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GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

Abangan Nominal(ly) Muslim, strongly influenced by

Hindu-Buddhist and animist religious ideas

Adat Local customs, the mores and behaviour of

various cultural groups throughout Indonesia

Algemeene Studieclub (ASC) General Study Club. The name of a study

club of nationalist intellectuals, established in

Bandung in 1926.

AMS Algemeene Middelbare School [General

Secondary School]. Upper Secondary School

Ansor Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) organization for

young men. See NU

ASC See Algemeene Studieclub

Azas tunggal Sole Foundation; it refers to Pancasila as the

sole foundation of Indonesian socio-political

organizations. See Pancasila

BAIS Badan Intelijen Strategis (Strategic Intelligence

Body)

Bakin Badan Koordinasi Intelijen Negara [State

Intelligence Coordinating Body]

Bangsawan pikiran The nobility by intellect

Bangsawan oesoel The nobility by birth; original aristocrat
Bappenas Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional

[National Development Planning Board]

Bestuursacademie Administrative Academy

Boemipoetera Literally son of the earth/island; native.

Originally referring to a Muslim, later on gradually losing its religious character, and

denoting just native

BPK Badan Pemeriksa Keuangan (the Audit Board

for State Finance)

Dakwah

Eerste Klasse School

BU	Budi	Utomo	[Glorious	Endeavour]]. An
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association of Javanese students and priyayi

established in 1908. See priyayi

Budi Utomo See BU

Cendekiawan Intellectual/Intelligentsia

CIDES Center for Information and Development

Studies

CGMI Consentrasi Gerakan Mahasiswa Indonesia [The

Unified Movement of Indonesian University Students]. An association of communist

students

CSIS Center for Strategic and International Studies

Daidancho Battalion Commander of Peta. See Peta

Call or invitation; Islamic outreach or

missionary endeavour

DDII Dewan Dakwah Islamiyah Indonesia

[Indonesian Council of Islamic Dakwah]; see

dakwah

Dewan Mahasiswa Student Council

DI/TII Darul Islam/Tentara Islam Indonesia ['House of

Islam'/Islamic Army of Indonesia]. The name of an Indonesian political movement which, in 1948, declared the idea of transforming

Indonesia into an Islamic state

DPA Dewan Pertimbangan Agung [Supreme

Advisory Council]; the presidential advisory

council

DPR Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat. House of the

People's Representatives; Parliament

Dokter-Djawa School Native Paramedical School

Djama'ah Chairijah Djama'ah al-Chairiah al-Talabiyyah al-

Azhariah al-Djawah [Welfare Association of the Indo-Malayan students in Egypt)

the Indo-Malayan students in Egypt) First Class Native (elementary) School

ELS Europeesche Lagere School [European Primary

School]

Gemsos Gerakan Mahasiswa Sosialis [the Socialist

University Student Movement]

Germindo Gerakan Mahasiswa Indonesia [Indonesian

	University Student Movement]. A student
	affiliate of Partindo. See Partindo
Gestapu	Gerakan Tiga Puluh September. 30 September
	movement of the PKI. See PKI
GHS	Geneeskundige Hoogeschool [Medical College]
GMKI	Gerakan Mahasiswa Kristen Indonesia [the
	Indonesian Christian University Student
	Movement]
<i>GMNI</i>	Gerakan Mahasiswa Nasional Indonesia
	[Indonesian Nationalist University Student
	Movement]. A student affiliate of PNI
Golkar	Golongan Karya [Functional Groups]. The
	political party of the New Order government
Gotong-royong	Mutual assistance
GPII	Gerakan Pemuda Islam Indonesia [The
	Movement of Indonesian Islamic Youth]
Hadji/Haji	A Muslim who has undertaken the pilgrimage
	to Mecca
Hadj/hajj	The pilgrimage to Mecca
HBS	Hoogere Burger School [Higher Civil School].
	European Secondary School
HIS	Hollandsch-Inlandsche School [Dutch Native
	School]; Dutch speaking native (primary)
	school
Hizbullah	[Army of God]; the Masjumi youth front
HMI	Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam [Islamic
	University Students' Association]
IAIN	Institut Agama Islam Negeri [State Islamic
	Institute]; The state college of Islamic studies
ICMI	Ikatan Cendekiawan Muslim Se-Indonesia
	[Association of Indonesian Muslim

Intelligentsia] established in 1990 Ikatan Mahasiswa Muhammadiyah [Union of IMMthe Muhammadiyah University Students]

Indonesian Study Club. The name of a study

Indonesische Studieclub (ISC) club of nationalist intellectuals, established in

Surabaya in 1924.

