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Jos, Nigeria, 21 April

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1. Directors' Report

ISIM made great strides throughout 2006 in its research activities. Between them, the ISIM Chairs and Fellows produced half a dozen books, over 60 journal articles and book chapters, and delivered more than 100 papers in national and international conferences and seminars. In addition to this, some 60 contributions were made to popular media, including newspapers, radio, and television. Increasingly, such productivity is aided by the funding that ISIM successfully generates beyond its own research budget. Indeed, 2006 was a particularly good year for ISIM in attracting research grants and commissions. In December, for instance, NORFACE awarded ISIM 500,000 euros for a two-years research project on "Islamic Fashion: The Emergence of Islam as a Social Force in Europe." The same project will be led by the ISIM-Chair Annelies Moors (University of Amsterdam), in cooperation with researchers at ISIM and others in Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and the UK. Further, a study into "Contemporary Developments within Indonesian Islam" has been commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This project is supervised by the ISIM-Chair Martin van Bruinessen (Utrecht University), and conducted by four Visiting Fellows from Indonesia.

ISIM also became a partner in a number of projects in which other institutes hold the administrative lead. The Academy of Finland has funded a research project entitled "Making a Good Muslim: Contested Fields of Religious Normativity in the Age of Global Islam," in which over the next few years researchers will come to ISIM to work as Visiting Fellows. A different project – NWO-funded research into "Salafism as a Transnational Movement" – will host an ISIM Post-doc and a Ph.D. Fellow from 2007 until 2011. This project was set up by Abdulkader Tayob, the ISIM-Chair at Radboud University Nijmegen, together with his colleagues at Radboud University and at ISIM. The announcement of the project in December was reported on by the Dutch media, reflecting a growing public interest in the subject. Earlier in 2006, the publication of *Dynamics of Islamic Activism* by the Dutch Scientific Council for Government Policy sparked a major public and political debate in the Netherlands. It advised, counter to the current Dutch government policy and the larger share of public opinion,

to enter into dialogue with those Islamic movements, parties, and factions that “assert a commitment to democracy and human rights.” The new ISIM-Radboud research project promises to add interesting perspectives to this timely debate.

Internationally, in the aftermath of the Israeli invasion, the domestic politics of Lebanon dominated the news during the autumn of 2006. Against this backdrop, the book *The Shifts in Hizbullah’s Ideology: Religious Ideology, Political Ideology, and Political Program* by ISIM Ph.D. Fellow Joseph Alagha, published in the ISIM Dissertations series, attracted considerable media attention. In spring 2006, Dr Alagha had successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis at Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam. Indeed, more ISIM Fellows received their doctorates during the course of 2006: Mujiburrahman defended his thesis *Feeling Threatened: Muslim-Christian Relations in Indonesia’s New Order* at Utrecht University; and Samuli Schielke won *cum laude* with his work *Snacks and Saints: Mawlid Festivals and the Politics of Festivity, Piety and Modernity in Contemporary Egypt* at the University of Amsterdam.

Abdulkader Tayob, ISIM-Chair at Radboud University Nijmegen, left ISIM on 1 October 2006 to join the University of Cape Town in South Africa, his home country. A farewell seminar on “Reflections on Muslim Intellectual History” was organized on 10 November 2006 in Nijmegen, where friends, colleagues, and students from the Netherlands and abroad gathered to wish Professor Tayob their best in his new position. ISIM now looks forward to enjoying a productive and close relationship with the University of Cape Town. Radboud University decided that it would withdraw from ISIM as of the end of 2007; cooperation will continue on a project basis.

On 7 December 2006, the renowned scholar Abdolkarim Soroush delivered a lecture entitled “Religion of War; Religion of Peace” at VU University Amsterdam. Here, an audience of 180, among them scholars, students, professionals, diplomats, and members of the general public, welcomed Dr Soroush as the ISIM Visiting Professor at VU. The ISIM Visiting Professorship at VU is a trial project; both institutions aim to continue their cooperation.

We at ISIM are convinced that the production of academic knowledge regarding Muslim societies and modern Islam represents a substantial contribution in light of current realities. Indeed, such kind of knowledge, when

thoroughly informed and nuanced, is indispensable for fruitful societal and intercultural dialogue and discourse, though sadly it remains in insufficient demand. ISIM's mission is not only to produce such knowledge, but to disseminate it. This we endeavour to do through running courses for Dutch diplomats and other government officers, holding and contributing to public events, and publishing literature of the highest quality, in particular, the *ISIM Review*. In this regard, we were very happy to welcome in 2006 Marlous Willemsen as the new Deputy Director, and Mathijs Pelkmans as the new ISIM Editor.

In the following pages, we invite you to review the details of ISIM's accomplishments during 2006.

ASEF BAYAT / *Academic Director*

MARLOUS WILLEMSSEN / *Deputy 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 globalization and transnationalization with respect to Muslim societies and communities. The point of departure of the research programmes is not an abstract notion of Islam that easily lends itself to essentialization; instead, Muslims are seen as agents of their societies, cultures, and histories, even if not under conditions of their own making.

Operating within this general theme, ISIM research involves five institutional programmes. They also host externally funded research projects and commissions: *Islam, Civil Society, and the Public Sphere*; *Muslim Cultural Politics: Family Dynamics and Gender*; *Contemporary Islamic Identity and Public Life*; *Agency and Change in Contemporary Muslim Societies*; and *The Production of Islamic Knowledge in Western Europe*.

Each programme is defined by a specific conceptual and theoretical problematic. The five are interrelated through their engagement with the key concepts of the "public sphere," "social movements," and "identities." In the year 2006 the first four programmes strengthened the European foci in their worldwide orientations. All five are developing particular interests in Muslim youth and youth movements.

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 democratization. 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. There are nevertheless, in most Muslim countries, numerous Islamic voluntary associations: charity, educational, health-oriented, economic self-help organizations, 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 organizations have funded NGOs and media in many Muslim countries. Scholars have become increasingly aware that there exists, moreover, 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.

From 2006 the Programme Director takes part in a NUFFIC-funded consortium led by Prof. Georg Frerks (Wageningen University) to support the establishment and human resource development of a centre for mediation and conflict resolution at the IAIN (State Institute of Islamic Studies) of Semarang in Indonesia. This project was initiated with a three-day workshop in Semarang (2–4 August), where the details of a teaching and training programme for staff members of the centre and affiliated regional centres were established.

Ph.D. research under this programme

On 17 February Joost Jongerden (NWO-WOTRO at Wageningen University; supervised by Prof. Martin van Bruinessen and Prof. Paul Richards) defended his Ph.D. thesis on *Settlement Wars: An Historical Analysis of Displacement and Return in the Kurdistan Region of Turkey at the Turn of the 21st Century* at Wageningen University.

On 15 September Mujiburrahman (ISIM; supervised by Prof. Martin van Bruinessen and Prof. Karel Steenbrink) defended his Ph.D. thesis on *Feeling Threatened: Muslim-Christian Relations in Indonesia's New Order* at Utrecht University.

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 Altuğ-Taşkın (Utrecht University): *Memories of the Making of the Turkish-Syrian Border: The Sanjak of Alexandretta and Jazira During the French Mandate (1920–1946)*.

- Miriam Geerse (NWO-WOTRO at Utrecht University; supervised jointly with Prof. Ton Robben): *Kurdish Diaspora in Turkey: Migration and Identity*.
- Egbert Harmsen (ISIM; supervised jointly with Dr Roel Meijer): *Muslim Voluntary Welfare Associations in Jordan: The Interrelationship Between Religious Discourse and Social Activities*.
- Farid Wajidi (KNAW at ISIM): *Muslim NGOs and Alternative Social Networks in Indonesia*.

Post-doctoral research under this programme

- Irfan Ahmad (NWO-Rubicon at ISIM): *Contesting Islamism: Immanent Critique of the Jamaat-e-Islami of India, from 1941 to the Present*.
- Roel Meijer (ISIM): *Islam and Violence: The National and Transnational Islamist Debate on the Legitimacy and Strategic Value of Violence*.

Visiting Fellows

- Yüksel Taşkın (ISIM): *Middle Class Islamism in Turkey*.
- Omar Farouk Bajunid (ISIM/IIAS): *Islam in Contemporary Cambodia*.

New research project under this programme

In December, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs commissioned to ISIM a research project into *Contemporary Developments within Indonesian Islam* ad 47,400 euros. This research will be implemented, under the supervision of the Programme Director, by four Indonesian scholars: in 2007, one Post-doc and three junior researchers will be conducting field work in Indonesia and come to ISIM as Visiting Fellows.

