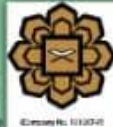


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# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON RELIGIOUS VALUES IN PREVENTING & COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

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### INTRODUCTION

This programme aims to discuss contemporary issues in various religions pertaining to violent extremism, to discuss the root and causes of misunderstandings in religion resulting in violent extremism and to emphasize instead on the role of religions in preventing and countering violent extremism in communities and nation states.

### OBJECTIVES

- a. Reinforcing the global consensus in the fight against violent extremism.
- b. Emphasizing the importance and implementation of relevant recommendations in relation to religious values in preventing and countering violent extremism, as applicable to local and international contexts.
- c. To highlight contemporary case studies of religion and violent extremism.

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**WELCOMING REMARKS BY RECTOR IIUM:****PROFESSOR EMERITUS TAN SRI DATO DZULKIFLI ABDUL RAZAK**

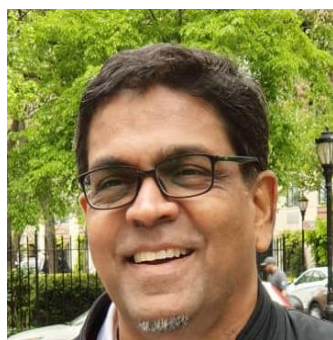
Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Good Morning,

1. Firstly, I wish to thank the organizers for inviting me to attend and give a few welcoming words at this international seminar. Thank you to IIUM and ACCIN as the main organizers, and thank you to ANCOM, ABIM, IKRAM and MAPIM for co-organizing this event.
2. I am especially humbled and grateful that YB Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Bin Haji Muhammad Yassin, the Minister of Home Affairs, has agreed to officiate this International Seminar on Religious Values in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE). Today, I welcome YB Tan Sri, distinguished speakers, panelists, discussants, moderators and the celebrated participants to this significant international seminar.
3. This year, IIUM has launched a series of different flagship projects, intended to achieve outcomes and impact based on the shared platform of Sustainable Development Goals and Maqasid Shariah.
4. For today's particular event, it falls under the Peacebuilding and Civilizational Development flagship project of ISTAC-IIUM. At present, this project is focused on capacity building for preventing and countering violent extremism, having already begun collaborative research and activities involving local and international consultants and partners from the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START, University of Maryland), USM, UMS and Mercy Malaysia. In relation to this flagship, a new research unit – the Extremism Analytical Research Unit has recently been established. Three (3) affiliates of the unit have in fact just finished a six (6) weeks training stint at the University of Maryland on profiling, geo-spatial and simulation instruments. Furthermore, a new collaborative research grant on a study of the Sabah border has also been acquired for 2020-2021.

5. In today's international seminar, we are also happy to welcome friends from far and wide as collaborators of IIUM. We have speakers, discussants, panelists and moderators from the Centre of Religion and Global Conflict (University of Arizona), The University of Liverpool, Pureland Buddhist Association of Australia, Alertist, Amnesty International, PUSAKA, PCOM, and PDRM to name a few.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

6. As Malaysia approaches her 62<sup>nd</sup> year of *Merdeka*, and bearing in mind recent sensitivities involving our own multicultural society and the prominence of identity politics in the world today, it is pertinent that we instead revisit religion and religious values as a bastion of sustainable nation building especially in the prevention and countering of violent extremist tendencies.
7. The topic of religion's relationship to violent extremism is a highly sensitive one and often times, misrepresented. However, governments cannot afford to ignore it. They must continue to analyse why, and in what way, it is important. Failure to do so risks enabling policies that may only fuel the problem. A State or Government's most effective tools for preventing violent extremism is the fine balance between the democratic principles on which they are founded and also their security laws and apparatus. This must include a nuanced approach to promoting an inclusive politics that gives space to religious voices, avoiding the development of parallel societies, and reflecting on how national identities can be constructed so as to leave space to integrate non-mainstream actors and cultures in a constructive manner. At the same time, while it is common to view PCVE with regards to non-state actors, it is also important to highlight the possibility of the State or a Government itself as an instigator of oppression and violence.
8. In this regard, this international seminar will attempt to discuss and answer various case studies and questions. It will attempt to answer whether religion and violent extremism is a global phenomenon. There will be a discussion of various case studies of religion and terrorism where it will highlight the cases in Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Palestine and China. A special briefing will then follow this on the state of violent extremism and terrorism in Malaysia and the region by PDRM. This will be followed by a discussion on the role of religion and religious values in preventing and countering violent extremism. The international seminar will then conclude with a resolution to be shared with various PCVE stakeholders.
9. I will now make way for the officiating speech by YB Tan Sri. I again bid you all a warm welcome to IIUM and wishing you all a fruitful engagement and a productive seminar.