IPBInstitut Pertanian Bogor [Bogor Institute of

Agriculture]

Kauman

IPNU	Ikatan Peladjar Nahdlatul Ulama [Union of
	the NU Students]. See NU
ISC	See Indonesische Studieclub
ISDV	Indische Sociaal-Democratische Vereeniging
	[Indies Social Democratic Association],
	established in 1914 as an embryo of the PKI
Islamic Kaoem Moeda	Young Islamic Community who had an
	ambition to rejuvenate the Indies society based
	on the ideology of Islamic reformism-
	modernism. See Kaoem Moeda
ITB	Institut Teknologi Bandung [Bandung Institute
	of Technology]
ITS	Institut Teknologi Surabaya [Surabaya Institute
	of Technology]
JIB	Jong Islamieten Bond [Young Muslims' League]
Kadi	A judge of religious court
KAMI	Kesatuan Aksi Mahasiswa Indonesia
	[Indonesian University Students' Action
	Front]; established in 1965
KAMMI	Kesatuan Aksi Mahasiswa Muslim Indonesia
	[United Front of Indonesian Islamic
	University Students], established in 1998
Kaoem	Group, community
Kaoem Mardika	Free People; People whose livelihood did not
	derive from service to the colonial government
Kaoem Moeda	[Young Group] (Community). A collective
	entity of those who shared a common
	ambition to rejuvenate the Indies society along
**	the kemadjoean line. See kemadjoean
Kaoem Toea	[Old Group] (Community). Traditionalists or
17.4 D.D.I	followers of (indigenous) conservative values
KAPPI	Kesatuan Aksi Pemuda Peladjar Indonesia
	[Indonesian Student Youths' Front],
VACI	established in 1966
KASI	Kesatuan Aksi Sarjana Indonesia [Indonesian
	University Graduates' Front]; established in
	1966

The district surrounding the principal mosque of Javanese town, usually occupied by *santri*

Kemadjoean	[Progress]. An ideal loftiness of one's social
	status encompassing many other things:
	Educational improvement, modernization
	(associated with Westernization),
	respectability, and success in life
Kjai/kyai	Title of respect for holy persons and sacred
	objects; widely used specifically (in Java) for
	Islamic teacher (of the traditionalist type).
KKN	Korupsi, Kolusi, dan Nepotisme [Corruption,
	Collusion, and Nepotism]
IKNIL	Koninklijk Netherlands Indisch Leger [Royal
1111 (112)	Netherlands Indies Army]
KNIP	Komite Nasional Indonesia Pusat [Central
111 111	Indonesian National Committee
Kweekschool	Teachers' Training School
LDK	
LDK	Lembaga Dakwah Kampus [Campus Mosque
I VIC	Dakwah Body]; see dakwah
LKIS	Lembaga Kebajikan Islam Samanhudi
	[Samanhudi Institute for Islamic Benevolent
	Service]
LDMI	Lembaga Dakwah Mahasiswa Islam [Dakwah
	Institute of Islamic Students]; the HMI's
	dakwah body; see dakwah
LMD	Latihan Mujahid Dakwah [Training of the
	Dakwah Cadre]; see dakwah
LP3ES	Lembaga Penelitian, Pendidikan dan
	Penerangan Ekonomi dan Sosial [The Social
	and Economic Research, Education, and
	Information Institute]
LSM	Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat [Self-Reliant
	Community Institution]; the Indonesian
	version of NGO. See NGO
LSP	Lembaga Studi Pembangunan [Institute of
	Development Studies]
MA	Mahkamah Agung [Supreme Court]
Madrasah	Literally Schoo. Modernised Islamic school
	offering both religious and general subjects
Manipol	Manifesto Politik. Political Manifesto, the
1.1mmpoo	ideology for Guided Democracy, introduced
	ideology for duided Democracy, introduced

