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### BUDDHIST-MUSLIM RELATIONS IN THAILAND: MYTHS AND REALITIES

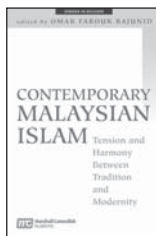
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The chronic outbreak of political violence in the Malay-Muslim dominated region of southernmost Thailand which is contiguous to Malaysia tends to create the impression that Islam and Buddhism have difficulties co-existing, at least in that part of the kingdom. This volume, which represents a collection of articles written by Thai and foreign scholars from different backgrounds encompassing the disciplines of history, anthropology, philosophy and political science, explores how Buddhist-Muslim relations in Thailand have actually been observed and negotiated on the ground. The book will focus on issues of identity, dialogue, accommodation, co-existence and conflict in the context of Buddhist-Muslim relations in Thailand.

### CONTEMPORARY MALAYSIAN ISLAM: TENSION AND HARMONY BETWEEN TRADITION AND MODERNITY

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The book deals with various facets of contemporary Malaysian Islam. By "contemporary Malaysian Islam" is meant as understood and practiced by ethnic Malays, the country's dominant group, and as it has developed since the independence until now. Important facets of Malaysian Islam discussed include the Malay-Muslim civilizational identity, Malay-Islam's experience in dealing with pluralism, Malaysia's unique path to modernization and democratization, the relation between Islam and the state, and terrorism. Malaysia's relations with American Islam, arguably the world's most influential Muslim minority right now, and the impact of Malaysia's most well-known Muslim civil society group, ABIM on the country's educational landscape are also analysed in this book. The book ends with an evaluation of the issue of political Islam in the post-Mahathir era, including Badawi's "unveiling" of his Islam *hadari*. The central theme underlying the inter-related and integrated treatment of these various facets of Malaysian Islam is the tension and harmony between tradition and modernity.

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## forward series

### ISLAM IN ASIA SERIES (IAS)

Series editor: Omar Farouk Bajunid

The series publishes high quality original works on Islam and the Muslims in Asia by regional scholars and other specialists. Focusing on both empirical studies as well as those which address the whole range of contemporary issues affecting the Muslim communities within and across national frontiers in the region, areas discussed include the on-going discourses on Islam and modernity, Islam and democracy, Islamic resurgence, Islam and political violence, Muslim diversity, international Islamic networks, the role of Muslim minorities, the role of Islam in plural societies and Islam and inter-religious dialogues. Monographs on selected themes may be focused on a single country or look at the region as a whole. The first book in the series is *The Life of the World* (see Backlist).

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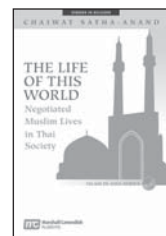
Titles planned for publication

- The Jawi Network in Southeast Asia
- The Muslims of Cambodia
- Islam and Democracy in Southeast Asia
- The Crescent in the Land of the Rising Sun: Islam in Japan
- The Arabs in Contemporary Southeast Asia
- The Muslims in Northeast Asia

## backlist

### THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD: NEGOTIATED LIVES OF MUSLIMS IN THAI SOCIETY

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This volume focuses on the ways in which Muslims in predominantly non-Muslim Thailand negotiate their lives as a minority group, using different sites where their identities as Muslims are contested while facing various challenges that call into question their connectedness with the local, national and global contexts. Responding to issues considered challenges to communities of people connected by faith, this volume consists of three parts. Part One attempts to set the tone of the studies that follow and the paradox involved in studying them. Part Two deals with Muslim people as the biggest minority in Thai society and a numerical majority in Pattani, both as a cultural geography and an administered space in the periphery. Part Three focuses on Muslim lives as a minority in the centre that is the urban national capital.

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