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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society (CILIS) is proud to present the 14th Islamic Studies Postgraduate Conference.

The first gathering of postgraduate students researching Islam was hosted by Emeritus Professor Merle Ricklefs in his own home, with the support of Emeritus Professor Virginia Hooker. This annual conference continues this tradition. The 2-day programme brings together students and academic mentors with similar interests in a supportive and collegial atmosphere.

Special sessions on thesis-writing and small-group feedback on student research are included as part of the program. Postgraduate students from any university are welcome to present papers on their current research.

The Conference is convened by CILIS Director Professor Tim Lindsey. In 2018, 18 students from Australian and international universities will speak on a range of themes. Panels will be chaired by leading scholars and researchers, including the following mentors:

- **Associate Professor Greg Fealy** Australian National University
- **Emeritus Professor Virginia Hooker FAHA** Australian National University
- **Dr Nadirsyah Hosen** Monash University
- **Dr Dina Afrianty** La Trobe University
- **Associate Professor Kerstin Steiner** La Trobe University
- **Emeritus Professor Merle Ricklefs AM FAHA** Australian National University

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- **Associate Professor Kerstin Steiner** and La Trobe Law School, La Trobe University.



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## DAY 1: TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2018

10:00 am	<b>Registration &amp; Welcome Morning Tea</b>
10:45 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction by Professor Tim Lindsey</b>
<b>PANEL 1: ISLAM AND IDENTITY - MENTOR: EMERITUS PROFESSOR VIRGINIA HOOKER</b>	
11:00 am	<i>Expressions of Malayness in the Straits of Malacca 1500-1800: Re-Constructing Malayness using Indigenous Texts</i> Mr Norman Ohira
11:15 am	<i>"BUKU ISLAM" The Identity of Dani Muslims</i> Mr Ade Yamin
11:30 am	<i>Living Tradition of Marriage: The Tuan Guru Interpretation of Hadith in the Sasak Tradition in Lombok, Eastern Indonesia</i> Ms Nikmatullah
11:45 am	Discussion
<b>PANEL 2: ISLAM, SHARI'A AND LAW I - MENTOR: DR NADIRSYAH HOSEN</b>	
12:15 pm	<i>"Sustainable Urban Planning, Islamic Urban Planning and 'Fitrah' as an Islamic Interpretation of the Existing Phenomenon of a Shared Aim</i> Ms Dina El Kordy
12:30 pm	<i>Models of the Relationship between Constitutionalism and Sharia</i> Mr Ahmad Rofii
12:45 pm	<i>Syariah Scholars in Indonesian Banking Operations: Levels of Education, Corporate Governance and Firm Performance</i> Mr Edo Siregar
1:00 pm	Discussion
1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>PANEL 3: ISLAM AND WOMEN - MENTOR: DR DINA AFRIANTY</b>	
2:15 pm	<i>Constructions of 'victimhood' for domestic violence victims in Aceh, Indonesia</i> Ms Balawyn Jones
2:30 pm	<i>Shaming Women: How Discriminatory Social Values in Sasak Society Undermine Divorce Rights</i> Ms Zulfatun Ni'mah
2:45 pm	<i>The culture of honour: how readings of Islam impacts women's rights in Pakistani society</i> Ms Flavia Bellieni Zimmermann
3:00 pm	Discussion
3:30 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
4:00 pm	<b>End of Day 1</b>

