COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HS4022 / Sociology of Islam in the Malay World

Pre-requisites : HS1001 Person and Society
                HS2001 Classical Social Theory,
                HS2002 Doing Social Research,
                HS3001 Contemporary Social Theory,
                HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics

No. of AUs. : 4 AUs

Contact Hours : 52 Hours

Course Aims

This module explores the effects of the modernization project upon the religious life of the Malays. By employing sociological insights, the course provides theoretical tools to critically examine the strategies various Muslim and non-Muslim social groups in the Malay World adopt to respond and adjust to these social processes. It will study themes such as popular youth cultures, religious ideologies, socio-economic development, social movements and state management to disentangle the ways in which global processes such as the increasing securitization besieging the September 11 generation and living in an age of migration are experienced within the context of pietization in the Malay World.

This module aims to afford students with an empathetic understanding of the forms of piety and religious institutions of the Muslims in SEA, the factors and transformations that influence the different aspects of their lives (popular culture, workplace, education etc.), their significance, and challenges in the context of globalization, technological change and the management of religiosity in the face of secularization and multiculturalism/multiracialism. It seeks to develop perspectives on the study of Islam in SEA through employing theoretical tools derived from the sociology of religion. Students will also learn the techniques of searching for new sources to study Islam in SEA, formulate critical questions and prepare a well-researched paper based on the themes of the course.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Apply key concepts and sociological theories developed within classical and contemporary sociology in general, and in the sociology of Islam specifically, to address lived experiences, the trends and policies of social control in different countries.

2. Analyze power relationships and social governance to evaluate social statuses such as piety, ethnicity, gender and social class.

3. Compare policy responses and social norms of different countries across space and time with regards to evolving understandings of religion.
Course Content

Week 1: Theory, Scope and Key Concepts
Week 2: The Nature of Prejudice: Labeling Islam
Week 3: The Crisis of Religious Authority
Week 4: States’ Management of Islam
Week 5: Islam and Social Movements
Week 6: Educating Muslims
Week 7: Being Young and Muslim
Week 8: Recess Week
Week 9: Multiculturalism and Inter-Ethnic Relations
Week 10: Representations of Islam in Popular Culture
Week 11: Popular Religion and Halal-Consciousness
Week 12: Engendering Islam in Muslim Southeast Asia
Week 13: Muslim Life in the Age of the Internet

Course Assessment (To be specific)

CA1 : 20%
CA2 : 10%
CA3 : 10%
CA4 : 30%
Final Examination : 30%
Total : 100%