



The Institute of Asian and African Studies invites you to the

Workshop on Alternative Globalisations

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9.00 – 15.00

Humboldt-University Berlin
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Raum 500

'Globalisation' in its essence indicates the emergence of a global system. But is this globalising process in fact an inexorable, all encompassing trend? Are its effects the same in all parts of the world?

The workshop explores the proposition that there are 'Alternative Globalisations', which seek to challenge contemporary hegemonies and givens. Its starting point will be the examination of a 'South-South' globalisation that is the consequence of a specific Islamic education network centred in the Indian subcontinent. This is the focus of one of the latest research projects by PD Dr. Dietrich Reetz & Dr. Farish Noor of the 'Zentrum Moderner Orient' or ZMO. Further regional specialists from the Institute of Asian and African Studies and other institutions will contribute to this workshop in order to examine 'alternative globalisations'

To attend, please register by sending an email to schwinbe@cms.hu-berlin.de

PROGRAMME

9:00-10:00	Prof. Vincent Houben <i>Historical Connections of Asia and Africa</i> Dr. Farish Noor & PD Dr. Dietrich Reetz <i>Transcultural Mediation of Islamic Knowledge</i>
	Break
10:10-11.10	Dr. Alexander Horstmann <i>Re-Enchanting Islam: Utopian Thinking in the Al Arqam and Tablighi Jemmat Movements</i> Olaf Günther <i>Community, Identity and Stability'. Do we always look for a brave new world? Eschatological Substructures of Globalising Ideas</i>
	Break
11:20-12:20	Frederik Holst <i>'The Internet' as a Tool for Alternative Globalisation – A Short Malaysian Case Study</i> Daria Isachenko <i>Art of Being State</i>
	Lunch
13:20-14:20	Ines Stolpe <i>Self-Exotization and Double-Talk: Framing the Term 'Nomadism' In- and Outside Dominant Western Discourses</i> Prof. Dr. Flora Veit-Wild <i>Zimboldicious – New Strategies of Verbal Exchange and Expression in a Bilingual Cultural Setting: The Case of Zimbabwe.</i>
	Break
14:30-15:00	Discussion

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