	by Sukarno on 17 August 1959; it called for
	the revival of the spirit of the 1945 Revolution
Masjumi	Madjelis Sjuro Muslimin Indonesia
	[Consultative Council of Indonesian Muslims]
MIAI	Madjlisul Islam A'laa Indonesia [Supreme Islam
	Council of Indonesia]
MMI	Majelis Mahasiswa Indonesia [Indonesian
	University Student Assembly]
MPR	Madjelis Persmusjawaratan Rakjat [People's
	Consultative Assembly]
MPRS	Majelis Permusyawaratan Indonesia Sementara
	[The Provisional People's Consultative
	Assembly]
MUI	Majelis Ulama Indonesia [Council of
11101	Indonesian Islamic Scholars]
MULO	Meer Uitgebreid Lager Onderwijs [More
WOLO	Extended Elementary Education]; Lower
Malamandingl	Secondary School
Muhammadiyah	Reformist-modernist Islamic social and
37 1	educational association
Nasakom	Nasionalisme, Agama, Komunis [Nationalism,
	Religion, and Communism]; A united front
	of proponents of Guided Democracy
NIAS	Nederlandsch-Indische Artsenschool
	[Netherlands Indian Doctors' School]
NEI	Netherlands East Indies
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NKK	Normalisasi Kehidupan Kampus
	[Normalization of Campus Life]
NICA	Netherlands Indies Civil Administration
NU	Nahdlatul Ulama [Renaissance of the
	Religious Scholars]. A traditionalist Islamic
	association
Orde Baru (Orba)	[New Order]. The period of Suharto's
	government (1966–98)
Orde Lama (Orla)	[Old Order]. The period of Sukarno's Guided
Sim Luma (Sim)	Democracy
OSVIA	Opleidingsschool voor Inlandsche Ambtenaren
03 / 1/1	1 0
	[Training School for Native Administration]

Pagujuban Pasundan Sundanese Association

PAN Partai Amanat Nasional [National Mandate

Party

Pancasila [Five Pillars]. The national philosophy of the

Republic of Indonesia, consisting of five principles: belief in the One God; a just and civilised humanity; a united Indonesia; popular rule through policies formed after representative consensus; and social justice for

the whole Indonesian population

Parkindo Partai Kristen Indonesia [Indonesian Christian/

Protestant Party]

Parmusi Partai Muslimin Indonesia [Indonesian

Muslim Party]

Partindo Partai Indonesia [Indonesian Party]. A

nationalist political party, founded in 1931

and re-established in 1959

PBB Partai Bulan Bintang [Crescent and Star Party]
PDI Partai Demokrasi Indonesia [Indonesian

Democratic Party]

PDI-P Partai Demokrasi Indonesia-Perjuangan

[Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle]

Peranakan A locally born person of foreign extraction;

Indonesian-born foreigner

Pembangunan Development

Penghulu In Minangkabau the head of family or adat

chief

In Java a person in charge of a major mosque During the Dutch colonial period, it was a title of a religious official supported by stipend

from the Dutch government

Perhimi Perhimpunan Mahasiswa Indonesia

[Indonesian University Student Association]

Persami Persatuan Sardjana Muslim Indonesia

[Association of Indonesian Muslim Sardjana].

See sardjana/sarjana

Perti Persatuan Tarbijah Islamijah [Islamic

Educational Association]; the West Sumatra-

based traditionalist association

D.,	T. 1
Pesantren	Traditional (boarding) Islamic school; place for religious instruction in Java. See <i>surau</i>
Pesantren Luhur	Advanced <i>Pesantren</i>
Peta	Pembela Tanah Air. Fatherland Defence Force
1 εια	(set up during the Japanese Occupation)
PI	Perhimpunan Indonesia [Indonesian
11	_
DII	Association]
PII	Peladjar Islam Indonesia [Union of Indonesian
DIZ	Islamic High School Students]
PK	Partai Keadilan [Justice Party]
PKB	Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa [National
DIFF	Awakening Party]
PKI	Partai Komunis Indonesia [Indonesian
	Communist Party]
PMII	Pergerakan Mahasiswa Islam Indonesia
	[Indonesian Islamic University Student
	Movement]; A union of NU university
	students
<i>PMKRI</i>	Perhimpunan Mahasiswa Katolik Indonesia
	[Union of Indonesian Catholic University
	Students]
PNI	Partai Nasional Indonesia [Indonesian
	National Party]
PPKI	Panitia Persiapan Kemerdekaan Indonesia
	[Committee for the Preparation of Indonesian
	Independence]
PPMI	Perserikatan Perhimpunan Mahasiswa
	Indonesia [The Federation of Indonesian
	University Student Organizations]
PPP	Partai Persatuan Pembangunan [United
	Development Party]
PPPKI	Permufakatan Perhimpunan-Perhimpunan
	Politik Kebangsaan Indonesia [Federation of
	Political Organizations of Indonesian People]
P3M	Perkumpulan Pengembangan Pesantren dan
	Masyarakat [Association for Pesantren and
	Community Development]
Prijaji/Priyayi	Javanese nobility; member of the Javanese
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	official (administrative) class
	official (administrative) class

PSI Partai Sosialis Indonesia. Indonesian Socialist

Party

PSII Partai Syarikat Islam Indonesia [Indonesian

Islamic Union Party]. See SI

Reformasi [Reform]; generally meaning political

liberalization and economic transparency. Also used to refer to the period following Suharto's

fall

Repelita Rencana Pembangunan Lima Tahun [Five-Year

Development Plan]

