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Curriculum Vitae

Al Farabi was born in Curup R/L Bengkulu, Indonesia on 9 December 1987. In 1999, he completed his primary education at *Madrasah Ibtidaiyah* Muhammadiyah Talang Ulu, in his hometown. From 1999-2005 he stayed in Ponorogo, East Java, to pursue his secondary education at Pondok Modern Darussalam Gontor. Subsequently, he spent a year doing an internship at PP Darul Istiqomah Bondowoso in East Java, and six months as a field facilitator for the Child Disaster Awareness for School and Communities (CDASC) programme, back in his hometown. In 2007, he moved to Yogyakarta to study Islamic Law at Sunan Kalijaga State Islamic University, where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Islamic law (S.H.I) in 2011, and a Master's degree in the same field (M.H.I) in 2013, with a thesis called: "Unregistered marriages (*kawin kyai*) in Sinarrancang-Cirebon West Java and the local contestation between State Penghulu versus non-State Penghulu".

During his stay in Yogyakarta, Al Farabi undertook several non-degree courses and participated in several extra-curricular activities. He attended courses at Impulse and LBH, and participated as a research assistant in many projects at his university. He was also active in two student associations (the Muslim Students' Association and *Permahi*). In 2013, he completed a two-year English Extension Course (EEC) at Sanata Dharma University and a three-month intensive programme of Pembibitan Alumni PTAIN, organized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs (MoRA) and PPIM UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta. In 2014, he was selected to present his academic work at George-August University in Göttingen, Germany, with the cooperation of this university and UIN Sunan Kalijaga, and sponsored by DAAD.

In the same year, he was offered a non-tenured position as a lecturer in the Faculty of Law and Sharia at his home university.

In 2015, Al Farabi was awarded a scholarship by Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan (LPDP, the Indonesian endowment fund for education) of the Indonesian Ministry of Finance, to pursue his doctoral degree abroad. In January 2016, he came to Leiden in the Netherlands as a PhD researcher at Leiden University Institute for Area Studies (LIAS), under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Adriaan Bedner from the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society (VVI), and Prof. Dr. Léon Buskens from LIAS.

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