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018

10:00 am	<b>Morning Tea on Arrival</b>
<b>PANEL 4: ISLAM AND EXTREMISM - MENTOR: EMERITUS PROFESSOR MERLE RICKLEFS</b>	
10:30 am	<i>Dying in Islam: the Importance of Martyrdom in Salafi-Jihadi Ideology</i> Mr Jay Ryder
10:45 am	<i>Conceptualising Islamic 'Extremism' in Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Policy and Practice - International Development Approaches in Indonesia</i> Ms Kate Grealy
11:00 am	<i>Manhaj Aksi Bela Islam - Pietisation Mediated Through the Politics of Polarisation</i> Mr Tzu-Chien Yen
11:15 am	Discussion
<b>PANEL 5: ISLAM, SHARI'A AND LAW II - MENTOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GREG FEALY</b>	
11:45 am	<i>Adultery Laws in Islam and the Application of Sharia in the Modern World</i> Ms Souha Korbatiéh
12:00 pm	<i>Mediating Shari'a and Religious Freedom: The Case of Indonesian Prophets</i> Mr Afifur Rochman Sya'rani
12:15 pm	<i>"Justice Brokers" in the Religious Court: Women's Liminality Facing the Divorce Process in Lampung, Indonesia</i> Mrs Mufliha Wijayati
12:30 pm	Discussion
1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>PANEL 6: ISLAM AND EDUCATION - MENTOR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KERSTIN STEINER</b>	
1:45 pm	<i>Arabic Literacy at Australian Islamic Schools, Are We Negligent?</i> Ms Nadia Selim
2:00 pm	<i>The Kitab-Kiai Madura: Literary Networks and their Pesantren Contexts</i> Mr Damanhuri Muhammad
2:15 pm	<i>Educational Techniques in the Qur'anic Dialogue between the Prophets and their People: The Prophet Noah as an Example</i> Mrs Lama Edris
2:30 pm	Discussion
3:00 pm	<b>Conference Close (Dr Helen Pausacker)</b>
3:15 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3:45 pm	<b>Optional Thesis-Writing Session (Professor Tim Lindsey)</b>
4:45pm	<b>Sponsors Presentation: La Trobe University</b>
5:00pm	<b>End of Conference</b>

## CONFERENCE CONVENOR



### **Professor Tim Lindsey AO The University of Melbourne**

Professor Tim Lindsey is Malcolm Smith Professor of Asian Law, Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor and Director of the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society at the Melbourne Law School. He holds a Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Letters from the University of Melbourne and completed his PhD thesis in Indonesian studies. A specialist in a wide range of aspects of Indonesian law, including public law, criminal law, commercial law, and family law, he also teaches and researches *shari'a* (Islamic law) in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. He has won national and university teaching awards, and was an ARC Federation Fellow from 2006 to 2011. Tim is a member of the Victorian Bar and was the long-serving Chair of the Australia Indonesia Institute until 2016. His more than 100 publications include *Indonesia: Law and Society*; *Islam, Law and the State in Southeast Asia* (three volumes); *The Indonesian Constitution*; *Drugs Law and Practice in Southeast Asia*; *Religion, Law and Intolerance in Indonesia*; *Strangers Next Door: Indonesia and Australia in the Asian Century*, and *Indonesian Law*. He is a founder and an executive editor of *The Australian Journal of Asian Law*.

## MENTORS



**Dr Dina Afrianty**  
**La Trobe University**

Dina Afrianty is a Research Fellow at La Trobe University's Law School. Her research focuses on women's rights in Muslim societies looking at it from the intersection of gender, law, religion, and politics, disability rights and policy, Islamic education, and international development. She is the founder of the Australia-Indonesia Disability Research and Advocacy Network (AIDRAN). Dina was previously a postdoctoral research fellow at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne. She has worked for the Asia Foundation, Jakarta, supporting Indonesian legal reform under the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Justice, and held academic positions at Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Jakarta and Center for the Study of Islam and Society (PPIM). She was a Board Member of the Council for Asian Transnational Threat Research (CATR) and the Institute for Defense Analysis. She is also a CILIS Associate at Melbourne Law School and a Research Fellow in the Gender, Religion and Law in Muslim Societies Program at the Center for Social Difference, Columbia University. Dina earned her PhD from the University of Melbourne in 2011 and is the author of *Women and Sharia Law in northern Indonesia: local women's NGOs and the reform of Islamic Law in Aceh*, published by Routledge in 2015.