3.2. Muslim Cultural Politics: Family Dynamics and Gender

Programme Director: Annelies Moors

This research programme addresses the politics of culture in Muslim societies and focuses on sensitive topics of debate such as family law, migrant domestic labour, and body politics. Both family and gender are crucial cat-

egories in contestations about religious identity and mobilization. Starting from public debates and their mass-mediations, the sub-programmes all focus on the multiple relations between such topics of debate and the practical politics of everyday life. In doing so, processes of inclusion and exclusion and the ways in which patterns of authority are reproduced, modified, or transformed are analyzed. The sub-programme “Debating Family Law and Everyday Life” has in 2006 further explored the shifted focus from debates on family law reform to the ways in which these debates relate to legal and social practices.

The sub-programme “Migrant Domestic Labour: Transnational Relations, Families, and Identities” traces 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.

In the sub-programme “Body Politics,” which deals with Muslim women’s appearance/embodied practices, much attention has been given to Muslim fashions. Next to a granted funding proposal to NORFACE (see below), this has inspired a joint ISIM-European University Institute workshop to be held in Florence in 2007 in addition to a special issue of *Fashion Theory* on Muslim Fashions, edited by Annelies Moors and Emma Tarlo (Goldsmiths, London) and expected to appear in summer 2007.

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 2006 (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)



Procession at a mawlid festival in Qalyub, Egypt

PHOTO BY SAMULI SCHIELKE, 2004

Ph.D. research under this programme

On 29 March Samuli Schielke (ISIM) defended his thesis on *Snacks and Saints. Mawlid Festivals and the Politics of Festivity: Piety and Modernity in Contemporary Egypt* at the University of Amsterdam. He was awarded his degree *cum laude*.

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

- Miriyam Aouragh (WOTRO at 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; co-supervisor Dr Karin van Nieuwkerk): *Music and Identity Construction of Young Dutch-Moroccans*.
- Tanya Sheikh (ISIM; supervised jointly with Prof. Léon Buskens): *Love Marriages in Pakistan: Legal Decision-Making, Public Debates, and the Family*.
- Shifra Kish (ASSR; supervised jointly with Prof. Anita Hardon): *Translating Deafness and/in a Bedouin Community in Israel*.
- Loubna el Morabet (NWO at ISIM; supervision by Prof. Annelies Moors and Dr Thijl Sunier): *Muslim Student Associations in the Netherlands, France, and the United Kingdom*. This research is part of the NWO-funded project “Individualization, Fragmentation of Authority, and New Organizational Forms among Muslims in Europe,” (IFANOFME).
- 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

- Jeanette Jouili (ISIM): *The Ethics of Islamic Arts: Normativity, Creativity, and “Fun” in the Muslim Diasporas in the West*.
- Marina de Regt (WOTRO at ASSR; ISIM Affiliated Fellow): *Gendered Transnationalism: Women Migrants and Domestic Labour in Yemen*.

- Nahda Shehada (WOTRO at ISIM): *Transformations in Family Law: Public Debates and Everyday Practices*.
- Bindhulakshmi (WOTRO at ASSR): *Moving Between Legal Systems: South Indian Women as Domestic Workers in Dubai*.

Further Fellows

- Léon Buskens (Leiden University, ISIM Sabbatical Fellow): *Islamic Law and Society in Morocco, circa 1870–2006: The Genesis of a Modern Legal System*.
- Julie McBrien (ISIM Affiliated Fellow): *Creating Post-Soviet Muslim Public Space*.

New research project under this programme

In December, NORFACE granted 500,000 euros to a proposal submitted with partners in the UK, Germany, Sweden and Denmark under the title “Islamic Fashion: The Emergence of Islam as a Social Force in Europe.” The research project will be implemented from spring 2007 until spring 2009, under the general supervision of the Programme Director. Tracing the emergence of Islamic fashion on the streets of Europe this project focuses on young Muslim women’s bodied practices and performances; it traces the conditions under which Islamic fashion has emerged in the European public sphere; investigates the various ways in which the tensions between Islam and fashion are negotiated; and analyzes the effects of such emerging embodied practices of young Muslim women. In the context of this project ISIM will contract one junior researcher.

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 entry points for reflecting on trends and developments in modern Muslim societies. These entry points are interrelated, the first focusing on the transformation of how individuals think of themselves in relation to groups, whilst the second places stress on the wider political and social context within which the changes are taking place.

In 2006, the programme consolidated its findings around two key concepts. For the sub-programme “Religion, Culture, and Identity in Africa,” we took forward the idea of Muslim public within the broader African public spheres. Based on comparative studies in a number of African countries, it was clear that the emergence of such publics played a significant role in politics, media, and religious change. These publics have a history providing a basis for deeper comparative study. For the second sub-programme on the intellectual capital that informs modern Muslim practices and movements in different cultural contexts, religion provided an illuminating lens of important developments. Religion as an emic category in Muslim discourse has not received the attention that it should. Focusing on religion, however, does not mean that social and political contexts would receive less attention. This is the basis of a monograph being prepared for publication in 2007.

Workshops and conferences organized or co-organized under this programme

Reflections on Muslim Intellectual History: Farewell Conference of Professor Abdulkader Tayob

Organizer: ISIM and Radboud University Nijmegen

Studiecentrum Soeterbeek, Ravenstein, 10 November

This conference honoured Abdulkader Tayob’s research and teaching activities as ISIM Chair at Radboud University Nijmegen. October 2006 Abdulkader Tayob left ISIM to take up a position as the head of a new programme on Islamic Studies at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. The conference brought together prominent scholars working on intellectual trends in the Muslim world: in addition to Abdulkader Tayob, papers were delivered by Abdou Filali-Ansary, Michiel Leezenberg, Muhammad Khalid Masud, Mona Abaza, Martin van Bruinessen, Asef Bayat, and Roel Meijer. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Piety, Responsibility, Subjectivity: Reconfigurations of the Moral Economy of Gender Relations in Contemporary Muslim Africa

Convenors: Marloes Janson (ZMO, Berlin) and Dorothea Schulz (Indiana University)

Snoeck Hurgronje Huis, Leiden University, 15 December

This workshop was organized by Marloes Janson as a postponed part of her ISIM post-doctoral fellowship.

Organizers of the workshop and the subsequent public event (see under 5.2.): ISIM, in cooperation with the Knowledge Centre Religion and Development and *ZemZem*, Journal for the Middle East, North Africa, and Islam. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Ph.D. candidates within the programme

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

- Sindre Bangstad (ISIM): *Global Flows, Local Appropriations: Facets of Islamization Among Muslims in Cape Town, South Africa*.
- Gerard van de Bruinhorst (ISIM Affiliated Fellow; 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; co-supervisor Dr Karin van Nieuwkerk): *Music and Identity Construction of Young Dutch-Moroccans*.
- Julian Rukyaa (Radboud University Nijmegen; jointly supervised with Prof. Frans Wijzen): *Religious Education and Prejudice: Muslims and Christians in Tanzania*.

Post-doctoral research under this programme

- Scott Kugle (ISIM): *Queer Muslim Community: The Challenge to Shari'a Posed by Gender and Sexuality Minorities*.

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 wit-

nessed 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 mobilizing 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 recognizes 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.”

Workshops and conferences organized or co-organized under this programme

Contemporary Islamic Movements: Ideology, Aesthetics, Politics

Convenors: Asef Bayat (ISIM) and others

Organizers: ISIM together with the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, the South Asia Institute, the Centre for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, the Centre for European Studies, the Religious Studies Centre, and the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas at Austin

Austin, 16–17 February

The conference sought to explore Islamic thought, politics, and social life through an interdisciplinary approach. The representation of Muslim life and Islam in public and private forums leaves much to be desired in terms of its depiction of the complexity of Muslim experiences and practices across the globe. By assembling scholars who have first hand knowledge of Muslim societies and of Islam, the conference addressed and engaged with these representational themes. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

The Making of Muslim Youths II: New Cultural Politics in the Global South and North

Convenors: Asef Bayat (ISIM) and Linda Herrera (Institute for Social Studies)

Organizers: ISIM jointly with ISS

The Hague, 6–7 October

This workshop was second of a two-part series. It joined seventeen scholars from, and working on, issues involving Muslim youth from Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, and the Middle East. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Youth and the Global South: Religion, Politics, and the Making of Youth in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East

Organizers: ISIM together with the African Studies Centre (ASC), the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS)

Dakar, 13–15 October

This conference offered a platform to scholars from the North and South from which they presented their analyses and visions of the problems currently faced by the new generations growing up in the global South, particularly in Africa. Some 30 papers discussed social, political, and cultural themes ranging from youth life styles, violence, religiosity, subculture, generational conflict, activism, sexuality, and youth political economy. The event also offered a unique opportunity for young scholars from diverse countries of the global South and the North to develop scholarly networks for exchange of ideas and future collaboration. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Ph.D. research under this programme

On 10 February Joseph E. Alagha (ISIM) defended his Ph.D. thesis on *The Shifts in Hizbullah's Ideology: Religious Ideology, Political Ideology, and Political Program* at VU University Amsterdam. Dr Alagha's Ph.D. research was supervised by Prof. Antonie Wessels, and co-supervised by Paul Aarts.

