

Youth is intrinsically linked to the search for independence, individuality and identity, as well as with the contestation of the status quo. In Indonesia, authority and seniority go hand in hand but, despite this, youth have always played an important role in changes in the political, intellectual and social landscape, as became clear, for instance, from the prominent role of youth in the developments which led to the fall of President Suharto in 1998. The present conference aims to investigate the role of Muslim youth as agents of change in Indonesia, where Muslims constitute the majority (approximately 90%) and where a majority is under the age of 25.

The conference will investigate under what circumstances Muslim youth have become agents of change by looking at their personal and educational backgrounds, exposure to media, and the influence of Islam (in the form of *dakwah* and other manifestations), in order to establish what moral values have been transmitted and/or inculcated to prompt the youth to act in the way that they have (or have not).

**Deadline to send in abstracts: 15 August 2007**

Abstracts should be no longer than 200 words and be accompanied by a short resume/CV (max. 2 pages).

Funds will be made available to invited speakers and to those selected speakers (from Africa, the Middle East and South/Southeast Asia) who do not have resources available for the coverage of their travel and lodging expenses. To qualify for a grant, please submit a short letter of motivation to the below e-mail address.

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