**Associate Professor Greg Fealy**  
**Australian National University**

Associate Professor Greg Fealy's interest in Indonesian politics and Islam was awakened as an undergraduate at Monash University and have remained the focus of his academic and professional activity since then. His PhD thesis was a study of the traditionalist Muslim party, *Nahdlatul Ulama*. More recently, he has examined terrorism, transnational Islamist movements and religious commodification in Indonesia, as well as broader trends in contemporary Islamic politics in Southeast Asia. His main research interests lie in Indonesian politics, modern Islamic political history, democratisation and Islamism, and jihadist ideology and strategy. Greg was formerly an Indonesian analyst with the Australian government, and consultant on Indonesian civil society, election and Islamic education programs. He is currently Associate Professor and Head of the Australian National University's Department of Political and Social Change.

## MENTORS



### **Emeritus Professor Virginia Hooker FAHA Australian National University**

Virginia Hooker FAHA is Emeritus Professor at the Australian National University and Visiting Fellow in the Department of Political and Social Change, College of Asia and the Pacific. She serves on the boards of international journals and is an International Editor, *Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures*, Brill. Between 2002-2010 she was a member of the Board of the Australia Indonesia Institute, DFAT. Her publications include *Writing a New Society: Social Change through the Novel in Malay*, Allen & Unwin/University of Hawaii Press/KITLV, Leiden, 2000; *A Short History of Malaysia: Linking East and West*, Allen & Unwin, 2003; *Voices of Islam in Southeast Asia* (with Greg Fealy), Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, 2006, 2007; and most recently 'When Laws Are Not Enough: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Intra-Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Indonesia,' in *Pluralism, Transnationalism and Culture in Asian Law: A Book in Honour of M.B. Hooker*, ed. Gary F. Bell, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, 2017.



### **Dr Nadirsyah Hosen Monash University**

Dr Nadirsyah Hosen has been working as a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Monash University since 20 July 2015. Prior to this, Nadir was an Associate Professor at the School of Law, University of Wollongong. He has a Bachelors degree (UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta), a Graduate Diploma in Islamic Studies, and Master of Arts with Honours (University of New England), as well as a Master of Laws in Comparative Law (Charles Darwin University). He completed his first PhD (Law) at the University of Wollongong and a second PhD (Islamic Law) at the National University of Singapore. Nadir is internationally known for his expertise on Shari'a and Indonesian law. His recent book (co-written with Ann Black and Hossein Esmaeili) is *Modern Perspectives on Islamic Law* (Edward Elgar, UK, 2013 and 2015). He is currently editing a *Research Handbook on Islamic Law and Society* (under contract with Edward Elgar, UK, forthcoming).



## MENTORS



### **Emeritus Professor Merle Ricklefs AM FAHA Australian National University**

M. C. Ricklefs is Professor Emeritus of the Australian National University, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and Erelid (Honorary Member) of the Netherlands Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde. He was formerly Director of the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the Australian National University and more recently Professor of History at the National University of Singapore. He has written several books on Indonesian history, including most recently *The seen and unseen worlds in Java, 1726–49*; *Mystic synthesis in Java: A history of Islamisation from the fourteenth to the early nineteenth centuries*; *Polarising Javanese society: Islamic and other visions c.1830–1930*; and *Islamisation and its opponents in Java, c. 1930 to the present*. His *History of modern Indonesia* has been published in both English and Indonesian-language editions.



### **Associate Professor Kerstin Steiner La Trobe University**

Dr Kerstin Steiner is an Associate Professor and Director (International) at the Law School, La Trobe University. She specialises in Southeast Asian legal studies researching at the intersection of law, politics, economics and society, especially with regard to Islam. She has secured several grants for her research and numerous awards in recognition of her research. She has held visiting positions and presented her research at a range of prestigious national and international institutions. Her notable publications include volumes on *Islam, Law and the State in Southeast Asia* (with Tim Lindsey) and she was guest editor (with Dominik Mueller) for a volume on 'The Bureaucratisation of Islam in Southeast Asia: Transdisciplinary Perspectives' in the *Current Journal of Southeast Asian Affairs*. She is an associate editor of the *International Journal of Islam in Asia* (Brill) and an advisory board member for the book and journal series *Islam in Southeast Asia* (at the University of the Philippines) as well as the series on *International Relations in Southeast Asia* (Routledge). She has provided media commentary (national and international radio and TV) and expert advice to non-governmental institutions. Her work is used and cited in reports to governments and institutions.