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

- Önder Cetin (NUFFIC-Huygens at ISIM): *Framing the Other in the Self: Europe in the Identity Narratives of the Bosnian Islamist Intellectuals.*
- 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

- Maurits van den Boogert (Brill-ISIM Fellow): *The Western Canon of the Study of Islam*. Brill Publishers funds this new, one-day a week fellowship for the Academic Project Manager of the third edition of the *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, which is currently being prepared and which will have a greater emphasis on social scientific research and Islam outside the Middle East than the two previous editions.
- Rémy Delage (ISIM): *Muslim Educational Networks and Discourses of Reform in Contemporary India*.
- Taberez Ahmed Neyazi (ISIM): *Dialogue in the Making of Citizens: Towards Understanding Religious Communities in Secular Societies*.
- Abdolkarim Soroush (ISIM Visiting Professor at Vrije Universiteit). In October ISIM and VU University Amsterdam agreed on a cooperation of one year towards the joint hosting of Abdolkarim Soroush. Soroush's research at ISIM and VU University Amsterdam, from 15 November 2006 through September 2007, will focus on the philosophy of science, philosophy of religion, Islamic philosophy, and the philosophical system of Rumi.
- Joe Stork (ISIM): *Political Violence and Human Rights Prospects in the Arab Middle East*.

New research project under this programme

In December NWO granted 500,000 euros to a research project jointly submitted by Prof. Harald Motzki of Radboud University Nijmegen and Prof. Abdulkader Tayob, ISIM Chair at the same university. The project is entitled "Salafism as a Transnational Movement" and had been prepared by ISIM Fellows Roel Meijer and Martijn de Koning, further assisted by ISIM Chairs Van Bruinessen and Moors. The project will start July 2007; it will bring to ISIM one Post-doc and one Ph.D. Fellow.

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



A combo picture grabbed from a video posted on internet by the Global Islamic Media Center (GIMC), 23 June

proper Islamic belief and practice and what is not), on the processes by 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, with other Muslim countries that provide models of Islam to be emulated (e.g. Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Libya), and with 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. The programme is therefore by necessity comparative and places emphasis on the transnational dimension.

Workshops organized or co-organized under this programme

Islam, European Societies, and the “Carriers” of National Identities

Convenors: Barbara Thériault (University of Montréal) and Frank Peter (ISIM)

Organizers: ISIM and the Centre Canadien d'études allemandes et européennes, Université de Montréal

Frankfurt-Oder, 24–25 February

This workshop dealt with the incorporation of Islam in different national contexts and suggested a new perspective on the transformations triggered by the presence of Muslims in European societies by recasting attention to those who deal with the incorporation of Islam in Europe: the “carriers” of national identities. See under 5.1 for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Public Debates about Islam in Europe: Why and How “Immigrants” Became “Muslims”

Convenors: Stefano Allievi (University of Padova) and Martin van Bruinessen (ISIM)

Organizers: ISIM and the Mediterranean Programme of the Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute, Florence

Montecatini Terme, 22–26 March

This workshop, designed as the seventh Mediterranean Social and Political

Research Meeting, focused on the current debates on Islam and Muslims in Europe, in which the problematic of integration is increasingly defined as one of (in)compatibility between Islamic and European values. In the perception by “host” societies as well as in their self-perception, immigrants have tended to become Muslims first, and other aspects of their social identities moved to the background. Images of Islam moreover became central to debates on European identities, as the essential outsider against which spokespersons for “authentic” European cultures and values defined themselves. Fifteen papers, concerning eight different European countries, addressed various aspects of this “Islamization” of otherness. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Muslim Traditions in European Societies

Organizers: Alexandre Caeiro (ISIM) and Frank Peter (Free University of Berlin/ISIM)

Boston, 21 November 2006

This interdisciplinary panel was the “pre-organized panel” Po88 at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. It was part of an on-going engagement with the work of the anthropologist Talal Asad on discursive traditions, subjectivity, and secularity, in the context of Europe. In addition to the organizers, Heiko Henkel (University of British Columbia), Jeanette Jouili (ISIM/EHESS), and Nadia Fadil (Leuven University) presented papers. These covered France, Belgium, Germany, and Turkey, and focused on various aspects of European Islam – from individual religiosities, to gender, to processes of institutionalization and governance of Muslims. See under 5.1. for contributions by ISIM researchers.

Ph.D. research under this programme

All candidates are supervised by the Programme Director, unless indicated otherwise.

- 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): *Islamic Reasoning in Western Europe: An Ethnography of Public and Private Fatwas.*

- Loubna el Morabet (NWO at ISIM; supervision by Prof. Annelies Moors and Dr Thijl Sunier): *Muslim Student Associations in the Netherlands, France, and the United Kingdom*. This research is part of the NWO-funded project “Individualization, Fragmentation of Authority, and New Organizational Forms among Muslims in Europe,” (IFANOFME).
- Firdaous Oueslati (NWO at ISIM; jointly supervised with Dr Nico Landman): *Islamic Higher Education in the Netherlands, France, and the United Kingdom*. This research is part of the NWO-funded project “Individualization, Fragmentation of Authority, and New Organizational Forms among Muslims in Europe,” (IFANOFME).
- Eric Roose (ISIM Affiliated Fellow; supervised jointly with Prof. Aart Mekking): *Mosque Design and Identity in the Netherlands: Towards a Comparative Analysis of Modern Islamic Architecture*.

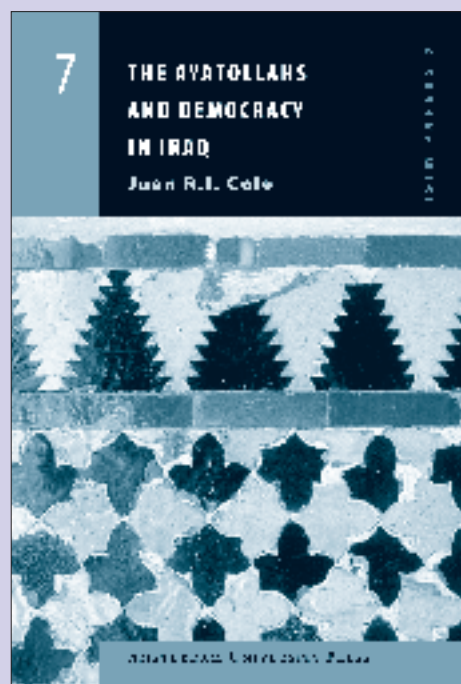
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- Frank Peter (ISIM Affiliated Fellow): *Religious Authorities in French Islam: A Case Study of “Imams” in the Union of Islamic Organizations in France*.

Europe's Muslim Communities post-September 11 – Security and Integration

ISIM is the Netherlands-based partner in an internationally comparative research project on inter-ethnic relations, perceptions, and discourse, which is part of the larger *Ethnobarometer* programme. The other participants were leading research groups in Italy, France, the United Kingdom, Belgium, and Germany. A central element in the research methods of this project consisted of focus groups that in their composition – age, ethnicity, political, and religious commitment – reflected the composition of local communities where conflict or inter-ethnic tension have occurred.

The field research in the Netherlands was carried out by Martijn de Koning (ISIM) and five research assistants. At a conference in Como on 14–16 July, the reports of the various country teams were discussed and a format for the joint report established. The report is expected in summer 2007.



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 to the professional and the general.

4.1. Publications by ISIM Researchers

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4.2. ISIM Publications

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

ISIM Review

The *ISIM Review* features accessible articles by scholars from all over the world. In 2006 it has been sent for free to more than 7,000 institutional and private subscribers – academics, professionals, and lay readers – in the global North and South. It is also available on the ISIM website. Dick Douwes was the *ISIM Review* editor until 31 December 2005. *ISIM Review* 17 was produced by an editorial team consisting of all ISIM Chairs, in collaboration with Dick Douwes, Dennis Janssen, and Martijn de Koning. In June Mathijs Pelkmans joined ISIM as editor and took up the responsibility of *ISIM Review* 18.

- “Popular Piety: Politics, passion, movements, markets, leisure, laity.” *ISIM Review*, no. 17. Leiden: ISIM (Spring).
- “Shades of Islamism.” *ISIM Review*, no. 18. Leiden: ISIM (Autumn).

ISIM Papers series

The ISIM Papers present individual lectures delivered at the invitation of ISIM, exposing them to the wider academic community. The ISIM Papers series is published in cooperation with Amsterdam University Press (AUP).

- Juan R.I. Cole. *The Ayatollahs and Democracy in Iraq*. ISIM Paper 7. Amsterdam: ISIM/Amsterdam University Press.

ISIM Dissertations series

The ISIM Dissertations series has been set up to disseminate the findings of ISIM Ph.D. Fellows to a worldwide audience. All dissertations in the series are available in print and online. The series is published in cooperation with AUP.

- Joseph E. Alagha. *The Shifts in Hizbullah's Ideology: Religious ideology, political ideology, and political program*. Amsterdam: ISIM/Amsterdam University Press (February).
- Mujiburrahman. *Feeling Threatened: Muslim-Christian relations in Indonesia's New Order*. Amsterdam: ISIM/Amsterdam University Press (September).

