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## **SELECTED EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

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**Victoria University of Wellington** **January 2016 – present**  
School of Social and Cultural Studies  
Lecturer in Religious (Islamic) Studies  
Postgraduate Coordinator

Courses:

RELI 336: Islam in the Contemporary World  
RELI 232: Religion and Conflict: Ethics of Violence and Peace  
RELI 231: Identities, Communities and Traditions  
RELI 232: Reading Religion: Authority, Subversion and Gender  
RELI 203: Civilisation and Cultures of Islam  
RELI 424: Advanced Studies in Religion and Society  
RELI 427: Scriptures and Sacred Books: Language, Interpretation and Textuality  
RELI 329: Islam

Guest Lectures: ASIA 201 “Islam in Southeast Asia”, RELI 107 “Religion, Laws and Politics”, POLS 416 “Borders, Migrants and States”, ASIA 101 “Islam in New Zealand”, RELI 106 “Religious Experience”, RELI 108 “The World’s Religions”, RELI 210 “Religion, Aid and Development”

**University of Amsterdam** **2014 – 2016**  
Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR)  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Research Associate **2016 – present**

**Austrian Academy of Sciences** **2014 – 2016**  
Institute for Social Anthropology  
Researcher

**Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg** **2015**  
Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies - FRIAS  
Guest Researcher

**Universität Hamburg** **2012 – 2014**  
Asien-Afrika-Institut  
Postdoctoral Research fellow

## **EDUCATION**

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**The Australian National University** **2013**  
Ph.D. Anthropology

**Leiden University** **2004**  
M.A. Islamic Studies

**Al-Azhar University** **2001**  
B.A. Islamic Studies

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Islamic Studies, Anthropology, Gender, Religious Studies, Political Islam, Islamic Law, Religion and Media (Social Media), Religion and Literature, Religion and Popular Culture, Refugees and Migration, Islamic Economy and Philanthropy

### Current Research Projects:

The Global Politics of “Moderate Islam” (2019-present)

Problematizing “Muslim Marriages”: Ambiguities and Contestations (2014 – present)

Marriage and Divorce in Contemporary Indonesia (2017 – present)

## SCHOLARSHIP

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### I. Peer Reviewed Articles

Nisa, Eva F. 2018. “Unregistered Marriages of Indonesian Migrant Workers in Malaysia: Contrasting Positions of State Agents.” *Sociology of Islam*, 6(3): 338-358.

Nisa, Eva F. and Saenong, Faried F. 2018. “Winning the Minds and Hearts of Malay Muslim Youth: Chic Proselytisation in Contemporary Malaysia.” *Journal of al-Tamaddun*, 13(2): 43-54.

Nisa, Eva F. 2018. “The Bureaucratization of Muslim Marriage in Indonesia.” *Journal of Law and Religion*, 33(2): 1-19.

Nisa, Eva F. 2018. “Social Media and the Birth of an Islamic Social Movement: ODOJ (One Day One Juz) in Contemporary Indonesia.” *Indonesia and the Malay World*, 46(134): 24-43.

Künkler, Mirjam and Nisa, Eva F. 2018. “Re-establishing Juristic Expertise: A Historic Congress of Female Islamic Scholars.” *International Institute for Asian Studies*, 79 (Spring). Available at: <https://ias.asia/the-newsletter/article/re-establishing-juristic-expertise-historic-congress-female-islamic-scholars>.

Nisa, Eva F. 2018. “Creative and Lucrative *Da’wa*: The Visual Culture of Instagram amongst Female Muslim Youth in Indonesia.” *Asiascape: Digital Asia*, 5(1-2): 68-99.

Nisa, Eva F. 2017. “Allure of ‘One Day One Juz’”. *American Ethnologist*, November 08. Available at: <https://americanethnologist.org/features/collections/piety-celebrity-sociality/the-allure-of-one-day-one-juz>.