**SPEECH BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACCIN:****TUAN HAJI IR MOHD JAMALUDIN SHAMSUDIN**

Our kindest blessings to the Hon Minister of Home Affairs Tan Sri Muhyuddin Yassin for gracing this occasion. Your support is most appreciated

Our warmest welcome to all the foreign delegates, distinguished diplomats, scholars, civil society leaders and activist, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to The International Seminar on Religious Values in PCVE. Our special welcome to a delegation of 6 from the beautiful city of Toowoomba, Queensland, members of the Peace Committee spearheaded by the Pure Land Buddhist organisation. From the 4 seasons temperate climate on the hills of Toowoomba, we welcome you to a warm reception here in amazing Malaysia. We have 3 seasons here, hot, hotter and hottest.

Our sincere appreciation to the distinguished speakers and panel members for agreeing to share their knowledge and experience in this auspicious Seminar.

We would like to thank IIUM, in particular the Rector, Tan Sri Dzulkifli and Dr Danial Yusof and team for the solid cooperation in organising and hosting this momentous event.

ACCIN, as the co-organiser is a coalition of 20 Muslim NGOs, including some of the biggest CSOs in the country.

**Topic to be discussed.**

Several interesting topics will be deliberated including

1. Religion & Violent Extremism: A Global Phenomenon?
2. A special briefing on the State of Violent Extremism in Malaysia
3. Religion & Terrorism Case Studies
4. Religious Values in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism

The seminar this afternoon will be closed by the Honourable Rector of IIUM with a resolution and speech.

For those who stay until the end of the seminar, thou shall be well rewarded with an array of Uyghur delicacies for evening tea.



### UN PCVE

The UN Security Council Counter- Terrorism Committee was set up to Counter Violent Extremism in its resolution 2178 (2014).

The Council encourages Member States to engage with relevant local communities and Non-governmental actors in developing strategies to counter the violent extremist narrative that can incite terrorist acts.

The role of media, civil and religious society, the business community and educational institutions cannot be underestimated in efforts to enhance dialogue and understanding, promoting tolerance and coexistence, and in fostering an environment that is not conducive to incitement of terrorism.

Initiatives to PCVE can take many forms. Common to all methods is an emphasis on dialogue, inclusion, and the promoting of understanding. CVE measures also include initiatives to use of social media and other communication channels to counter terrorist narratives and promote respect for human rights and dignity.

### State vs Non state actors.

Although the CVE measures promoted by the UN emphasizes on non- state actors, historically, the state actors cause by far, more damage than non-state actors. Wars result in untold, unimaginable death and destruction. The UN estimates, more than 1.6 million Iraqis perished after Desert Storm over a period until 1996. Most of them children and women. Nation States face destruction and future of millions extinguished.

It was a noble effort by the KL War Crimes tribunal to declare war as a criminal act and its perpetrators war criminals.

False flag operations are also used by state actors to reach their sinister objectives. The Architect & Engineers for 9/11 truth has more than 3100 signing a petition with comments to reopen investigations. One architect with 40 years of experience, Stephen Barasch from San Luis Obispo, California, stated "Based on the data reviewed, I have concluded that it would be nearly impossible for any WTC tower to collapse ...solely by the impact of a terrorist guided aircraft alone.