ISIM Series on Contemporary Muslim Societies

In cooperation with AUP, ISIM has taken the initiative in 2006 to launch the ISIM Series on Contemporary Muslim Societies. The Series will publish innovative and interdisciplinary research on trends and movements in contemporary Muslim societies and communities, bringing together expertise in anthropology, sociology, political science, social history, cultural studies, and religious studies. The aim of the Series is to present cutting-edge scholarship on Islam and Muslim societies in different parts of the globe. It seeks to expose both the distinctive and comparable aspects of trends and developments in Muslim societies. Proposals will be reviewed by experts in the field, under the direction of an international editorial board.

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	– Léon Buskens	– Seteney Shami
	– Shamil Jeppie	– Lynn Welchman

General readership

ISIM promotes publishing projects geared towards a general Dutch public. This includes a partnership with Kennislink, a Dutch organization for science communication funded by the Ministry of Education. Aimed at a broad audience, and particularly high school students, Kennislink provides an online collection of articles on a broad range of scientific topics. With almost 8,000 visitors a day www.kennislink.nl has become one of the most visited Dutch popular-scientific websites.

In 2006 parts of the book *Nederlandse Moslims: Van migrant tot burger* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2005), edited by Dick Douwes, Martijn de Koning, and Welmoet Boender, have been made available online. Furthermore, a project was started to compile files on a number of themes, including political Islam and Muslim popular culture. In 2006 the first seven contributions have been published online.

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 Muslims from the Netherlands, the ISIM Library includes volumes from academic publishers and devotional materials purchased in the Muslim world. In 2006, 1699 new titles were made available for the public. The collection now consists of over 12.000 volumes and 64 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 in chapter 3.)

5.1. Presented Papers and Invited Lectures by ISIM Researchers

Presentations by ISIM researchers in chronological order:

January

- 19 January, Free University Berlin. “Islamismus, Zivilreligion und die Reform des Islam in Frankreich,” by Frank Peter at the Institut für Islamwissenschaft.
- 24 January, Stanford University. “Upwardly Mobile: The uses and abuses of Muhammad Ghawth Gwaliori’s ascension,” by Scott Kugle at the *Abbasi Lecture Series in Islamic Studies*.
- 29–30 January, Peace Palace, The Hague. “Kashmir Earthquake Response in Europe and Its Background,” by Mohammad Amer in the seminar *Kashmir: After Earthquake – What Next?*

February

- 3 February, Utrecht University. “Identity and Authenticity in Contemporary Islamic Discourse,” by Abdulkader Tayob at the conference *Identiteit als mythe*.
- 6–7 February, Dhaka. “Bangladesh, Gender and Shariah,” by Abdulkader Tayob at the *International Conference of Social Justice and Gender Equality within Islam*.
- 7 February, Erfurt University. “Dialogue in the Making of Citizens: Towards understanding religious communities in secular societies in Western Europe,” by Tabereh Ahmed Neyazi.

- 7 February, Rotterdam. Robbert Woltering was a panellist in the debate “The End of Tolerance,” organized by ZiM.
- 7 February, Utrecht University. “Koerden in Irak: Wat hebben oorlog, verkiezingen en de grondwet veranderd?,” by Martin van Bruinessen at the Dutch United Nations Student Association (SIB).
- 9 February, University of Oslo. “In Search of a French Islam? State policies, Muslim traditions and laïcité,” by Alexandre Caeiro at the *Islam in Western Europe Graduate Course*.
- 11–13 February, Stanford University. “Qawwali: The sung poetics of erotic mysticism,” by Scott Kugle during the *South Asian Music Festival*.
- 13 February, University of Virginia. “Grassroots Politics in the Muslim Middle East,” by Asef Bayat.
- 14 February, De Rode Hoed, Amsterdam. Martin van Bruinessen was a panellist in the debate “De Armeense Genocide: Tussen ontkenning en erkenning,” organized by *Andere Tijden*.
- 16–17 February, University of Texas, Austin. “Queer Jihad: Lesbian and gay Muslim activists between virtual and actual communities,” by Scott Kugle at the *International Conference on Contemporary Islamic Movements*.
- 16–17 February, University of Texas, Austin. “Shariah Between Law, Religion and Identity,” by Abdulkader Tayob at the *International Conference on Contemporary Islamic Movements*.
- 16–17 February, University of Texas, Austin. “Does Islam Not Have Fun?,” by Asef Bayat at the *International Conference on Contemporary Islamic Movements*.
- 21 February, Northwestern University, Chicago. “Modern Islam in the Shadow of Religion and Identity,” by Abdulkader Tayob at the *African Studies Programme*. Also presented at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, on 22 February.
- 22 February, University of California, Los Angeles. “Islam and Democracy,” by Asef Bayat.
- 23 February, Erasmus University Rotterdam. Martin van Bruinessen was a panellist in the debate “De crisis rond de Mohammed-cartoons: Debat over vrijheid van meningsuiting en respect,” organized by Studium Generale and Students’ Union Eurabia.
- 24–25 February, European University, Frankfurt Oder. “Dreaming in Dutch: Conflicts and tolerance in Dutch society,” by Martijn de Koning at the workshop *Islam, European Societies, and the “Carriers” of National Identities*.

- 24–25 February, European University, Frankfurt Oder. “Immigrant Youth, Education and the Incorporation of Islam in France,” by Frank Peter at the workshop *Europe, Islam and the “Carriers” of National Identities*.
- 26 February, Volkshochschule, Basle. “Europa – eine Chance für den Islam?,” by Frank Peter.

March

- 1 March, Leiden University. “Gender in North Africa: The case of Egypt,” by Nadia Sonneveld at the departement of languages and cultures of the Middle East.
- 1 March, University of Amsterdam. “Vrouwen en publieke participatie in Jemen,” by Marina de Regt at the Political Science Department.
- 6–7 March, Paris. “The Lebanese Martyrs: Hizbullah as a case study,” by Joseph Alagha at the conference *Martyrdom, Jihad, and Suicide Bombings in the Contemporary Islamic World*, organized by L’École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Maison des sciences de l’homme (MSH), and Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS).
- 7 March, Canadian Embassy, Brussels. “Relations with the Muslim World: Near abroad and here at home,” by Asef Bayat.
- 13 March, Leiden University. “De Egyptische *khul’* wet: Progressief of niet?,” by Nadia Sonneveld at the Kenniscentrum Rechtsstaat en Ontwikkeling (KREO).
- 17 March, University of Amsterdam. Annelies Moors in debate with Abram de Swaan on Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.
- 22–26 March, Florence and Montecatini Terme. “After Van Gogh: Roots of anti-Muslim rage,” by Martin van Bruinessen at the workshop *Public Debates about Islam in Europe: Why and how ‘immigrants’ became ‘Muslims’*,” during the Seventh Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting.
- 23 March, Amsterdam. “Shifting Lifestyles, Different Preferences: The changing demand for paid domestic labour in Yemen,” by Marina de Regt at the *European Social Science History Conference*. Also delivered at the staff seminar of the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research on 4 April.
- 29 March, Columbia University, New York. “Muslim Preachers in France – Carriers of New Islamic Discourses?,” by Frank Peter at the workshop *Does Islam Need a Reformulation to Be Compatible with the West?*
- 29 March, Columbia University, New York. “The Political Economy of Fatwas in Europe,” by Alexandre Caeiro at the workshop *Does Islam Need a Reformulation to Be Compatible with the West?*

April

- 5 April, Amsterdam. “Trafficking and Smuggling from the Horn of Africa to the Middle East: The stories of Ethiopian and Somali domestic workers in Yemen,” by Marina de Regt at the International Association for Political Science Students.
- 5 April, Institute for Social Studies, The Hague. “Islamic Law, Gender and Rights,” by Abdulkader Tayob at the seminar programme for Yemeni students.
- 7 April, Utrecht. Robbert Woltering was a panellist in the debate “What Drives a Terrorist,” organized by Mighty Society.
- 18 April, PBNU, Jakarta. “Tarekat menghadapi globalisasi dan neoliberalisme” [Sufi orders facing globalization and neo-liberalism], by Martin van Bruinessen.
- 19–21 April, London. “Conflict Resolution in Pakistan: from ‘Consent of Marriage to ‘Karo Kari’ (honour killings),” by Tanya Sheikh at the *BASAS 20th Annual Conference*.
- 19 April, Autonomous University of Madrid. “Representing Islam in Spain,” by Elena Arigita at the M.Phil./Ph.D. programme *International Mediterranean Studies*, in the Department of Arab and Islamic Studies and Oriental Studies.
- 20 April, P3M, Jakarta, “Radikalisme Islam dan radikalisme anti-Islam di Belanda” [Islamic and anti-Islam radicalism in the Netherlands], by Martin van Bruinessen.