Arnez, Monika and Nisa, Eva F. 2016. “Dimensions of Morality: The Transnational Writers’ Collective Forum Lingkar Pena.” *Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia and Oceania*, 172(4): 449-478.

Schlehe, Judith and Nisa, Eva F. 2016. “The Meanings of Moderate Islam in Indonesia: Alignments and Dealignments of Azharites.” *Occasional Paper Series: Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Freiburg*, 31 (January): 1- 15.

Nisa, Eva F. 2014. “The Marginalised Majority: Indonesian Muslim Women on Nationalism.” *RIMA: Review of Indonesian and Malaysian Affairs*, 48/1: 127-158.

Nisa, Eva F. 2014. “Insights into the Lives of Indonesian Female Tablīghī Jamā‘at.” *Modern Asian Studies*, 48(2): 468-491.

- Nisa, Eva F. 2014. "Sink or Swim in Marriage Relationships: Indonesian Female Migrant Workers in Hong Kong." In Kayoko Ishii, ed, *Dynamics of Marriage Migration in Asia*, Tokyo, Research Institute for the Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA), pp. 35-61.
- Nisa, Eva F. 2013. "The Internet Subculture of Indonesian Face-veiled Women." *International Journal of Cultural Studies*, 16(3): 241-255.
- Nisa, Eva F. 2012. "Female Voices on Jakarta's *Da'wa* Stage." *RIMA: Review of Indonesian and Malaysian Affairs*, 46(1): 55-81.
- Nisa, Eva F. 2012. "Embodied Faith: Agency and Obedience among Face-veiled University Students in Indonesia." *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*, 13(4): 366-381.
- Nisa, Eva F. 2012. "Cadari of Wahdah Islamiyah: Women as Dedicated Actors of Ultra-conservatism," *Intersections: Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific*, Issue 30, (<http://intersections.anu.edu.au/issue30/nisa.htm>).
- Nisa, Eva F. 2011. "Marriage and Divorce for the Sake of Religion: The Marital Life of *Cadari* in Indonesia." *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 39(6): 797-820.
- Amrullah, Eva F. 2011. "Der Erfolg von *Ayat-Ayat Cinta* und die Entstehung der ‚Gesichtsschleier Romane‘ in zeitgenössischer indonesischer Erzählliteratur." *Hamburger Südostasienstudien*, 5: 55-82.
- Amrullah, Eva F. 2011. "Seeking Sanctuary in 'the Age of Disorder': Women in Contemporary Tablighī Jamā'at." *Contemporary Islam*, 5(2): 135-160.
- Amrullah, Eva F. 2008. "Indonesian Muslim Fashion: Styles & Designs." *ISIM Review* 22: 22-23.

## II. Book Chapters

- Nisa, Eva F. 2019. "Internet and Muslim Women." In Woodward, M. and R. Lukens-Bull (eds.). *Handbook of Contemporary Islam and Muslim Lives*. Springer.
- Nisa, Eva F. 2016. "The Internet Subculture of Indonesian Face-veiled Women." In Piela, Anna (ed.). *Islam and the Media: Critical Concepts in Sociology*. Routledge.
- Nisa, Eva. 2016. "Marriage Practices: Indonesia." *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, ed. by Suad Joseph et al, Brill Reference Online.
- Amrullah, Eva F. 2010. "Wahhabism." in Edward E. Curtis IV, ed. *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*, New York, Facts On File.

## III. Other Publication (Non-Peer Reviewed)

- Nisa, Eva F. 2019. "Networking Humanity: Women, Piety and Philanthropy." *Insight* 198, Middle East Institute.
- Nisa, Eva and Saenong, Faried F. 2019. "Reporting about Muslims? Here are some things to consider." *The Asia Media Centre*. Available at: <https://www.asiamediacentre.org.nz/opinion/reporting-about-muslims-here-are-some-things-to-consider/>
- Nisa, Eva and Saenong, Faried F. 2019. "New Zealand Has Been a Home to Muslims for Centuries, and Will Remain So." *Middle East Eye*. Available at: <https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/new->