## SPEAKERS



**Lama Edris**  
**The University of Melbourne**

Educational Techniques in the Qur'anic Dialogue between the Prophets and their People: The Prophet Noah as an Example

This paper aims to find elements of education in the Qur'anic dialogue. The educational aspects in the Qur'anic dialogue are not given sufficient attention in the field of education. Therefore, this paper will answer the question: What educational techniques exist within the Qur'anic dialogue between the prophets and their people? To address this question, this paper will analyse the techniques used by Prophet Noah (as an educator) in his dialogue with his people (as receivers). The aim is to use the educational techniques presented in the Qur'anic dialogue in the development of the educational process.



**Dina El Kordy**  
**Deakin University**

Sustainable Urban Planning, Islamic Urban Planning and 'Fitrah' as an Islamic interpretation of the Existing Phenomenon of a Shared Aim

This paper presents commonalities between guiding principles for sustainable urban neighborhood development and the aims of Islam. Based on research correlating Islamic interpretations and sustainable development, the paper acknowledges that there exists the phenomena of a common understanding and hence the potential of exploring a shared aim. The paper proposes an Islamic interpretation of this phenomena through the concept of 'fitrah' as answer for how could this exist between Muslims and non-Muslims. The paper emphasizes the unique comprehensiveness of Islam that appears more pronounced and robust than sustainable development as it translates its various aspirations into meaningful actions.

## SPEAKERS



**Kate Greal**  
**Australian National University**

Conceptualising Islamic 'Extremism' in Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Policy and Practice - International Development Approaches in Indonesia

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) has been lauded as a successful 'soft' counter terrorism tool in the West. However, the tendency of CVE to stigmatise communities by promoting dichotomous notions of good 'moderate,' vs bad 'extremist' Muslims have caused many to question its premises. Confusion about state distinctions between violent and non-violent forms of 'extremism' continue to present challenges. In more recent years CVE has been promoted in Indonesia through a wave of aid funding where similar narratives have been deployed. My research examines conceptualisations of extremism in Indonesian CVE, and the efficacy of it in a foreign aid setting.



**Balawyn Jones**  
**The University of Melbourne**

Constructions of 'Victimhood' for Domestic Violence Victims in Aceh, Indonesia

This presentation focuses on the politics of care for victims of domestic violence in Aceh, specifically considering the constructions of 'care' and 'victimhood'. This presentation will answer the question of who is deserving of care and why, based on community understandings of gender informed by religion and adat. In analysing the construction of care, I specifically interrogate how 'care' is conditional on women fitting specific socio-religious victim archetypes which are underpinned by understandings of *kodrat* and *keluarga sakinah*, amongst other things. The analysis is based on original fieldwork conducted by the author in Banda Aceh (December 2017 – January/September 2018).

## SPEAKERS



**Souha Korbatiéh**  
**UIN (State Islamic University), Mataram**

Adultery Laws in Islam and the Application of Sharia in the Modern World

This paper looks at the source arguments for the stoning for the Islamic crime of adultery. Traditionally it has been accepted that stoning is the punishment for married adulterers. However many traditional and modern scholars have discounted, questioned, and even rejected these arguments. The second part of this paper looks at the rising phenomenon of sharia application in the modern world. Modern scholars have discussed the implications of implementing sharia punishments in current Muslim states. Solutions for existing and emerging Muslim states are made with a view to addressing current issues and practical suggestions for a way forward.



**Damanhuri Muhammad**  
**Sunan Kalijaga University, Yogyakarta, Australian National University**

*The Kitab-Kiai Madura*: Literary Networks and their Pesantren Contexts

The *Kitab-Kiai Madura* contributes to the strengthening of a literary network that connects Islamic institutions throughout the archipelago. This research examines one aspect of these Kitab-Kiai: a particular tension between a traditional Islam dominated by *ahlussunnah-wal-jamaah* doctrine and a modernist form of Islam combined with the teachings of *Tarekat-Tijaniyah*. The *Kitab-Kiai* have a further role in shaping specific pesantren identities. They provide the curricula for different pesantren, a source for the exposition of Islamic law in the NU community, and a guide for the practice of the *Tarekat Tijaniyah*.