We now know that this false flag operation was the excuse to launch a "war on terror" with the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Honoured guest, ladies and gentlemen.

### The question of "Is Religion the main cause of violent extremism?"

Is answered to a large extend in a study by Dr Robert Pape, a leading terrorism expert from the University of Chicago. His study on suicide terrorism from 1980 to 2003, a total of 315 cases worldwide, concluded, and I quote: "there is little or no connection between religion and suicide bombing. 95% of suicide attacks were in response to military occupation. Has little connection to Islamic Fundamentalism or any other religion. It has a specific strategic reason to compel modern democracies to withdraw military forces from territories that they consider their homeland"

There is no denying that radical misinterpretation of the ethical and spiritual core of religion, out of context, to motivate a normally small group of followers towards a sinister objective happens among all religious adherents. But the blame for the actions of 0.001% who resort to violence, cannot be put on the rest of 99.99% who are peace loving. Violent extremism does not have a religion.

### Islamophobia and Deliberate Campaign to Associate Muslims and Islam with Terrorism.

Muslims are the favourite whipping boys of the Zionist west for reasons known to them. In studies done by OnePath Network, an Australian non-profit Muslim media, in 2017, exposed some interesting findings. The study on 5 of the main newspapers revealed 3000 articles that associate Islam to the words of terrorism, extremism and violence.

On the average, there was 8 of these articles a day, with 152 articles in the front page. That is one front page report every two days!

This goes to show, there is a deliberate effort to smear the image of Islam and Muslims by associating with violence and extremism. This narrative is carried all over the Zionist media and quite significantly seeps into the developing nations media, Malaysia included, thus skewing public opinion.

Islamophobia Register of Australia concludes from its own studies that violence and hate speeches increase significantly when the media continuously reports negatively.

### White supremacist terrorism biggest danger to US.

According to US intelligence agencies, the gravest danger in the US today is not ISIS or Al Qaeda but Christian white supremacist. The recent incident in El Paso where a white gunman killed 22 mainly Hispanics. At the same time, another incident occurred in Dayton Ohio.

These incidences had the traits of the Christchurch massacre.

Presidential candidate Joseph Biden, and Democrats plus some scholars, blamed Trump for fuelling the white supremacist, empowering these bigots and giving them legitimacy to act.

Ladies and gentlemen, in conclusion

### CONCLUSION

All these issues will be deliberated today by our experts, scholars and practitioners who we consider to be all "peace makers". Let us all work towards peace and harmony. Life is about respect, sharing and caring. It is not a zero-sum game.

Once again, our sincerest appreciation to the honourable minister of Home Affairs, Malaysia, our co-organiser IIUM and partnering NGOs, ANCOM, ABIM, IKRAM and MAPIM.

May peace be with us all.

Assalamualikum....

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON RELIGIOUS VALUES IN  
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INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA (IIUM)**

09.00 am to 04.30 pm Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019 / 27 *Dhu'l-Hijjah* 1440

International Islamic University Malaysia. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10, 50728 Kuala Lumpur

<b>TIME</b>		<b>PROGRAM SCHEDULE</b>
8:45 a.m.	-	Arrival of guests, Registration
9.00 a.m.	-	Arrival of Rector: Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato Dzul kifli Abdul Razak
9.10 a.m.	-	Arrival of Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Yassin, Minister of Home Affairs
9.15 a.m.	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening ceremony</li> <li>• Negaraku Song</li> <li>• Doa Recitation</li> <li>• Welcoming Remarks by Rector</li> <li>• Speech by ED ACCIN Tn Hj Ir Mohd Jamaludin Shamsudin</li> </ul>
9:30 a.m.	-	Seminar Officiation by Minister - Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Yassin, Minister of Home Affairs
9.45 a.m.		Refreshments
10:00 a.m.	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press Conference – Holding Room</li> <li>• Video on Christchurch and Sri Lanka events by ACCIN – Senate Hall, IIUM Gombak (in the hall)</li> </ul>
10.15 a.m.		Departure of Minister: Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Yassin, Minister of Home Affairs