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Nisa, Eva and Saenong, Faried F. 2019. "From Mahometan to Kiwi Muslim: History of NZ's Muslim Population". *The Conversation*. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/from-mahometan-to-kiwi-muslim-history-of-nzs-muslim-population-114067>

Nisa, Eva and Saenong, Faried F. 2019. "Dari Mahometan ke Muslim Kiwi: Sejarah Populasi Muslim Selandia Baru." *The Conversation*. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/dari-mahometan-ke-muslim-kiwi-sejarah-populasi-muslim-selandia-baru-114197?fbclid=IwAR0xMFIJZX0Vzqmmie9LQrtRpKloXoQXlj0jZGDHZhGennyokxtdAs92U>

Nisa, Eva and Saenong, Faried F. 2018. "Female Suicide Bombers: How Terrorist Propaganda Radicalises Indonesian Women." *The Conversation*. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/female-suicide-bombers-how-terrorist-propaganda-radicalises-indonesian-women-98143>.

Künkler, Mirjam and Nisa, Eva F. 2017. "A Fatwa against Sexual Violence: The Story of a Historic Congress of Female Islamic Scholars" *Opendemocracy*, 26 June. Available at: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/5050/mirjam-k-nkler-eva-nisa/fatwa-sexual-violence-women-Islamic-scholars>.

#### **IV. Journal Issue Editorships and Editorial Board**

2019 *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*  
Editorial Board

2012 *Intersections: Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific*. Special Issue on Gender and Islam in Indonesia (with Kathryn Robinson and Faried F Saenong)

#### **V. Under Review and in Preparation**

*Embodying the True Islam: Face-Veiled Women in Contemporary Indonesia* (in preparation, Routledge).

*Shaping Muslim Communities: Religious Propagation, Morality and Cultural Productions in a Transnational Writers' Collective* (co-authored with Prof Monika Arnez, in preparation, Cambridge Scholars Publishing).

*Marriage in Modern Indonesia* (co-edited with Prof Kathryn Robinson, in preparation, Rutgers University Press)

"Negotiating a Space in the Mosque" in Robinson, Kathryn, ed. *Imams and Mosques*. (forthcoming, NUS [National University of Singapore] Press).

"Engaging a Greater Hope: Rohingya in Malaysia and Hope in Social Media." (forthcoming, *Migration, Mobility & Displacement*).

"Mut'a Marriage among Youth in the Non-Shī'ī Environment" in *The Politics of Marriage and Gender: Global Issues in Local Contexts* (forthcoming, Rutgers University Press).

"Muslim Women in Contemporary Indonesia: Narratives behind the Women Ulama Congress." (forthcoming, *Asian Studies Review*).

“Islamic Economy and Muslim Consumers.” (co-authored with Faried F Saenong, in preparation, *Inside Indonesia*).

“Business in ‘Arrange’ Marriages in Indonesia” in *The Politics of Arranged Marriage in Various Social Context* (in preparation, Cambridge University Press).

“Women and Islamic Movements” in *Handbook of Islamic Sects and Movements* (in preparation, Brill).

## **SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited Talks and Guest Lectures**

- 2019            Invited Speaker. “Digital Islam, Education, and Youth: Changing Landscape of Indonesian Islam”, Annual International Conference on Islamic Studies, 1-4 October 2019, Indonesia’s Ministry of Religious Affairs.
- 2019            Invited Speaker. “International Research Symposium on Islamic Studies”, 11 June Bangkok, the Muslim Studies Centre, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University.
- 2018            *Invited Speaker.* “Networking Humanity: Women and Philanthropic Agencies in Indonesia and Malaysia”, 8 February 2018, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore (NUS).
- 2018            *Invited Speaker.* “Muslim Women in the Digital Age”, 16-18 March 2018, The Islamic Women’s Council of New Zealand (IWCNZ), The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand.
- 2018            *Guest Lecture.* “Rohingya Muslims and Social Media”, 27 September 2018, in *Borders, Migrants, and States*, Political Science, Victoria University of Wellington.
- 2017            *Invited Speaker.* “Women, Islam and the Phenomena of Civil Society”, 23 October 2017, Religion and Globalization Cluster at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore (NUS).
- 2017            *Invited Speaker.* “Indonesian Muslim Women Redefining their public Presence”, 29-30 November 2017, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

