



Seminar

Islam in Postcolonial Hong Kong: Muslim Heritage and Aspirations for the Future

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Abstract

This talk is trying to give students an historical overview of Muslim identity formation in Hong Kong. It focuses on three diasporic Muslim groups and the future they face under the China's reign. Three diasporic Muslim communities of South Asian, Chinese Hui and Indonesian Southeast Asian traditions have been contributing their part to shape the distinctive Islamic culture of Hong Kong, distinguishing themselves from Muslim minorities in China, Southeast Asia and the West. Since the nineteenth century the history of Hong Kong's Muslims, as a minority of a Chinese-dominated and religious diverse society could be more appropriately conceptualized by 'Hijra': Diverse flows of Muslims have been mobile in seeking a peaceful realm to practice their faith across the node of Hong Kong – China's frontier and treaty city – bridging East and West, a realm under global powers and a transient place for the Muslim pilgrims to meet and scatter. If time permits, this talk will also discuss with students the future role, significance and the challenges of Islam in China's new global initiative "One Belt, One Road".

Biographical Sketch

Ho Wai-Yip is the Associate Professor at the Education University of Hong Kong, He is the author of *Islam and China's Hong Kong: Ethnic Identity, Muslim Networks and the new Silk Road* (Routledge, 2015 [Paperback]). His research interests include China's Christian-Muslim relations, Arabia-China relations, new media and Islam in China etc.

Remarks

This talk will be conducted in Cantonese, and the anticipated audience are undergraduate students.

All Are Welcome