## SPEAKERS



**Nikmatullah**  
**UIN (State Islamic University), Mataram**

Living Tradition of Marriage: The *Tuan Guru* Interpretation of *Hadith* in the Sasak Tradition in Lombok, Eastern Indonesia

Previous studies have shown that *Tuan Guru* have conservative, patriarchal interpretations of *hadith* related to women in marriage. However, my research demonstrates that there are some *Tuan Guru* who have different interpretations of the same hadith that are gender-sensitive and progressive. In this paper, I examine how these differences of interpretation come about by focusing on the methodology of the interpretation, the socio-economic background of the *Tuan Guru*, and the socio-cultural context of Sasak society. I also examine the implications of these different interpretations for Sasak women in Lombok.



**Zulfatun Ni'mah**  
**Universitas Gadjah Mada**

Shaming Women: How Discriminatory Social Values in Sasak Society Undermine Divorce Rights

Previous research has explored unilateral divorce in traditional Sasak society from a cultural perspective, so discriminatory local values which undermine women's willingness to seek legal protection have not been revealed. Using feminist legal theory, this study aims to investigate how discriminatory social values in Sasak society undermine divorce rights. I argue that women in traditional Sasak societies do not seek legal protection in unilateral divorce cases because if they do, they are shamed by society. Findings which indicate this are that women who complain or reject divorce, or who claim post-divorce rights, are labelled desperate or shameless.

## SPEAKERS



**Norman Ohira**  
**IAIN Kerinci**

Expressions of Malayness in the Straits of Malacca 1500-1800: Re-Constructing Malayness using Indigenous Texts

“Malayness” still remains an issue in the contemporary Malay world. In both Malaysia and Indonesia, there is a debate about who can claim to be a “real Malay”. Previous studies describe Malays in political and power terms. But, how do Malays construct and express their Malayness? Indigenous Malay texts from the 16th to 19th centuries help us understand how Malays themselves were expressing “Malayness”. Indeed, there is a variety of expressions of Malayness in the Malay texts. Using selected indigenous texts, I examine four aspects of the expression of Malayness.



**Ahmad Rofii**  
**Monash University**

Models of the Relationship between Constitutionalism and Sharia

There are two main models of constitutionalism, secular and religious. In each model, two versions can be distinguished. In secular constitutionalism, there are the exclusive and inclusive, while in religious constitutionalism, there are extreme and moderate versions. The measure of the modelling is the normative possibility and justifiability of the state adoption/accommodation of religious law, particularly Islamic law. From those models, it will be argued that both the inclusive-secular and the moderate-religious models of constitutionalism exemplify two legitimate models of public engagement of Islamic law.



## SPEAKERS



**Jay Ryder**  
**The University of Melbourne**

Dying in Islam: The Importance of Martyrdom in Salafi-Jihadi Ideology

Death-conceptions and martyrology are central to the perpetration of suicide attacks in the Salafi-Jihadi conception of Islam. This paper will examine the role of death-conceptions and martyrology as central factors in the Salafi-Jihadi desire to die *fi sabilillah* (in the path of God). This will be achieved through examining the scriptural bases for what happens to Muslims after death, contrasted with Salafi-Jihadi martyrology in texts from father of modern global jihad Abdullah Azzam, and the former Islamic State in Iraq and Syria publication *Dabiq*. Understanding complex death-conceptions in Salafi-Jihadi ideology enables comprehension of the desire to perpetrate suicide attacks.



**Nadia Selim**  
**University of South Australia**

Arabic literacy at Australian Islamic Schools, Are We Negligent?

A central premise of Arabic teaching in any Islamic educational context remains the comprehension of scripture in addition to the facilitation of essential religious practices. However, research suggests that teaching approaches provide insufficient support to students in realizing the goal of reading with comprehension. In the Australian Islamic schooling context, students' perceptions of their literacy, and their reports on overall literacy in the classroom, suggest that a greater focus on this area is required both in terms of actual teaching as well as academic research.