### **Professional Conference and Seminar Presentations**

- 2019            Battling Marriage Laws: Child Marriage and the Resurgence of Piety in Indonesia. International Network for Scholars Researching Unregistered Marriages International Conference, 11-12 April, University of Amsterdam.
- 2019            We Look We Shop: Indonesian Muslim Women and the Burgeoning of Islamic Economy. Women in Asia Conference, 21-23 June, UNSW Sydney.
- 2018            Piety Hype: Youth, Muslim Middle Class and the Resurgence of the Islamic Economy in Indonesia. Entrepreneurship and Trade Opportunities in Asia Pacific, 10-11 December, Victoria University of Wellington.

- 2018 “Gender and Divorce among Muslims in Contemporary Indonesia.” Asian Studies Gathering, 15 October 2018, Victoria University of Wellington.
- 2018 “Gender Matter: Indonesia Facing the Wave of Muslim Divorce.” Religious Studies Seminar, 18 October 2018, Victoria University of Wellington.
- 2018 “Viralise Your Piety: It is about the *Da’wa Lifestyle*, not *Da’wa Ta’lim*”, 3-4 May, Contemporary Media Practices and Religious Encounters, Vienna
- 2017 “Diverse Voices of Gender Equity in the Indonesian Social Media Scene.” Women in Asia Conference, 26-28 September 2017, University of Western Australia, Perth.
- 2017 “*Mut’ a* Marriage among Youth in the Non-Shi’i Environment.” Global Dynamics of Debating and Concluding Shia Marriages, 25-26 August 2017, University of Amsterdam.
- 2017 “*Kyai* Online: The Voices of Nahdlatul Ulama *Kyai* in Indonesia.” 9<sup>th</sup> European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference, 16-18 August 2017, University of Oxford.
- 2017 “In the Name of Humanity: Registering Unregistered Marriages of Indonesian Migrant Workers in Malaysia.” Unregistered Muslim Marriages: Regulations and Contestations, 24-25 April 2017, De Montfort University Law School, Leicester.
- 2017 “Engaging a Greater Hope: Rohingya in Malaysia and Hope in Social Media.” Multimedia, Mobility and the Digital Southeast Asian Family. A two-day workshop, 20-21 April 2017, Melbourne Australia. La Trobe University, Australia.
- 2016 “Islam in the Minds and Hearts of the ‘Coolest Generation’: Malay Muslim Youth on the Da’wa Scene.” The 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Islam and Contemporary Issues in the Islamic World: Challenges and Way Forward, University of Malaya, 5-6 December 2016.
- 2016 “The Shari’a Compliancy Craze: Changes in Dating Trends among Malaysian Muslims.” Religion Seminar, Otago University, 19 August, 2016.
- 2016 “Digital Divide: Bypassing Traditional *Ulama*?” Religious Studies Seminar Series. Victoria University of Wellington, 15 August, 2016.
- 2016 “Private and Public Piety: Social Media in the Life of Indonesian Muslim Youth”. Social Media and Islamic Practice in Southeast Asia. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 14-15 April 2016.
- 2016 “Social Media in the Lives of Indonesian Muslim Youth.” Asianist Gathering. Victoria University of Wellington, 8 April, 2015.
- 2015 “Islam and Philanthropy: Rohingya Seeking Heaven in Malaysia.” Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Jakarta, 9 December, 2015.
- 2015 “Marrying *Da’wa* and Social Media: One Day One Juz in Contemporary Indonesia.” European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference, Vienna, August 11-14, 2015.
- 2015 “The Bureaucratisation of Muslim Marriage in Indonesia.” European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference, Vienna, August 11-14,