10.15 a.m.	-	<p><b><u>Session I</u></b></p> <p><b>Title: Religion &amp; Violent Extremism: A Global Phenomenon?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prelude Video: Uyghur, Rohingya and Palestinian</li> <li>2. Talk: Religion &amp; Global Conflict by Prof Mark Woodward Arizona State University</li> <li>3. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: AP Dr Danial Yusof</li> <li>• Discussant 1: Dr Imtiyaz Yusuf – ISTAC</li> <li>• Discussant 2: Dr Mohamed Ilyas - University of Liverpool</li> <li>• Discussant 3: Mr Jason Leong - ANCOM</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
11:15 a.m.		Q & A
11.30 am		Special Briefing on the State of Violent Extremism and Terrorism in Malaysia by Datuk Ayob Khan, E8, PDRM
		Question and Answer
12.15 noon.		<p><b><u>Session II</u></b></p> <p><b>Title: Religion &amp; Terrorism (Case Studies) - Sri Lanka, Palestine, Xinjiang, Christchurch</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prelude Video: Christchurch &amp; Sri Lanka</li> <li>2. Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Mr Mohamed Sinatra – ISIS</li> <li>• Panelist 1: Sri Lanka Buddhist Representative</li> <li>• Panelist 2: Mr Nicholas Bequelin – Regional Director of East Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific of Amnesty International</li> <li>• Panelist 3: En Muhammad Faisal Abdul Aziz - ABIM</li> <li>• Panelist 4: Br. Muslim Imran - PCOM</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
1.15 p.m.- 2.30 p.m.		Lunch Break

<p>2.30 p.m.</p>	<p><b><u>Session III</u></b></p> <p><b>Title: Religious Values in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism</b></p> <p>1. Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Ms Hani Mohamed – Alertist</li> <li>• Panelist 1: Dr. Ahmad El-Muhammady - IIUM</li> <li>• Panelist 2: Mr Muhammad Haniff Razak – Multi-Faith Multicultural PLLCA</li> <li>• Panelist 3: Senior Sergeant Debbie Haworth – Queensland Police Service</li> <li>• Panelist 4 : Mr Eddin Khoo - PUSAKA</li> </ul>
<p>3.45 p.m.</p>	<p>Q &amp; A</p>
<p>4.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Resolution and Speech by Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato Dzul kifli Abdul Razak - Rector of IIUM</p>
<p>4.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Tea Break End</p>



### **Talk on Religion & Global Conflict**

**DR. MARK RHEY WOODWARD** Mark Woodward is Research Professor at the Center for Study of Religion and Conflict at Arizona State University. He received his PhD in cultural anthropology from the University of Illinois in 1985.

His research interests center religion politics and social movement. His primary research focus is on Islam in Indonesia. He has also conducted research throughout Southeast Asia and in Northeast India, Turkey, West Africa and the United Kingdom.

Recent publications include: "Resisting Salafism and the Arabization of Indonesian Islam: A Contemporary Indonesian Didactic Tale by Komaruddin Hidayat," (2017) and "The Izala Effect: Unintended Consequences of Salafi Radicalism in Indonesia and Nigeria (with Muhammad Sani Umar) (2019) -- both in: Contemporary Islam and "The Apotheosis of Siti Khotijah: Islam and Muslims in a Balinese Galactic Polity" in: International Journal of Interreligious and Intercultural Studies.



### **Special Briefing on the State of Violent Extremism and Terrorism in Malaysia**

**DATUK AYOB KHAN, E8, PDRM** is the Special Branch's Counter-Terrorism Division principal assistant director.

In April 2019, the Counter Terrorism (E8) Division of the Bukit Aman Special Branch earned the Star Sterling Service Award 2019 for its efforts in keeping the country safe from terrorist threats.