May

- 4 May, Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen. “Feminization of Migration. Migrant domestic workers to the Middle East: A new public presence?,” by Annelies Moors at the seminar *Gendering Migration in the Middle East: Migrants’ presence and absence*.
- 5–7 May, The Rook How, The Lake District. “Reforming a Tradition: The Minhajul Quran movement in London,” by Mohammad Amer at *The 20th Pakistan Workshop*.
- 11 May, Amsterdam. “Zaza’s, Koerden of Zaza-Koerden?,” by Martin van Bruinessen. Organized by Koerdische Studenten Vereniging Nederland.
- 11–12 May, Ottawa. “The Sunni Resistance and the ‘Political Process’,” by Roel Meijer at the conference *Iraq: Preventing another generation of conflict*, organized by the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations Institute for Peace.

- 12 May, Radboud University Nijmegen. “The Cultural Politics of Dress and Fashion in the Middle East,” by Annelies Moors at the *TCMO Studiedag*.
- 12 May, Radboud University Nijmegen. “Muzikale strategieën van Rif tot Randstad,” by Miriam Gazzah at the *TCMO Studiedag*.
- 12 May, Radboud University Nijmegen. “Reflexiviteit, afhankelijkheid en empowerment: Islamitische welzijnsorganisaties als *civil society* instellingen in Jordanië,” by Egbert Harmsen at the *TCMO Studiedag*.
- 12 May, Kampen. “De moskee in *civil society*,” by Welmoet Boender at the symposium *Spiritualiteit en secularisatie*, organized by the Werkgroep Godsdienstsociologie.
- 14 May, Melkweg, Amsterdam. “Youth Culture and Social Change,” by Miriam Gazzah at *De Bazaar: Democratisering in het Midden-Oosten*.
- 14 May, Melkweg, Amsterdam. “Weblogging in the Arab world,” by Robbert Woltering at *De Bazaar: Democratisering in het Midden-Oosten*.
- 14 May, Melkweg, Amsterdam. Robbert Woltering was a panellist in the debate “The Cartoondrama Revisited” at *De Bazaar: Democratisering in het Midden-Oosten*.
- 23 May, University of Amsterdam. “De feminisering van migratie: Betaald huishoudelijk werk onder de loep,” by Marina de Regt.
- 26 May, Jakarta. “Mengupayakan Fiqh Aplikatif bagi Buruh Migran,” [“Searching Applicable Fiqh for Migrant Workers”] by Yuniyanti Chuzaifah.
- 30 May–2 June, Leiden. “Waiting for the Shaikh: The religious mobilization among the young followers of the Minhajul Quran in the UK,” by Mohammad Amer at the 19th *Conference for Modern South Asian Studies*.

June

- 1–2 June, EHES, Paris. “Muslim Responses to Integration Demands in the Netherlands since 9/11,” by Abdulkader Tayob.
- 3 June, Frankfurt University. “Cultural Dimension as a Key Dimension of Human Security of Western Europe: The Dutch case,” by Edien Bartels, Kim Kibbe, Martijn de Koning and Oscar Saleminck.
- 8 June, Moscow Foundation for Public Planning, Moscow. “Islam, Islamism and ‘Cultural Talk’ in Europe,” by Asef Bayat.
- 9 June, Paris. “Relations between the State and Muslims,” by Alexandre Caeiro at the workshop *Illiberal Practices of Liberal Regimes? The changing landscape of European security* for the Challenge Annual Meeting, organized by IEP/CERI.

- 24–25 June, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. “Identity and Religion in Modern Islam,” by Abdulkader Tayob at the conference on *Islamic Learning in Central Asia* organized by the Social Science Research Council.
- 26 June, University of Amsterdam. “Authorizing Islam in Europe,” by Frank Peter at the NWO conference *Religion and Power*.
- 26 June, University of Amsterdam. “State Rituals and their Surrogates: Responses to Islam in Turkey, Iran, and the Netherlands,” by Martin van Bruinessen at the NWO conference *Religion and Power*.
- 27 June, University of Amsterdam. “Individualization and the Discourse of Power among Muslims in Europe,” panel convened and chaired by Nathal Dessing at the NWO conference *Religion and Power*.
- 29 June, Leiden University. “Legal Systems Worldwide: The case of Egypt,” by Nadia Sonneveld at the Van Vollenhoven Institute.
- 27–30 June, Leiden University. “‘Love Marriages’ Revisited, the Shaista Almani case,” by Tanya Sheikh at the 19th ECSMAS Conference.

July

- 18 July, University of Essen. “Constructing Mosques, Connecting Modern Histories,” by Julie McBrien at the *International Summer Academy on Islam and the Repositioning of Religion*.
- 20 July, PPIM, Jakarta. “Islam, Women Issues and State in Indonesia,” by Yuniyanthi Chuzaifah at the Centre for Women’s Studies.

August

- 3 August, Semarang. “Konflik agama di Indonesia: mencari akar dan alternatif penyelesaiannya,” by Martin van Bruinessen at the seminar *Mediasi dan resolusi konflik* at Pusat Mediasi IAIN Walisongo.
- 29 August, Huissen. “The Paradox of Political Islam: Politics without a programme, ethics without politics,” by Roel Meijer at the conference *Fundamentalism and Ethics*, organized by Globethics.net.
- 30 August, Huissen. “Fundamentalism and Ethics in Civil Society: The case of voluntary welfare associations in Jordan,” by Egbert Harmsen at the conference *Fundamentalism and Ethics*, organized by Globethics.net.
- 30 August, Ministry of General Affairs, The Hague. “Hizbullah and the dilemmas of Islamic activism,” by Joseph Alagha.

September

- 2 September, University of Johannesburg. “The Weight of the World and the Words of Allah: Black African conversion to Islam in Cape Town, South Africa,” by Sindre Bangstad at *The International Symposium on Islamic Civilisations in Southern Africa*.
- 13 September, Nationaal Onderwijsmuseum, Rotterdam. “En God weet het beter,” by Léon Buskens at the *Studiemiddag over traditie en toekomst van het Islamitisch onderwijs*.
- 16 September, University of Copenhagen. “Appealing to the Youth: Real and imaginary space in al-Qaida’s words, images, and deeds,” by Roel Meijer at the conference *Youth and the City: The development of new space in Middle Eastern cities*.
- 17 September, University of Copenhagen. “Rap and Rage: Music and identity politics of Moroccan youth in the Netherlands,” by Miriam Gazzah at the conference *Youth and the City: The development of new space in Middle Eastern cities*.
- 25–26 September, The Hague. Annelies Moors and Vazira Zamindar (at the invitation of ISIM) participated in the panels “The Position of Cultural Emergency Relief in Armed Conflict” and “The Role of Culture in Post-Disaster Reconstruction” at the conference *Culture is a Basic Need: Responding to cultural emergencies*, organized by the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development.

October

- 6 October, The Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Oslo. “The Islamic Mass Organizations in Indonesia; The issue of shari’ah and the role of the Council of Islamic Scholars (MUI),” by Martin van Bruinessen at the seminar *The Conservative Turn in Indonesian Islam*.
- 6–7 October, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. “Islam and the Making of Muslim Youths,” by Asef Bayat at the workshop *The Making of Muslim Youths II*.
- 7 October, Amsterdam. “Islamic Music in Europe,” by Jeannette Jouili at the NWO *Publieksdag*.
- 13–15 October, Dakar. “If We Don’t ...Wage Jihad, What Will We Do? Explaining radicalization of young islamists in India,” by Irfan Ahmad at the conference on *Youth and the Global South: Religion, politics and the making of youth in Africa, Asia and the Middle East*.

- 25 October, The Hague. Robbert Woltering was a panellist at the “Round Table Conference on Religion and Development,” organized by the Ministry for Development Cooperation.
- 26 October, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town. “Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered Muslim Activists,” by Scott Kugle at the *Women’s Studies Seminar*.

November

- 1 November, Michigan State University, Lansing. Frank Peter participated in a panel discussion on “Empire, Colonies and Movements,” during the *Global Migrations Colloquium*.
- 1 November, Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam. “Hardcore Orientalism,” by Annelies Moors.
- 3 November, University of Bologna. “Muslims in the Polder. Current debates about Islam and immigration in the Netherlands,” by Léon Buskens.
- 9 November, Middelburg. “De huidige situatie in het Midden-Oosten en de Koerdische kwestie,” by Martin van Bruinessen. Organized by Walcheren Mozaïek.
- 10 November, Ravenstein. “Nurcholish Madjid, Abdurrahman Wahid, and Their Intellectual Heirs: Liberal and progressive Muslim discourse in contemporary Indonesia,” by Martin van Bruinessen at the conference *Reflections on Muslim Intellectual History*, organized by ISIM and Radboud University Nijmegen.
- 10 November, Ravenstein. “Rereading al-Qaeda: Yusuf al-Ayiri’s Writings and Political Activism,” by Roel Meijer at the conference *Reflections on Muslim Intellectual History*, organized by ISIM and Radboud University Nijmegen.
- 10 November, Ravenstein. “Post-Islamism and the End of Ideology?,” by Asef Bayat at the conference *Reflections on Muslim Intellectual History*, organized by ISIM and Radboud University Nijmegen.
- 14 November, Institute for Social Sciences, The Hague. “Poetry and Homosexuality in Islamic Culture: A view from Shah Hussayn in Lahore,” by Scott Kugle.
- 14 November, Amsterdam. “Qawwali: The sung poetics of erotic mysticism,” by Scott Kugle at the invitation of the El-Hizjra Foundation.

