

***Pokja Ecology as Common Concern
Workshop Religion and Ecology
January 23, 2019, Yogyakarta***

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On the 23th of January scholars and practitioners came together in Yogyakarta to discuss the direction of the Ecology Work Group (Pokja) of NICMCR. This was done in the course of the 2nd Biennale International Conference of PCI NU Belanda, that will be held on the 19th of June 2019, in cooperation with the Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen.

During the workshop at the Center for Religious and Cross-Cultural Studies (CRCS) of Universitas Gadjah Mada, we talked about the fifth topic of the conference, "Al-wasāṭiyya (The Middle Path) in the context of Science and Technology, Halal-Toyyib (fair) food, and Environmental Exploitation and the way how the Pokja will be connected to it. The workshop brought out a lot of knowledge about the way how religious communities in Indonesia interact with the current environmental issues.

The workshop was led by Zainal Abidin Bagir of CRCS UGM and Frans Wijzen (Radboud University, Nijmegen, the chair of the editorial board of Studies in Interreligious Dialogue) and was met with a big turnout. The participants came from different academic and religious backgrounds throughout Indonesia.

Discussions in the workshop centered on the importance of the interreligious discourse in the many approaches towards the ecological crisis. During the workshop we learned that there are many approaches possible in Indonesia where religion can be a part of countering environmental challenges. Every religion in Indonesia has already some sort of focus on these new challenges. Therefore religious groups and faith based organizations could and should influence these efforts because of the intrinsic beliefs of their followers for the care of nature, as a part of their believe in revelation of creation. It was furthermore stated in the workshop that the management of the interreligious discourse would become an important new work field for scholars and practitioners. This is due to the potential for conflict in future discourses on the ecological challenges. So a

discourse analysis of this interreligious discourse is very important to avoid further conflict in the future, by mapping out the different reasoning's in this discourse.

Besides discussing about this relationship between interreligious dialogue and the ecological challenges during the workshop, as part of the workshop, many participants shared related abstracts of papers for the upcoming participation of NICMCR in the PCI NU Belanda conference. There were many interesting topics for the abstracts ranging from all kinds of work fields in the study of religion and ecology, from topics relating to sustainable water collection to the possibilities for ecotourism for local communities in Indonesia.



It was a fruitful workshop and we learned a lot more about the way how religious communities in Indonesia interact with the current environmental issues. The workshop concluded with the intention to publish papers submitted to the NU conference in the Journal Studies in Interreligious Dialogue, special edition 2020 besides a book publication.

Publication Plan:

Deadlines

- Abstract (conference Biennial PCI NU Belanda)
February 1th (extended till February 18th, 2019)
- Paper (conference Biennial PCI NU Belanda)
May 1th, 2019
- Abstract publishment in research magazine SID
February 7th, 2019

- Paper (for review) publication in research magazine SID
June 1th, 2019

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Received abstracts for further consideration of publication in research magazine SID (per Feb. 11)

- **Ali Ilham Almujaiddiy**: Progressive Muslim Environmentalism: A Study of the Nahdliyn Front for the Sovereignty of Natural Resources (FNKSDA)
- **Ali Jaf'ar**: The Devastation of the Natural Economy and Eco-Justice in the Process of Modern Development: A Case Study in Kendeng-Rembang
- **Ahmad Afnan Anshori**: Discourse on Environmental Fiqih Thoughts (Study of the Methods of Interpretation of NU and Muhammadiyah in Responding to Environmental Issues)
- **Asep Saepudin Sudjatna**: Discovering Religio-Agriculture of Ciptagelar Community Through "Turun Nyambut" Practices and Its Impact on the Environment
- **Daud Sihombing**: Reclaiming the Sacred: The Theological and the Public at Benoa Bay
- **Dewi Candraningrum**: Threatened Biodiversity and Empty Wombs: Climate Change and Women's Plight in Central Java + The Magic of Kartini in the North Kendeng Mountains: The Death of Patmi, Sandariyah, Sekar and Carolyn Merchant's Pessimism
- **Eko Cahyono**: Affirming the Agenda for Social-Eco-Justice
Post Recognition of Adat Forests in Indonesia
- **Fahrur Razi**: Manifesting Religious Insights of the Environment into Practices: A Case Study of Eco-Pesantren At-Thaariq Garut, West Java
- **E. Gerrit Singgih**: Reframing the relationship among God, Nature and Human Beings in the context of Ecological Destruction of Indonesia
- **Jekonia Tarigan**: Rise and Fall of Karonese Primal Religion after Mount Sinabung Eruptions in 2010 and 2013
- **Nurhairunnisa**: Water Agreement and Javanese Ecological Narrative: A Case Study in Siman Village Kediri, East Java
- **Samsul Maarif**: Engaging the Grassroots in Interreligious Dialogues for "Positive" Peace: A Lesson from Papua of Indonesia.
- **Ribka N. Barus**: Adat Ecology: The Practice of Sasi in Haruku, Central Maluku
- **Ridho Afifudin**: Evaluating Ecotourism Discourse in Indigenous Community: Ecological Perspective (A Case Study in Kampung Naga West Java Indonesia)
- **Zaimatus Sa'diyah**: Religion and Conservation: A Study of Kartini Kendeng Conservation Movement in Central Java, Indonesia