### MODERATOR FOR THE DISCUSSION

**DR DANIAL YUSOF** obtained his Bachelors (Political Science), MA (Religion, Politics and Society) and PhD (Islamic Thought and the Social Sciences) from the IIUM, University of Leeds and the University of Birmingham respectively. He was a recipient of the Chevening and Fulbright Scholarships and has been at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) for 20 years. Currently, Danial is Associate Professor and Deputy Dean (Academic and Research) at International Institute of Islamic Civilisation & Malay World (ISTAC-IIUM). He is also Associate Research Fellow at the National Higher Education Research Institute (NaHERI/IPPTN), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) since 2012, Assessor (Social Sciences) for the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) since 2008 and a life member of PenDaPaT (Malaysian Society for Higher Education Policy and Research Development) since 2016. Danial is the Principal Investigator for ISTAC-IIUM's Extremism Analytical Unit, leading its flagship research project and research collaboration with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses of Terrorism (START), University of Maryland in 2018-2020.

### DISCUSSANT 1:



### DR IMTIYAZ YUSUF

Dr. Imtiyaz Yusuf is an Associate Professor at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Malaysia. Dr. Yusuf's most recent publication are: "Asghar Ali Engineer" in Kassam Z.R., Greenberg Y.K., Bagli J. (eds) *Islam, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism*, (Encyclopedia of Indian Religions (2018) Springer, Dordrecht); "Nationalist Ethnicities as Religious Identities: Islam, Buddhism and Citizenship in Myanmar", (*American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 34:4 (2017) pp. 100-119); "A Planetary And Global Ethics For Climate Change And Sustainable Energy", (Bangkok: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Bangkok and College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University, 2016); "Muslim-Buddhist Relations Caught between Nalanda and Pattani" in *Ethnicity and Conflict in Buddhist Societies in South and Southeast Asia*, K.M. de Silva (ed.) (Colombo: Vijitha Yapa, 2015).

**DISCUSSANT 2****DR MOHAMED ILYAS**

Dr. Ilyas is a lecturer in Criminology and Security at the University of Liverpool, Singapore. His research focuses on extremism, radicalisation, political violence, terrorism, prevention and deradicalisation in the Global North and South. He is also interested in religion, gender, race, hate crime, criminology, Islamophobia and decolonisation theories. Currently, he is working on developing innovative methodologies to prevent extremism and disengagement from violent extremism.

**DISCUSSANT 3****MR JASON LEONG**

Jason Leong graduated with a Bachelor of Law degree with Honours from University of Malaya and worked for HSBC Head Office in Hong Kong for several years as well as an international law firm in Washington D.C. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of SIP Advisory Sdn Bhd which provides professional advisory services on Government Relations, Strategic Communications, Reputation Management, Geopolitics and Political Analyses & Strategies.

Together with several Christian leaders, he founded the movement called Christians for Peace and Harmony in Malaysia (CPHM) which was launched by the Prime Minister on June 2, 2015. He also serves as the Adviser to CPHM. He attends the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

He is also active in other NGOs and community work and serve as an Adviser to the following organizations: Association of NexGen Christians of Malaysia (ANCOM), Malaysian Christian Youth Association (MCYA), Kelab Pembangunan Uniti (Uniti), Kelab 1Malaysia (K1M), Persatuan Transformasi Ekonomi Bumiputera Sabah Dan Sarawak Malaysia (BEST)



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**MR MOHAMED SINATRA** is an Analyst in the Foreign Policy and Security Studies Programme of ISIS Malaysia. He graduated with a BHSc (Political Science) from International Islamic University Malaysia. He obtained his MSc (Strategic Studies) from S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, where he worked on a dissertation entitled “A Shift in Perspective: The Fallacy of Indonesia-Malaysia 2009 Conflict”. His research focus is on Malaysia-Indonesia relations.