## SPEAKERS



**Edo Siregar**  
**Universitas Negeri Jakarta and Universitas**  
**Padjadjaran**

Syariah Scholars in Indonesia Islamic Banking Operations: Levels of Education, Corporate Governance, and Firm Performance

Levels of education among Islamic Scholars who supervise Shariah in Indonesian Islamic banks are mostly similar. In addition, their educational background is also an important matter in supervising the operations of Islamic banking. There is also an issue of how to implement corporate governance. Some scholars argue that corporate governance in Islamic banking must follow Islamic tenets, in contrast, other scholars argue for borrowing concepts from the practices of corporate governance in conventional banks. Firm performance is narrowly defined as profitability.



**Afifur Rochman Sya'rani**  
**Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta**

Mediating Shari'a and Religious Freedom: The Case of Indonesian Prophets

Indonesia's religious blasphemy law has been used to restrict religious freedom of Indonesian prophets. This article seeks to examine the phenomenon of Indonesian prophets from the perspective of Shari'a and human rights to religious freedom in the Indonesian context. Can both Shari'a and the Human Rights accommodate Indonesian prophethood? My research aims at reconciling the two different viewpoints in favor of the realization of justice and equality regardless of religious identity. The reconciliation I propose implies on evaluating permissible restrictions of religious freedom within the Indonesian legal framework that takes religious values into consideration.



## SPEAKERS



**Mufliha Wijayati**  
**Sunan Gunung Djati State Islamic University, Bandung**

**“Justice Brokers” in the Religious Court: Women’s Liminality Facing the Divorce Process in Lampung, Indonesia**

This paper examines how justice broker services have become the shortcut of choice for women accessing justice in divorce cases in the Indonesian Metro-Lampung Religious Court. Using a feminist approach, this research shows how the role played by the justice broker helps women to obtain a fast and easy process of settlement of divorce, but also contributes to the weaker position of women before the law. Through assistance from a justice broker, women have access to the legal process. However, in terms of control over legal options and benefits, women are in a weak position. The legal process is costly, and they do not receive their due legal rights because they initiated the divorce.



**Ade Yamin**  
**Muhamadiyah University, Jogjakarta and the Australian National University**

**“BUKU ISLAM” The Identity of Dani Muslims**

This study examines how a minority Muslim community has developed an identity that differs from the hegemonic version practised by the majority in Indonesia. The Dani Muslim community in the highlands of Papua affirm their Islamic identity through the label *buku Islam* being applied to marriage documents, but in dress, food and other daily habits their lives are the same as their non-Muslim neighbours. In this presentation, I explain this distinct identity by pointing to the recentness of Dani conversion to Islam, the political context of conversion, and recent political changes.

## SPEAKERS



**Tzu-Chien Yen**  
**The Australian National University**

**Manhaj Aksi Bela Islam - Pietisation Mediated Through the Politics of Polarisation**

Since achieving its political objectives in 2017, the *Aksi Bela Islam* (Islamic Defence Action) movement has fallen into a state of entropy, leaving behind a legacy that seems far-reaching but opaque. In this paper, I explore this legacy by asking what changes the Islamic Defence Action brings to the steady Islamisation of Indonesia. I discuss how my lay Muslim informants' personal journey of pietisation (*hijrah*) became enmeshed with the polarisation the Islamic Defence Action foments, and reflect on how this dynamic sharpens their sense of being a minority under siege and nudges them towards a sectarian turn on their *hijrah*.



**Flavia Bellieni Zimmermann**  
**The University of Western Australia**

**The Culture of Honour: How Readings of Islam Impact Women's Rights in Pakistani Society**

Honour cultures can be characterised as cultures in which honour plays a vital and crucial role, with the concept of family and masculine honour permeating inter-personal interactions and individual choice. In Pakistani society if a female breaks the honour and chastity code, violence to 'protect' family honour would be justified as 'a social duty'. Regardless of recently enacted legislation criminalising honour crimes, honour based violence is still a pervasive issue in Pakistani society. This paper endeavours to explain how the culture of honour has influenced readings of Islam and continues to shape the lives of contemporary Pakistani women.

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