- 15 November, Emory University, Atlanta. “Usuli Sufis: Ahmad Zarruq and his South Asian disciples,” by Scott Kugle at the faculty colloquium, Department of Middle East and South Asian Studies.
- 16 November, Emory University, Atlanta. “Teaching Strategies in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies,” by Scott Kugle at the faculty colloquium, Department of Middle East and South Asian Studies.
- 15–17 November, San Jose. “The Spirit of Aid and the Power of Faith,” by Mathijs Pelkmans at the *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*.
- 15–17 November, San Jose. “Cracks in the ‘Fort of Islamic Culture’: Jamaat-e-Islami’s changing discourse on women,” by Irfan Ahmad at the *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*. Also delivered at the University of Sussex on 1 December.
- 17 November, Amsterdam. Robbert Woltering was a panellist in the debate “Orientalism versus Westernization,” organized by De Levante.
- 18–22 November, Marriott Copley Place, Boston. “Civil Religion, the Reform of Islam and Religious Authority in France,” by Frank Peter at the *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*.
- 18–22 November, Marriott Copley Place, Boston. “The Mufti and the Home Minister: Gearing Muslim technologies towards social governance in France” by Alexandre Caeiro at the *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*.
- 18–22 November, Marriott Copley Place, Boston, “The Islamization of Moroccan Musical Events in the Netherlands,” by Miriam Gazzah at the *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*.
- 18–22 November, Marriott Copley Place, Boston. “Pious Muslim Women in France and the Concept of Da‘wa,” by Jeanette Jouili at the *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*.
- 18–22 November, Marriott Copley Place, Boston. Joe Stork participated in several panels relating to academic freedom in the Middle East, including one on “Academic Boycotts and Academic Freedom,” at the *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*.
- 18–22 November, Washington D.C. “Dancing with Khusro: Gender ambiguity and spiritual power at a Chishti dargah in Delhi,” by Scott Kugle at the *Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion*.
- 21 November, Jakarta. “Latar belakang berkembangnya gerakan radikal Islam di Indonesia” [Backgrounds of the development of radical Islamic movements in Indonesia], by Martin van Bruinessen.

- 21 November, New York. “Implications of Shi’a Revivalism for Bahrain,” by Joe Stork at The Council on Foreign Relations.
- 23 November, Jakarta. “The Emergence of Islamophobia in the Netherlands,” by Martin van Bruinessen at the seminar *Challenging Stereotypes in Europe and the Islamic World: Working together for constructive policies and partnerships*, organized by ICIP (International Center for Islam and Pluralism) and the Finnish Embassy.
- 28 November, Academy of Arts, Berlin. “Tehran: Geography of the revolution of 1979,” by Asef Bayat.
- 29 November, University of Cambridge. “Erosion of Secularism, Explosion of Jihad: Explaining Islamist radicalization in India,” by Irfan Ahmad at the Centre of South Asian Studies.

December

- 1–3 December, Copenhagen. “The Geography of Fatwas: Yusuf al-Qaradawi and the Muslim fiqh for Minorities,” by Alexandre Caeiro at the workshop *Yusuf al-Qaradawi*.
- 4 December, Institut d’Etudes de l’Islam et des Sociétés du Monde Musulman (IISMM), Paris. “Imprisoning Islam: The extension of the rights of Muslim inmates in a prison in Cape Town, South Africa in the Post-Apartheid era,” by Sindre Bangstad.
- 4 December, University of Amsterdam. “Vrouwen, islam en feminisme, met bijzondere aandacht voor Egypte,” by Marina de Regt.
- 7 December, University of Amsterdam. “The Cultural Politics of Veiling,” by Annelies Moors.
- 8 December, University of Bergen. “Islamic Law and Society in Morocco, circa 1860–2006. The genesis of a modern legal system,” by Léon Buskens at the Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies.
- 15 December, Leiden. “Animals and Women: Good to think with? Male and female representation in Islamic sacrificial rituals (Tanzania),” by Gerard van de Bruinhorst at the workshop *Piety, Responsibility, Subjectivity: Reconfigurations of the moral economy of gender relations in contemporary Muslim Africa*, organized by ISIM.
- 15 December, Leiden. “Masculine Women, Feminine Men: Changes in gender-specific spheres of moral practice in the Tabligh Jama’at in The Gambia,” by Marloes Janson at the workshop *Piety, Responsibility, Subjectivity: Reconfigurations of the moral economy of gender relations in contemporary Muslim Africa*, organized by ISIM.

- 15–16 December, Harvard University. Panel on “Legal Status of Islamic Religious Practices in Europe after 9/11,” co-presented by Frank Peter at the conference *Muslims in Europe and in the United States: Transatlantic comparisons*.
- 18 December, Radboud University Nijmegen. “Media, Politics and Ideology in Lebanon: The case of Hizbullah,” by Joseph Alagha.

5.2. ISIM Events

ISIM organizes and co-organizes events jointly with universities, research institutes, civil society organizations, and governmental departments. All events focus on the dissemination of insights gained from ISIM research programmes and viewpoints represented by the wide-ranging ISIM network. (ISIM research conferences and workshops have been reported in chapter 3.)

Arrival Lecture Abdolkarim Soroush

7 December, VU University Amsterdam, “Religion of War, Religion of Peace.” Arrival lecture by Abdolkarim Soroush.

Professor Soroush is ISIM Visiting Professor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam from 15 November 2006 to 15 September 2007. VU University Amsterdam and ISIM jointly organized this lecture to mark the start of their cooperation. In this lecture Dr Soroush explored how a religion can be perceived and presented in contradictory forms – both as a religion of peace and as a religion of war – by contending social groups. The lecture was attended by an audience of 180. See also under 3.4.

ISIM Lectures series

This is ISIM’s principal specialist academic forum. It is meant for researchers, advanced students, professionals, and specialist media.

- 30 March, University of Amsterdam. “Academic Freedom and Middle East Studies in the United States after September 11,” by Beshara Doumani (University of California at Berkeley).



Abdolkarim Soroush, VU University Amsterdam, 7 December

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- 25 April, Leiden University. “Debating Cosmopolitanism: Towards a framework for understanding inter-ethnic relations in Asian cities,” by Shail Mayaram (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, and Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur).
- 9 June, University of Amsterdam. “From Allah to Prada,” by Dirk Korf (Universities of Amsterdam and Utrecht). Lecture organized by the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES) and ISIM. Discussant was Martijn de Koning (ISIM).

At Utrecht University ISIM organized three lectures on various aspects of the Muslim presence in Europe:

- 26 October. “Sharia in Europe – Scope and Limits,” by Mathias Rohe (University of Erlangen-Nuernberg).
- 16 November. “Islamophobia: Contexts, conditions and consequences,” by Chris Allen (University of Birmingham, Islamic Foundation, and Markfield Institute of Higher Education, Leicester).
- 30 November. “The Alevis in Flux: Reformulation and institutionalization,” by David Shankland (University of Bristol).

ISIM Debate

These are ISIM events organized for a wide audience and in cooperation with a range of academic and non-academic partners.

- 8 April, Rotterdam. “Madrasah: An intimate portrait of the life in the religious schools of India,” by Farish Noor (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin). This illustrated presentation on two of the most important madrasas of India, the Dar’ul Uloom madrasa of Deoband and the Nadwatul Uloom madrasa of Lucknow was organized in cooperation with the Wereldmuseum/Theater de Evenaar. It offered an intimate view of daily life inside the madrasas and a glimpse into a world that has hitherto only been written about, but rarely visited.
- 19 October, Amsterdam. “Negotiating with Islamic Movements,” debate organized by ISIM for the 2006 Ramadan Festival in cooperation with the University of Amsterdam, in conjunction with the publication of *ISIM Review*, no. 18, containing a special section on “Shades of Islamism.” Panellists: Vincent Hoedt (Médecins Sans Frontières), Hans Jansen (Utrecht University), Jan Schoonenboom (WRR, Scientific Council for Government

Policy), and Tariq Shadid (surgeon and activist). Chair: Radi Suudi (political scientist and journalist).

- 15 December, Leiden. “Development via Islam: The case of Muslim West-Africa,” debate organized by ISIM, *ZemZem*, and the Knowledge Centre for Religion and Development. This evening followed the 15 December ISIM workshop (see under 3.3.) and featured the movie *Justice and Agadez*, followed by a discussion on religion and development.