**FORUM PANELIST 2****MR NICHOLAS BEQUELIN**

Mr Nicholas Bequelin is Regional Director for East and South-East Asia at Amnesty International. A former Visiting Scholar at Yale Law School and previously at Human Rights Watch, he has been living and working in Asia for over two decades and is currently based in Bangkok. Nicholas obtained his Ph.D. in History from the School of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, in 2001, and is a graduate in Chinese from the School of Oriental Languages and Civilizations. He has researched and published extensively on Uyghur Muslims in China. He is a regular interviewee of major international media on legal, political, and human rights developments in the region. Nicholas’ publications have appeared in *The China Journal*, *The China Quarterly*, and *The Journal of Asian Studies*, as well as various newspaper and magazines such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The International Herald Tribune*, and *Foreign Policy*.

**FORUM PANELIST 3****EN MUHAMMAD FAISAL ABDUL AZIZ**

Muhammad Faisal, a solicitor, is the Secretary General of Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM) and Deputy Chairperson of Coalition for Free and Fair Election (Bersih) where he plays an important role with Bersih Steering Committee in bringing Electoral Reform in Malaysia. He also advocates issues such as election irregularities in Malaysia and cooperates with government agencies such as Election Commission and Electoral Reform Committee.

As the Secretary General of ABIM, he sets the strategy and direction of ABIM Secretariat to ensure ABIM meets the expectations of its members, donors, the community and constantly complies with the requirements stipulated by the law. He leads the executive team to ensure that ABIM runs smoothly and reach its goals and objectives. He constantly engages with organizations from other faith such as Council of Churches Malaysia (CCM), Buddhist Maha Vihara, Hindu Sanggam, and Friendship Group of Interfaith services (FGIS).

**FORUM PANELIST 4****BR. MUSLIM IMRAN**

Muslim Imran is the Chairman of Palestinian Cultural Organization Malaysia (PCOM).

PCOM is an independent non-government organisation that aims at spreading awareness about the Palestinian Cause and concentrating the Malaysian support to the Palestinians at all public and official levels.



**MODERATOR FORUM**

**MS HANI MOHAMED** was formerly a Lecturer in Media, Journalism and Mass Communication and she has taught at Monash and Murdoch Universities.

She is the Founder and CEO of ALERTIST, a consultancy that organises interfaith, intrafaith and peacebuilding conferences and dialogues internationally. She has organised these at the National University of Singapore, the Center for Democracy and Development in Nigeria, King's College London, the Universities of Exeter and Durham, as well as at various NGOs across South East Asia.

Hani has presented a paper on 'Religious Intolerance' at the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict at Arizona State University in the United States.

She is also the Director/Producer of a documentary film, "Forest Brothel: Human Trafficking in a Borderless World".

**FORUM PANELIST 1****DR. AHMAD EL-MUHAMMADY**

Ahmad is a Lecturer of Political Science at the Department of Human Sciences, Centre for Foundation Studies, International Islamic University Malaysia. Besides lecturing, he engaged extensively as an analyst and consultant with domestic and international agencies in the research and counter-terrorism activities. He is a Panel-Member for Special Rehabilitation team setup by Ministry of Home Affairs and Royal Malaysia Police, Counter-Terrorism Division. He is also the Panel-Expert for the RMP Special Branch Division to provide analyses for the cases investigated under Security Offences (Special Measure) 2012. Other than that, Ahmad is an Expert Witness to testify in Kuala Lumpur High Court and Kota Kinabalu High Court in numerous terrorism cases in Malaysia. Recently, he has been appointed as a Consultant to the Institute for Youth Research Malaysia (IYRES), Ministry of Youth and Sports to develop profiles of youths involved in militancy. The report entitled *Belia Ekstremis* will be published by IYRES in April 2019. He is also a Consultant to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) research project: “Off-Ramp, Prisons, and Returning Terrorist Fighters in Southeast Asia” (2019). Ahmad is now a Co-principal investigator for a two-year research at the IIUM-ISTAC’s Extremism Analytical Unit in collaboration with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses of Terrorism (START), University of Maryland (2018-2020). Some of his prominent publications are *The Role of Universities and Schools in Countering and Preventing Violent Extremism : Malaysian Experience*, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies & Konrad Adeneur Stiftung, Singapore; *Countering the Threat of Daesh in Malaysia* (2016), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies & Konrad Adeneur Stiftung, Singapore; *External Conflicts and Malaysia’s National Security: The Case of Daesh* (2016), The Journal of Defence and Security, Kuala Lumpur : Ministry of Defence

