for the Fatusch Productions BV project 'Moslimvrouwen leren zich verweren. Emancipatie vanuit de Islam'; Assistant to Max van der Stoel, mission to Baghdad, May
- Dr Mariëtte van Beek, *Project Manager Rights at Home* (1.0 fte), until 1 October
Additional function: Member and volunteer of COC Leiden

1. Nathal Dessing was on maternity leave from 7 December 2004 – 1 May 2005; on parenting leave for one day a week during the rest of the year.

- Mary Bakker, *Administrative Affairs* (1.0 fte), until 1 March
- Rapti Miedema, *Office Manager* (1.0 fte), from 5 January
Additional functions: Co-editor *Aziatische Kunst* (Asian Art), magazine of the Vereniging van Vrienden der Aziatische Kunst; Sounding Board Member, International Office, Leiden University
- Yvonne van Domburg², *Office Assistant* (0.6 fte)
- Ada Seffelaar, *Office Assistant* (0.5 fte)
- Laila Youssefi, *Office Assistant* (0.8 fte), from 19 July

For financial administration, housing affairs and personnel issues the staff is assisted by Leiden University. Acquisitioning for and management of the ISIM Library is outsourced to the Leiden University Library. During 2005 the ISIM secretariat received occasional support from temporary employees through Jobmotion, Leiden University. For language editing of its publications ISIM worked with Sanaa Makhoulf (Cairo) and Elizabeth Saville (Amsterdam). The 'Rights at Home' project worked with trainers and webmasters of Sisters in Islam (SIS) in Malaysia.

6.4. Premises

ISIM is located in the academic and historical centre of Leiden. In 2005 the offices relocated to Rapenburg 59 and 38, allowing the institute more space and the ISIM community to be closer together.

2. Yvonne van Domburg was on maternity leave from 4 October 2005 – 24 January 2006.