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## INVITATION BOOK PRESENTATION

# Islam Mobilized

by **Dr Farish A. Noor** and **PD Dr Dietrich Reetz**

at **Zentrum Moderner Orient**

Tuesday, 14 March 2006, 6.00 pm (s.t.)

Kirchweg 33, 14129 Berlin

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Dr Farish A. Noor and PD Dr Dietrich Reetz will present their latest extensive studies covering Islamic groups and movements in South and Southeast Asia that have recently caught the limelight of international politics and the media. The antecedents of Islamists from India, Pakistan and Malaysia are carefully documented and analysed, locating their historical evolution in a broader global context and drawing parallel developments that show how these movements are truly international in scope. From South Asia it is particularly the puritan Deobandis whose religious, political and social projects are detailed here. Their school of thought has inspired many religious parties and radical groups in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and India, including the well-known *Taliban* and their influence has extended as far as East Africa and Southeast Asia. For South East Asia it is the Islamist Party PAS which has made headlines by virtue of its oppositional clerical politics in Malaysia, as well as its defence of Muslim concerns in the whole region, including South Thailand. Both books place these movements in their proper historical context. Islamists from the two regions pursue similar concepts of Islamization of daily life and religious politics. The books also illustrate contacts and co-operation between these organisations, as in the case of the Malaysia's PAS and the *Jamaat' e Islami* of Pakistan. The books serve as standard references for journalists, politicians and specialists, but also for lay readers with an interest in the politics of the regions.

The photo-exhibition >MADRASAH: An Intimate Portrait of Life in the Religious Schools of India Today and their Global Connections< by Farish A Noor and Dietrich Reetz will be open to the public on March 14 as well. After the talk we cordially invite you to a glass of wine.

Reetz, Dietrich, 2006: [Islam in the public sphere: Religious Groups in India \(1900-1947\)](#). Delhi, London: Oxford University Press. 379 pp.

Noor, Farish, 2004: *Islam Embedded: The Historical Development of the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party PAS: 1951-2003*. (2 Vols.) Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Sociological Research Institute (MSRI). 842 pp.

**Directions: S-Bahn 1 or 7 Station Nikolassee (10 min. walk)**

**Bus 211 Station Waldhaus Klinik/Quantzstr.**

**Lageplan: <http://www.zmo.de/kontakt/LAGEPLAN2.pdf>**