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JAMA'AT-E ISLAMI: ASSESSING THE FUTURE OF ISLAMIST VIOLENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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in South and Southeast Asia

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Aarhus University, Building 1325, room 140

The lecture will be in English.

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Joshua Snider is a doctoral candidate in politics at the University of Newcastle, Australia. His thesis explores the complexities of modern religious nationalism in South and Southeast Asia and specifically compares how the State has co-opted Islamist politics for secular ends in Indonesia and Pakistan. He has recently co-authored a book on global terrorism and is also working on a collaborative book project on global civil society and the governance state. Joshua Snider has taught at several universities in Australia and before embarking on his doctoral studies he worked for Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and then in the public affairs consulting industry in the United States.

Abstract: Any discussion of Islamist violence invariably raises questions about 'radicalisation' and the usual 'how questions': 'How do cells form? How do they choose targets and how to operationalize their violence agendas? Instead of focusing on the 'how questions', Joshua Snider argues that Islamist radicalisation remains a problem not because religious militancy has a large constituency in Indonesia or because Indonesia has ethno-religious issues that make religiously based violence more or less likely or because Indonesia is a highly radicalized society. Rather, radicalization remains a pernicious issue in Indonesia due to the presence of an entrenched and committed social network with inter-generational ties and most importantly because the Indonesian state has to varying degrees created and used the voice of violent Islamism for its own institutional ends.



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