5.3. Education

ISIM arranges and contributes to academic education at ISIM, participating universities and elsewhere. ISIM Chairs and Fellows engage in training for professionals, organized by ISIM or others. Further, they offer expert advice to public and private institutions and organizations with reference to methods employed and views prevalent at ISIM.

ISIM staff and Ph.D. seminars

ISIM organizes staff and Ph.D. seminars at Leiden University to provide an opportunity for ISIM chairs and fellows to present their research, exchange ideas and to discuss literature of mutual interest.

- 31 January. “Dialogue in the Making of Citizen: Towards understanding religious communities in secular societies,” by Taberez Neyazi.
- 7 February. “Civil Society and State in Jordan: Adversaries or partners in development? The case of Muslim NGOs,” by Egbert Harmsen.
- 21 February. “Dreaming in Dutch: Tolerance and conflict in Dutch society,” by Martijn de Koning.
- 21 March. “Identity and Authenticity in Contemporary Islamic Discourse,” by Abdulkader Tayob.
- 4 April. “From Advocate to Shaykhul Islam: The (un)making of religious authority in the Minhajul Quran,” by Mohammed Amer.
- 18 April. “The Politics of Dress and Fashion,” by Annelies Moors.
- 2 May. “Boss and Islam: Interconversion of economic capital and religious capital of Chinese-Indonesian Muslim merchants and preachers,” by Syuan-Yuan Chiou.

- 16 May. “Occidentalisms: Moving beyond ‘ambiguity’ in assessing Egyptian images of the West,” by Robbert Woltering.
- 30 May. “On Merits and Modalities of Writing and Comparing: Methodological remarks,” by Asef Bayat.
- 26 September. “Cracks in the ‘Fort of Islamic Culture’: Jamaat-e-Islami’s changing discourse on women,” by Irfan Ahmad.
- 17 October. “Uncoordinated Networks: Muslim educational institutions and the will for reform,” by Rémy Delage.
- 31 October. “Sacred Places and Sacrificial Paradigms: Idd el-Hajj discourses in Tanzania,” by Gerard van de Bruinhorst.
- 14 November. “‘Love Marriages’ Revisited: The Shaista Almani case,” by Tanya Sheikh.
- 28 November. “Islamic Law and Society in Morocco, Circa 1870–2006: The genesis of a modern legal system,” by Léon Buskens.

Education by ISIM researchers

ISIM researchers (co-)taught courses at various institutes including the University of Amsterdam, Utrecht University, Radboud University Nijmegen, Leiden University, Free University Berlin, University of Hamburg, the University Complutense (El Escorial), and the University of Zanzibar. All ISIM chairs and a number of ISIM fellows supervise M.A. and Ph.D. students. The Ph.D. students are listed under chapter 3 above.

- In 2006 ISIM organized four two-day trainings for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Islam. The training sessions, part of the educational programme for policy officers at the Ministry, were given by ISIM chairs, fellows, and ISIM-affiliated researchers under supervision of Prof. Martin van Bruinessen.
- 5–15 June, CIEE Faculty Seminar “Muslim Communities in Contemporary Europe,” hosted by the Institut d’études de l’Islam et des sociétés du monde musulman (IISMM) and ISIM. A group of 15 American professors visited the Netherlands and France. ISIM organized the Dutch leg of the seminar. This consisted of introductory lectures on Islam in the Netherlands, a round table with Muslim women, and visits to the Mevlana mosque, the Islamic University of Rotterdam, and the El Amien Islamic primary school in Amsterdam.

6. Public Communication

Insights gained in the ISIM research programmes, and produced in the ISIM network are shared with diverse audiences reaching beyond the academic. Towards this ISIM produces publications (see under 4) and organizes events (see under 5), in connection to which the institute targets at many different groups and networks of professional and interested lay audiences. In addition, ideas are communicated via coverage of research projects, publications and events in the specialist and popular media.

In 2006 the following articles and features covered ISIM events:

- “Amerika bekijkt zijn hoogleraren als verdachten – Historicus Doumani signaleert verval academische vrijheid in de VS.” *NRC Handelsblad*: interview with Beshara Doumani. 4 April. See under 5.2.
- “De hoogleraar in het beklagenbankje – Academische vrijheid VS in gevaar door terreurangst.” *NRC Next*: interview with Beshara Doumani. 5 April. See under 5.2.
- “Soms laat Shari’a zich verzoenen met Europa.” *NRC Handelsblad*: interview with Mathias Rohe. 26 October. See under 5.2.
- *Radio Netherlands Worldwide Arabic Service*: web article about Abdolkarim Soroush. 29 December. See under 5.2.
- The news of the arrival of Abdolkarim Soroush reached the internet editions of such media as *Trouw*, *Het Parool*, *De Gelderlander*, *Science Guide*, *Reformatorisch Dagblad*, *Twentsche Courant/Tubantia*. See under 5.2.
- The announcement of the NWO-grant for the joint ISIM and Radboud University research project on “Salafism as a Transnational Movement” reached the internet editions of such media as *Reformatorisch Dagblad*, *Telegraaf*, *Ikon*, *Trouw*. See under 3.4.

Further, the Dutch and international media publish interviews with ISIM researchers, and articles by ISIM fellows and staff. The 2006 features are listed below. In addition, ISIM fellows and staff are frequently consulted by individual journalists for comments, suggestions, and connections.

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- Alagha, Joseph. *Twee Vandaag*: interview by Annemieke Veltman. 13 July.
- Alagha, Joseph. “Hezbollah had dit nooit verwacht.” *Nederlandse Islamitische Omroep* (NIO): interview by Madelon Stokman. 20 July.
- Alagha, Joseph. *NOVA*: interview by Jan Eikelboom. 21 July.
- Alagha, Joseph. “Libanese invasie is ‘moment van helderheid’.” *Het Financieele Dagblad*: interview by Karel Beckman. 22 July.
- Alagha, Joseph. “Israël schrikt van Nederlandse media – Hezbollah: wel of niet terroristisch?” *Het Financieele Dagblad*: interview by Karel Beckman. 29 July.
- Alagha, Joseph. “Hezbollah erkent mensenrechtenverdragen van A tot Z.” *Wordt Vervolgd* 39, no. 9 (September): interview by Daisy Mohr on human rights and the ethics of war. 4 August.
- Alagha, Joseph. “Mrabba Electronique: Global Lebanon Web Jam. Stop the war!” *Streamtime*: interview by Jo van der Spek and Cecilie Landman on UN Resolution 1701 and Hizbullah’s future. 12 August.
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- Bangstad, Sindre. *Voice of the Cape*: broadcast of the recorded lecture “The Weight of the World and the Words of Allah: Black African Conversion to Islam in Cape Town, South Africa,” by Sindre Bangstad at *The International Symposium on Islamic Civilizations in Southern Africa*, University of Johannesburg. September.
- Bangstad, Sindre, with Bjørn E. Bertelsen. “Sør-Afrika og ‘motsatt apartheid’” [South Africa and so-called ‘Apartheid in reverse’]: Op-ed article in *Bergens Tidende*. 15 December.
- Bangstad, Sindre. “”Ik ben ook maar een mens”: Zuid-Afrikaanse Moslims en HIV/AIDS.” *ZemZem* 2, no. 3: 108–113.
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7. Organization

7.1. History

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

7.2. Finance

ISIM is funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science (through NWO, the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research) and the participating universities. In 2006, these parties jointly realised a basic institutional budget of 1.858 million euros.

For fellowships, research and other projects, and for academic and public events, ISIM raises additional funding. For 2006, the basic budget was increased by some 300,000 euros of project budgets; and by an additional 200,000 euros of pro memori value of self-funded fellows.

7.3. People

Board

The four founding universities are represented on the ISIM Board. In 2006 the Board met on 23 August.

- Prof. Ton van Haften (Chair), *Vice Rector of Leiden University*
- Dr Sijbold Noorda, *President of the University of Amsterdam*, until 1 September

- Prof. Karel van der Toorn, *President of the University of Amsterdam*, from 1 September
- Roelof J. de Wijkerslooth de Weerdesteyn, *President of Radboud University Nijmegen*
- Yvonne van Rooy, *President of Utrecht University*

Advisory Council

The Advisory Council advises ISIM on its societal positioning, role, and tasks in the Netherlands. Its annual meeting was held on 7 December.

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

Chairs

The ISIM Chairs are appointed at the universities participating in the institute. Meeting twice a month, they direct the ISIM research programmes and projects.

