

ARC Asia Pacific Futures Research Network Islam Node Convenor Report

In 2006 the Islam Node web-page was upgraded with an expanded database of node members, and a post-graduate data-base: <http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/islam/>

The post-grad data base is accessible to all and may be used to alert postgraduates of upcoming events and opportunities. Please feel free to direct any news items for circulation to the Islam Node, or the Post-grad list to Rebecca Barlow: rbar5@student.monash.edu

Successful ARC APFRN Projects

In 2006 TWO projects were successful in obtaining support from ARC APFRN. In the previous year we had FOUR. Islam Node initiatives were under-represented in 2006, even though the Signature Theme for 2006 (Media & Communication) had some direct relevance to studies of Islam and Muslim societies.

Successful Applicant: Dr Andrew Vincent
Affiliation: Macquarie University
Project Title: The Journalist and Islam: Competing Agendas, Political Correctness and the War on Terror
Amount Awarded: \$ 5,500

Successful Applicant: Dr Julian Millie
Affiliation: Monash University
Project Title: Islamic Culture(s), Nation-building and the Media:
Contemporary Issues
Amount Awarded: \$ 10000

Signature Themes:

Applications are now open for initiatives that related to the following signature themes.

[2007](#): Mobility and Health in Asia Pacific Populations (health and population)

[2008](#): Crossing Borders of Cultural Meanings in the Asia Pacific (culture and religion)

2009: Constructing Economic Foundations for the Future (trade and industry)

Successful Postgraduate Travel Grants

In 2006, the Islam Node initiated a post-graduate conference scheme (max \$500 per applicant) to allow p/g enrolled at any Australian University to present a paper at academic conferences in their area of research.

SEVEN applications were received and funded in 2006. List is presented below. Please bring this opportunity to the attention of your post-graduates.

Applicant: Ibrahim Abraham
Affiliation: Monash University
Supervisor: Dr Andrew Singleton
Conference: Annual Meeting of the Australian Association for the Study of Religions (University of South Australia, July 2006)

Applicant: Anisa Buckley
Affiliation: Melbourne University
Supervisor: Prof Abdullah Saeed
Conference: Sawt: Voices of women (Canberra Islamic Centre, 1-2 Sep. 2006)

Applicant: Damien Cheong
Affiliation: Monash University
Supervisor: A/Prof Shahram Akbarzadeh
Conference: Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies in Amman (Jordan 11-16 June 2006)

Applicant: Yaghoob Foroutan
Affiliation: Australian National University
Supervisor: Prof Peter McDonald
Conference: CSCI Colloquium "Muslims in the West: Integration or Exclusion?" (University of Melbourne, 22-23 Nov. 2006)

Applicant: Abdul Gaffar
Affiliation: Curtin University
Supervisor:
Conference: CSCI Islamic Studies Postgraduate Conference (University of Melbourne, 20-22 Nov. 2006)

Applicant: Halim Rane
Affiliation: Griffith University
Supervisor: Dr Mohamad Abdalla
Conference: CSCI Colloquium "Muslims in the West: Integration or Exclusion?" (University of Melbourne, 22-23 Nov. 2006)

Applicant: Emad Soliman
Affiliation: Griffith University
Supervisor: Dr Mohamad Abdalla
Conference: CSCI Colloquium “Muslims in the West: Integration or Exclusion?”
(University of Melbourne, 22-23 Nov. 2006)

Successful Applications ARC Grants (Discovery and Linkage)

In 2006 FOUR ARC projects involving node members were successful.

Applicants: A/Prof F Mansouri, A/Prof SM Kenny, and Prof DR Walker
Grant: Discovery
Affiliation: Deakin University
Project Title: Local Governance, Multiculturalism and Active Citizenship: The Case of Arab-Muslim Disapora in the West
Amount Awarded: \$180,000

Applicants: A/Prof S Akbarzadeh, Prof A Saikal, Prof J Piscatori, and Dr B Macqueen
Grant: Discovery
Affiliation: Monash University
Project Title: Democratising the Middle East: Implications of Washington’s Policies
Amount Awarded: \$438,776

Applicant: Dr JP Millie
Grant: Discovery
Affiliation: Monash University
Project Title: Preaching Islam: politics, performers, and publics in Indonesia
Amount Awarded: \$253,090

Applicants: A/Prof CJ Mews, Prof M Ariff, Prof M Skully, Dr AR Ghouse, Dr D Baker, Prof A Saeed
Grant: Linkage
Affiliation: Monash University
Project Title: Religion, Finance, and Ethics: Islamic and conventional perspectives on shared principles, practices, and financial institutions and instruments
Amount Awarded: \$158,000

Call for expression of interest

Islam node will fund initiatives to facilitate collaboration between node members. These could include preparatory meetings for discussing/drafting joint applications. In conformity with ARC Network guidelines, funds may be used to cover travel and accommodation expenses.

Enquires to be directed to Islam Node Convenor.

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