- 2015.
- 2015 “Azharite and the Moderate Voices of Islam.” Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies – FRIAS, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, June 24-26, 2015.
- 2015 “Debates on Muslim Marriages.” Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (University of Amsterdam), January 14, 2015.
- 2014 “Hoping for an Islamic Caliphate: The Local Struggle of Muslimah Hizbut Tahrir Indonesia in the International Agenda.” Local, National and Transnational Modes of Belonging in Indonesia and Beyond, An Australian-German Anthropological Meeting, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main, July 18, 2014.
- 2013 “FLP Blessings: Da’wa Literature of Three Popular Indonesian Writers.” 7<sup>th</sup> Euroseas Conference, the School of Social and Political Sciences of the Technical University of Lisboa (ISCSP/UTL), Lisboa, July 2-5, 2013.

## **TEACHING**

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- 2016 – present **Victoria University of Wellington**  
Religious Studies
- 2014 – 2015 **Universitas Indonesia**  
Anthropology
- 2013 – 2015 **Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta**  
Islamic Studies
- 2012 – 2016 **Universitas Negeri Jakarta**  
Islamic Studies
- 2012 – 2014 **BINUS International**  
Character Building
- 2011 **The Australian National University**  
Instructor, Academic Skills and Learning Centre
- 2011 **The University of New South Wales (UNSW@ADFA)**  
Indonesian Studies program, School of Humanities and Social Science  
Women, Class, Society in Indonesia
- 2010 **The University of New South Wales (UNSW@ADFA)**  
School of Humanities and Social Science  
Indonesian Peripheries (Interdisciplinary Studies)
- 2010 – 2011 **The University of New South Wales (UNSW@ADFA).**  
School of Humanities and Social Science  
Indonesian Language
- 2010 – 2011 **Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development**  
Consultant for Islamic Discourses
- 2010 – 2011 **The Australian National University**  
Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre

- Indonesian Language
- 2004 – 2006     **State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah**  
 Department of Theology  
 Qur'anic Studies and English Language
- 2005             **Jakarta State University**  
 Islamic Studies

## **SELECTED RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **Editorial Boards and Journal/Manuscript Reviewing**

- 2019 – present     Editorial Board, *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*
- 2017 – present     Thesis Review Editorial Board Member, Teroka and Mizan
- 2016 – present     Editorial Board Member, *Jurnal Dinika*
- 2004 – present     Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Qur'anic Studies*, Centre for Qur'anic Studies
- 2013 – present     Journal Manuscript Reviewer: *American Ethnologist*, *Contemporary Islam*, *Asian Studies Review*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Journal of Social Sciences*, *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Law and Religions*, *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*, and *Intersections: Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific*.
- Book Manuscript Reviews: Two book manuscripts for **Routledge** Advances in Middle East in Islamic Studies series, one book manuscript for **Springer**

### **International Service**

- 2015 – present     Assistant to the Southeast Asian Editor for the *Encyclopaedia of Women and Islamic Cultures* (Brill)
- 2016 – present     Executive Board, Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), Australia-New Zealand
- 2015– present     Member of Majelis Ulama Indonesia (The Council of Indonesian Ulama)
- 2007 – 2011     Executive Board, Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), Australia  
 2002–2005     Associate, RAHIMA (NGO) for Islam and Women's Rights

### **University Service**

- 2018 – present     Postgraduate Coordinator, Religious Studies Programme, Victoria University of Wellington
- 2017                Religious Studies Seminar Coordinator, Religious Studies Programme, Victoria University of Wellington
- 2016                Library Liaison, Religious Studies Programme, Victoria University of Wellington



## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Association of Social Anthropology of Aotearoa/New Zealand (ASAANZ), Australian Anthropological Society, European Association for South East Asian Studies

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

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Bahasa Indonesia  
English  
Arabic  
German  
French  
Dutch  
Mandarin (Beginner)