- Prof. Asef Bayat, Academic Director, ISIM Chair at Leiden University (1.0 fte) Additional functions: Member of the Editorial Team, *Journal of Development and Change*; Editorial Board, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*; Member of the Editorial Board, *Cairo Papers in Social Science*; Contributing Editor, *Middle East Report*; Associate Editor, *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis*; Member of the Advisory Board, *Critique: Critical Middle East Studies*; Member of the Editorial Committee, *Stanford Studies in Middle Eastern and Islamic Societies and Cultures*; Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, *Social and Intellectual History of the Middle East Series*. Member of the Sub-Board, Arts and Culture Network Programme, Open Society Institute; Member of the Advisory Committee, Netherlands Institute for Academic Studies in Da-

- mascus; Member of the Steering and Reviewing Committee, South-South Exchange Programme Research on the History of Development, SEPHIS; Member of the Advisory Board, Centre for the Study of Radicalization and Contemporary Political Violence
- 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 “Middle East Task Force” of the European Union’s Institute for Security Studies; Member of the Board of the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies; Member of the Scientific Committee of the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies; Member of the Institute for the Study of Islam and Societies of the Muslim World (IISMM)
 - 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 Editorial Board, *Critique of Anthropology*; Member of the Evaluation Panel for Research Proposals, NIAS; Core Group Member of the Arab Families Working Group; Chair WODC research project on the emancipation of “allochtonous” women in the Netherlands
 - Prof. Abdulkader Tayob, ISIM Chair at Radboud University Nijmegen (1.0 fte), until 1 October
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 Irfan Ahmad (NWO: Rubicon scholarship), from 1 August onwards, see under 3.1.
- Dr Elena Arigita, until 28 February, see under 3.5.
Additional function: Member of the working group “Estudios Árabes Contemporáneos,” University of Granada
- Dr Nathal Dessing (NWO), see under 3.5.
Additional functions: Secretary, Vereniging tot de Bestudering van het Recht van de Islam en het Midden Oosten (RIMO); Academic referee of funding proposals submitted to NWO.

- Dr Jeanette Jouili, from 1 October onwards, see under 3.2.
- Dr Scott Kugle, until 31 July, see under 3.3.
 Additional functions: Member of the American Academy of Religion, active in the Study of Islam Section; Member of the Directory Board of the “Consultation on Contemporary Islam” at the American Academy of Religion; Service provided on the Shari’a Advisory Board for Al-Fatiha Foundation; ad hoc advisor to Stichting Habibi Ana
- Dr Roel Meijer, see under 3.1.
 Additional functions: Commissioned by the Rotterdam District Court to report on the contents of the religious and ideological documents found in the seizure of the suspects in the Piranha-research: *Inhoud van de religieuze en ideologische documenten aangetroffen in het beslag van de verdachten in het Piranha-onderzoek. Deskundigenrapportage opgesteld voor de Arrondissementsrechtbank Rotterdam*. Contributing editor for *ZemZem*
- Dr Nahda Shehada (NWO-WOTRO), until 25 August, see under 3.2.

Ph.D. Fellows

- Mohammad Amer, until 17 May, see under 3.1.
 Additional function: Member of the “Pakistan Studies Group” at University of Keele
- Sindre Bangstad, see under 3.3.
- Welmoet Boender, until 7 September, see under 3.5.
- Alexandre Caeiro, see under 3.5.
- Önder Cetin (NUFFIC-Huygens), see under 3.4.
- Syuan-Yuan Chiou (ISIM; from 1 September: Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation), see under 3.1.
- Yuniyanti Chuzaifah, see under 3.2.
 Additional functions: Member of the Steering Committee for Interregional Dialogue between Indonesian and Middle-Eastern countries towards Migrant Workers’ Protection, initiated by the National Commission for Women’s Rights; Member of the National Board of the International Centre for Islam and Pluralism (ICIP) in Jakarta
- Miriam Gazzah, see under 3.2. and 3.3.
- Egbert Harmsen, until 31 March, see under 3.1.
 Additional functions: Editor at newsfloor.com
- Loubna el Morabet (NWO), from 1 March onwards, see under 3.2. and 3.5.
- Firdaous Oueslati (NWO), from 1 March onwards, see under 3.5.

- Tanya Sheikh, see under 3.2.
- Nadia Sonneveld, see under 3.2. Nadia Sonneveld was on maternity leave from 21 April until 11 August.
Additional activity: Free-lance journalist for *NRC* newspaper
- Caco Verhees, see under 3.2.
- Farid Wajidi (KNAW), until 31 May, see under 3.1.
- Robbert Woltering, see under 3.4.
Additional functions: Contributing editor for *ZemZem*. Lecturer, University of Amsterdam

Visiting Fellows

- Dr Maurits van den Boogert (ISIM-Brill), from 1 September onwards, see under 3.4.
- Dr Remy Delage, from 15 September until 15 December, see under 3.4.
- Dr Omar Farouk Bajunid (ISIM-IIAS), from 1 December onwards, see under 3.4.
- Taberez Ahmed Neyazi, from 18 January until 2 February, see under 3.4.
- Prof. Abdulkarim Soroush (ISIM-VU), from 15 November, see under 3.4.
- Joe Stork, from 1 November, see p. 3.4.
- Dr Yüksel Taşkın, from 1 March until 31 August, see under 3.1.

Affiliated Fellows

- Gerard van de Bruinhorst, see under 3.3.
- Martijn de Koning, from 15 July onwards, see under 3.5.
- Julie McBrien, from 1 October onwards, see under 3.2.
- Dr Frank Peter, see under 3.5.
- Dr Marina de Regt, see under 3.2.
- Eric Roose, see under 3.5.

Sabbatical Fellow

- Prof. Léon Buskens (Leiden University), from 1 September onwards, see under 3.2.

Staff

On 9 May a reception was organized at the Orangerie of the Hortus Botanicus in Leiden, to say goodbye to Dick Douwes, ISIM Executive Director until 31 December 2005, and to welcome Marlous Willemsen as the new deputy director. The stand up comedian, actor, and writer Shazia Mirza performed before an audience of 70.

In 2006, ISIM not only welcomed a new deputy director, but also a new office assistant, a new office manager, and a new editor. The ISIM office staff supports research programmes and projects by organizing workshops, conferences, meetings and other academic and public events; managing ISIM publications, the institute's library and the website; updating and contributing to the development of the ISIM network; and attending to the institute's lively community of fellows – not least by handling all visa procedures.

- Marlous Willemsen, Deputy Director (0.8 fte), from 1 March onwards
Additional functions: Member of the Committee of Advisors to the Cultural Emergency Response of the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development; Member of the Reflection Group on Cross-Mediterranean Cultural Cooperation and Dialogue of the European Cultural Foundation
- Dr Nathal Dessing, Educational Coordinator (0.5 fte)
Nathal Dessing is also an ISIM researcher, see above. Nathal Dessing was on parental leave for 1 day per week until 26 November.
- Martijn de Koning, Assistant-editor *ISIM Review* (0.6 fte), until 14 July
Martijn de Koning is also carrying out the Etnobarometer research project, and has been affiliated to ISIM, see above.
Additional functions: Teacher of “Muslim Youth and Radicalization” in the course on radicalization among Dutch youth, for Forum Institute for Multicultural Development; Treasurer, MOI
- Dr Mathijs Pelkmans, Editor (0.6 fte), from 15 June onwards
Additional functions: Research Associate, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology; Lecturer, University College Utrecht (0.3 fte)
- Dennis Janssen, Publications and Projects Officer (1.0 fte)
- Rapti Miedema, Office Manager (1.0 fte), until 1 October
- Sandra van der Horst, Office Manager (0.9 fte), from 1 November onwards
- Yvonne van Domburg, Office Assistant (0.6 fte). Yvonne van Domburg was on maternity leave until 24 January 2006 and on parental leave from 25 January until 8 August.
- Ada Seffelaar, Office Assistant (0.5 fte)



Dick Douwes (left) and Asef Bayat at the farewell reception of the former, 9 May

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- Laila Youssefi, Office Assistant (0.8 fte), until 12 May
- Soumia Middelburg-Aït Hida, Office Assistant (0.8 fte), from 1 November onwards

In 2006, ISIM has hosted two interns: Sieta Neuerburg (10 April–12 July) has assessed the reach of the ISIM website and other communication tools; Kahliya Ronde (from 15 October onwards) has worked on the ISIM contributions to Kennislink, see under 4.2.

From September, Christine Wagner advised and assisted ISIM in public communication. Graphic design of the ISIM publications and printed materials was by Lex Peeters of De Kreeft, Amsterdam. For language editing of its publications ISIM worked with Sanaa Makhoulf (Cairo).

For financial administration, housing affairs, and personnel issues, the staff was assisted by Leiden University. Acquisitioning for the ISIM Library was outsourced to the Leiden University Library. During 2006 the ISIM secretariat received occasional support from temporary employees through Jobmotion, Leiden University.

This year's annual outing for all chairs, fellows, and staff was to Amsterdam, for a biking tour through the Bijlmer neighbourhood. For lunch, the group visited Imagine Identity and Culture, a centre for the visual representation of migration and cultures.

7.4. **Premises**

In 2006, ISIM was located at Rapenburg 59 and 38, in the academic and historic centre of Leiden.



Rapenburg 59 (corner building), Leiden

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