**FORUM PANELIST 2****MUHAMMAD HANIF RAZAK**

Muhammed Haniff Abdul Razak graduated from the Singapore Armed Forces Officer Cadet School as a Commission Officer, Haniff left the service in 1993 with the rank of a Captain to do community work. In 2001, he was asked to return to serve in the civil service with the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore.

In 2006 was given a major task to develop and launch the Harmony Centre Singapore, a pioneer centre in interfaith engagement Has been extensively involved with a wide spectrum of engagements with local and international interfaith leaders.

His works include mediating in religious and culturally sensitive issues, handling in various protocols and visiting requests from foreign dignitaries. He has also served in United Nation as an Election Supervisor in Namibia and as a militarily liaison officer with the Ministry of Defence Singapore in Brunei. In 2007, through the Australian High Commissioner in Singapore, was invited to DFAT Canberra to share his works on interfaith issues including engagement with the Muslim community. In 2010 was invited by the Venerable Master Chin Kung AM Founder and President of Pure Land Learning College Association INC to help set up the Multi-Faith and Multicultural Centre, Toowoomba Australia.

**FORUM PANELIST 3****SENIOR SERGEANT DEBBIE HAWORTH**

Senior Sergeant Debbie Haworth is the Operations Leader of the Security Counter-Terrorism Network (SCTN) for the Southern Region. Until recently Debbie was the Team Leader of both Security Intelligence and the Queensland Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (QFTAC) and was instrumental in the establishment of QFTAC.

Debbie was undertaken work-placements with the Fixated Threat Assessment Centre (FTAC) in the United Kingdom and the FBI – Behavioural Analysis Unit. Debbie identified international operational deficiencies in the methodologies surrounding the management of fixated persons in major event setting, and as a result, developed international best practices in relation to this. These process and procedures, which have been adopted by partner agencies internationally. Debbie has provided extensive training and guidance to numerous law enforcement agencies throughout Australia and has co-authored several publications in policing, intelligence and mental health journals in relation to fixation and the management of these individuals.

**FORUM PANELIST 4****MR EDDIN KHOO**

Eddin Khoo, a Malaysian of Chinese-Indian parentage divides his time between Kuala Lumpur and Kota Bharu, Kelantan.

At only 37 years of age, Eddin Khoo wears many accomplished hats. He is a poet, writer and translator. He is well-known for his contributions toward cultural preservation. He is also an apprentice shadow puppeteer and student to the late renowned puppeteer Dalang Abdullah Ibrahim, better known as Dollah Baju Merah. Eddin Khoo has worked with scores of Malaysia's leading traditional artists including shadow puppeteers, musicians, dramatists and dancers. He has focused principally on the state of Kelantan, researching aspects of oral transmission, cultural and religious politics and aspects of ritual in traditional theatre.

As a writer, he has published 'All the World's Figures' - a collection of original poems; a translation into Malay of the novels 'Shadows of the Pomegranate Tree' by Tariq Ali, 'When Memory Dies' by A. Sivanandan and Melville's 'Moby Dick' as well as a collection of poems by the American poet Christopher Merrill; translations into English including a collection of poems, 'Suppose We Were in Sarajevo', by the Indonesian poet Goenawan Mohamad and the 'Selected Poems' of the Malay poet Tengku Alias Taib.