RHS Rechtshoogeschool [College of Law]

RUSI The Republic of the United States of

Indonesia

Santri Student, pupil (of the pesantren or religious

school in Java); also member of the devout

Islamic community

Sardjana/sarjana Degree holders or scholars

Sarekat Dagang Islam See SDI Sarekat Islam See SI

SDI Sarekat Dagang Islam [Islamic Commercial

Association]

Sekolah [School]. The (modern) schools following the

Western educational system

SI Sarekat Islam [Islamic Union]; A proto-

nationalist association with Islamic colour,

established in 1912

SIS Studenten Islam Studieclub [Muslim Students'

Study Club]

Sorogan A method of teaching in pesantren based on

individual-centred learning in which a student [santri] sits in front of a religious scholar [kjai]

to read a religious text

STI Sekolah Tinggi Islam [Advanced Islamic

School]

STOVIA School tot Opleiding van Inlandsche Artsen

[Training School for Native Doctors]

Surau Traditional Islamic school or place for

religious instruction in Central Sumatra:

equivalent of Javanese pesantren.

THS	Technische Hoogeschool [College of				
	Engineering]				
TNI	Tentara Nasional Indonesia [Indonesian				
	National Military]				
Tweede Klasse School	Second Class Native (elementary) School				
UGM	Universitas Gadjah Mada [Gadjah Mada State				
	University]				
UI	Universitas Indonesia [University of Indonesia]				
UII	Universitas Islam Indonesia [Islamic University				
	of Indonesia]				
Ulama	Islamic scholars; in Indonesia, it specifically				
	refers to scholars of religious knowledge				
Ummat/Ummah	Islamic community				
USDEK	Undang-Undang Dasar 1945 [the 1945 Constitution], Sosialisme Indonesia				
	[Indonesian socialism], Demokrasi terpimpin				
	[guided democracy], Ekonomi terpimpin				
	[guided economy], and Kepribadian Indonesia				
	[Indonesian identity]. Sukarno's ideology of				
	the 1960s.				
YLBHI	Yayasan Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Indonesia				
	[Foundation of Indonesian Legal Aid				
	Institutions]				
Weton(an)	A method of teaching in <i>pesantren</i> in which				
	students sit in a circle in front of the scholar				
	working on various texts. The kjai calls on				

are reading

various students to recite and clarify what they

FOREWORD

Yudi Latif's *Indonesian Muslim Intelligentsia and Power* is a study of great scope and importance. There is no comparable study of its kind in the extensive literature on Indonesia. Given its considerable scope and its critical historical argument, it is a book that should be essential reading for an understanding of Indonesian society and its current political development.

As a fundamental sociological inquiry, this book defines and discovers its subject. Its focus is on Indonesia's Muslim "intelligentsia" and its argument is that this "stratum" of society — barely recognized as such by other writers — has provided the critical Islamic discourse within the public sphere that enabled Muslims to define themselves and give direction to the Indonesian nation. This offers a new perception of Indonesia's history and it gives credit both to the centrality of ideas and to the role of those key historical figures in Indonesia who fostered this on-going intellectual discourse.

As a work of intellectual history, this book begins in the nineteenth century, setting out the colonial context within which individual Muslim intellectuals sought to obtain an education and create a place for themselves in colonial society. It then carries on into and through the twentieth century with the emergence of an "intelligentsia" and its varied struggle to gain recognition and political authority. As such, the book charts a succession of generations whose popular designations, in each period, give a sense of the historical embeddedness of their intellectual horizons. From *kaum moeda*, *bangsawan pikiran*, and *pemoeda peladjar* to *sarjana* and *cendiakawan*, successive generations of Indonesian Muslims have struggled both to take their place in a national setting and to engage with issues of significance for the Muslim world as a whole.

It is particularly pertinent to recognize that this book is itself an engagement with the discourse that it examines. Like those he studies, Dr Latif is an engaged intellectual. The critical analytic concepts that inform this book are drawn from a variety of intellectual sources. Thus, for example, Dr Latif draws upon the ideas of Mannheim, Gramsci, Foucault, and

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Habermas — to name a few of his sources of inspiration. He refashions and refocuses these ideas for his own analytic purposes and presents a coherent perception of the nation's past that complements classic studies of Indonesia by such writers as Benda, Feith, Legge or McVey.

Now is an appropriate time to reconsider Muslim intellectual discourse in Indonesia and to recognize how much it has always been linked to a wider global discourse. By considering the foundations of this public discourse and by tracing its development through the twentieth century to the present-day, this book provides a pivot for continuing discussions on the role of Islam in the twenty-first century. More than just a summary of the past, this book is a starting point for considering the future.

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