

Summer Semester 2022

SDAC Guest Lecture Series

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Connecting Religion, Gender, and Profession: Muslim Women in South and Southeast Asia

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30.05.22
18-20:00 c.t.
In Person

*The lecture will be held in the ZMTP seminar room: Henkestr. 91, Erlangen



Claudia Derichs, PhD, is professor of Transregional Southeast Asian Studies at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (HU). She has studied Japanese and Arabic in Bonn, Tokyo and Cairo and holds a PhD in Japanology (1994, University of Bonn, Germany). She held professorships in Political Science at the universities of Hildesheim and Marburg before fully committing to the field of Area Studies at HU. Her research covers gender, religion, and political violence in Southeast Asia and the Middle East, looking particularly at transregional Islamist movements in and beyond the “long 1960s”. She works towards new orientations in Area Studies and subscribes to current approaches of epistemic decolonisation in Western academia. Recent publications in the field of Transregional Southeast Asian Studies include:

2022. The long sixties and Islamist activism: radical transregional solidarities; in: Maasri, Zeina, Cathy Bergin & Francesa Burke (eds.): *Transnational Solidarity. Anti-colonialism in the global sixties*. Manchester, UK: Manchester University Press, pp. 279-299.

2020. Global Sixties in the Non-Western World; *Southeast Asian Social Science Review* 5(2020)1: 5-26.

The presentation addresses Muslim women’s choices for professional self-formation. Case studies of women from South and Southeast Asia who decided to integrate faith and profession in medical services, academia, life coaching, or health counselling for fellow Muslim women around the world are introduced. While some of the women are physically staying at one place (at home), they are nonetheless virtually mobile in numerous ways. Their professional services travel across regions, and the knowledge they provide often hails from their higher education in “online madrasas” (online colleges). Others have entered rather “classical” professional fields that yet require straight decisions regarding their work-life balance. Through the lenses of religion, gender, and profession, the presentation wants to capture the huge spectrum of Muslim women’s faith-based professional activities in the global Islamic economy.

This event will be held in person.
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