IIUM and in collaboration with ACCIN, are organizing an international seminar on Religious Values in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE). The theme of the seminar “Debunking the Clash of Civilizations”. This seminar will be held at the Senate Hall, Muhammad Abdul-Rauf Building IIUM, Gombak on the 26 August 2019.

The seminar will be officiated by Tan Sri Dato’ Haji Muhyiddin Yassin, Minister of Home Affairs, whose speech will address the theme of the seminar. The speech will highlight on religious dialogue and conflict prevention, engaging religious communities, and the relationship between religion and violent extremism and its implication for PCVE. In essence, this international seminar will attempt to debunk religion as a main ingredient of the Clash of Civilizations thesis, and instead promote religion and religious values as a constructive element of mutual civilizational development and peacebuilding; and more specifically, the importance of religious values for nation building as Malaysia approaches her 62 year of Merdeka.

Coming from diverse international backgrounds and fields of expertise – intellectuals, activists and practitioners will convene to address contemporary issues in relation to religion and violent extremism, and to produce a resolution to be shared with various stakeholders in the field of PCVE or Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.

*Professor Mark Woodward (Centre for Religion and Conflict, University of Arizona) will present a paper on “Theorizing Far-Right Extremism” followed by discussion with Dr. Mohamed Ilyas (University of Liverpool), Associate Professor Dr. Imtiyaz Yusuf (ISTAC-IIUM) and Mr. Jason Leong (ANCOM). This session will be moderated by Associate Professor Dr. Danial Yusof (ISTAC-IIUM), Principal Investigator of IIUM’s Extremism Analytical Research Unit (EARU).*

*The subsequent session will analyze various case studies of religion and terrorism (with reference to Sri Lanka, Palestine, Xinjiang and Christchurch). Amongst the panelists are Mr. Nicholas Bequelin (Amnesty International), Mr. Fahmi Samsudin (Global Peace Mission/ABIM), and Mr. Muslim Imran (PCOM). This session will be moderated by Mr. Mohamed Sinatra (ISIS).*

*The afternoon session will focus on “Religious Values in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE)”. Panelists include Dr. Ahmad El-Muhammady (EARU), Mr. Eddin Khoo (PUSAKA), Senior Sergeant Debbie Howarth (Queensland Police Service) and Mr. Hanif Razak (Pureland Buddhist Association, Australia). This session will be moderated by Miss Hani Mohamed (Alertist).*

*Finally, a resolution of the international seminar will be delivered by the Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato Dzulkipli Abdul Razak, Rector of IIUM.*

*In addition to this, there will also be a special briefing on the State of Violent Extremism and Terrorism in Malaysia by Datuk Ayob Khan, E8, Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM).*

*\*Free entrance for all participants and students*

### INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON RELIGIOUS VALUES IN PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM (PCVE)

#### *Objectives*

1. Reinforcing the global consensus in the fight against violent extremism.
2. Emphasizing the importance and implementation of relevant recommendations in relation to religious values in preventing and countering violent extremism, as applicable to national and international contexts.
3. To highlight contemporary case studies of religion and violent extremism; and state and societal responses.

#### *Nature of Program*

##### International Seminar:

1. Officiating Speech by Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Yassin, Minister of Home Affairs
2. Press conference
3. Video presentations
4. International panel discussion on topics concerning Religion and Violent Extremism involving various representatives from diverse international backgrounds and fields of expertise – intellectuals, activists and practitioners
5. Special Briefing on the State of Violent Extremism and Terrorism by Datuk Ayob Khan, E8, PDRM
6. Question and Answer sessions
7. Resolution and special address by the Rector of IIUM

#### *Organizers*

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- International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
- Allied Coordinating Committee of Islamic NGOs (ACCIN)
- CO-ORGANIZERS
  - Association of NextGen Christians of Malaysia (ANCOM)
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