



Invitation

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Islam in China's Hong Kong: A Triple Muslim Heritage and Future Challenge

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Venue

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This presentation discusses Muslim identity formation in Hong Kong. It focuses on three diasporic groups and the future they face under China's reign. Three diasporic communities of Pakistani, Chinese Hui and Indonesian Muslims have been contributing their part to shape the distinctive Islamic culture of Hong Kong, distinguishing themselves from Muslim minorities in China, Southeast Asia and the West. Since the nineteenth century the history of Hong Kong's Muslims, as a minority in a Chinese-dominated and religiously diverse society could be more appropriately conceptualized as "hijra": Diverse flows of Muslims have been mobile in seeking a peaceful realm to practice their faith across the node of Hong Kong – China's frontier and treaty city – bridging East and West, a realm under global powers and a transient place for the Muslim pilgrims to meet and scatter.

The presentation will also discuss the future role, significance and the challenges of Islam in China's new global initiative "One Belt, One Road".

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