

ROBERT PHILIP BUCKLEY

A scholar of religion in Indonesia and the McGill head of the IAIN Indonesia Social Equity Project (2002-2010), Professor Buckley possesses extensive experience working with Islamic higher education in Indonesia through Canadian International Development Agency bilateral projects. He has taught and lectured throughout the network of State Institutes of Islamic Studies/State Islamic Universities and played an active administrative and academic role in outreach program development within this educational system. His academic interests include the place of religion within the public sphere in multi-religious societies, questions about pluralism and identity in Indonesia, and how publically funded Islamic universities can assume a lead role in social development in Indonesia. Along with administrative background in development projects, Professor Buckley also has an established record of academic leadership in Canada (Chair, Department of Philosophy 1998-2008; Chair, Department of East Asian Studies, 2014-2016). Professor Buckley's formal training and the majority of his publications are within the field of 20th century German philosophy.

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EDUCATION

Ph.D (in philosophy): UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN (Leuven), Belgium, 1985-91
Granted summa cum laude, May 8, 1991.

Ph.L: UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN (Leuven), Belgium, 1984-1985.
Licentiate degree granted magna cum laude, July, 1985.

M.A (in philosophy): UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Canada, 1981-1982.
Granted, November, 1982.

B.A.: UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (St. Michael's College), Canada, 1977-1981
Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies granted "with distinction," June, 1981

LANGUAGES

English (mother-tongue); Dutch (fluent S, R, W); German (fluent S,R,W); French (good R, moderate S, W); Latin (R), Bahasa Indonesia (good S, moderate R,W).

PRESENT EMPLOYER

McGill University: Chair, East Asian Studies; Professor, Department of Philosophy.

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PERTINENT EXPERIENCE

- Academic Director/McGill Head of CIDA's IAIN Indonesia Social Equity Project (IISEP) with financial responsibility for all Project funds (2004-2010)
- Team leader in Banda Aceh for Assessment Mission (February, 2005)
- Team leader in Banda Aceh for Design Mission (May, 2006) for IISEP-North Sumatra Project
- Teaching, outreach-activity implementation, and program development experience at UIN Jakarta, UIN Yogyakarta, IAIN Banda Aceh, UIN Alaudinn Makasar, IAIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya, IAIN Mataram, IAIN Palembang, STAIN Cirebon: (2000-2010)
- Academic Supervisor of Indonesian post-doctoral, Ph.D. and M.A. students in Indonesia and at McGill university (1996-2010)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2014-: Chair, Department of East Asian Studies, McGill University, Montréal, Québec, Canada

1998-2008: Chair, Department of Philosophy, McGill University, Montréal, Québec, Canada

1997- : Tenured Professor of Philosophy, McGill University, Montréal, Québec, Canada

2001-2013: Associate Faculty, McGill School of the Environment McGill University, Montréal, Québec, Canada

2011- : Associate Faculty, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, Montréal, Québec, Canada

2010-2013: Guest Professor, Department of Philosophy, Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), Wuhan, China

2005 (Nov-Dec): Visiting Professor, Graduate Faculty, UIN (State Islamic University) Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

2006 (Spring); 2005 (Spring), 2004 (Spring), 2000 (Spring): Visiting Professor, Graduate Faculty, UIN (State Islamic University) Jakarta, Indonesia.

1993-1997: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, McGill University, Montréal, Québec, Canada.

1992-1993: Assistant Professor, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

1990-1992: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Post-doctoral Fellow at the Husserl-Archive, University of Louvain (Leuven), Belgium.

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SERVICE AND ASSIGNMENTS IN INDONESIA

2010-present:

- Co-director, McGill-UIN Research Centre, State Islamic University, Jakarta

2009:

- Short-term teaching assignments: UIN Alauddin Makassar (July); IAIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya (June), IAIN Mataram (November);

2008:

- Planning and Establishment of UIN-McGill Canadian Resource Centre at UIN Jakarta (with Department of Foreign Affairs, Canada): launched in December

2007:

- Technical Mission (Program Evaluation) to Pascasarjana (Graduate Studies) UIN Jakarta (December)
- Short-term teaching assignment at IAIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya (May/June)
- Planning and Establishment of UIN-McGill Canadian Resource Centre at UIN Yogyakarta (with Department of Foreign Affairs, Canada): launched in December

2006:

- Team Leader: CIDA Design Mission for IISEP-North Sumatra Project, Banda Aceh, Indonesia (May); PIP approved (December)
- Visiting Professor, Graduate Faculty, UIN Jakarta (January-April)

2005:

- Visiting Professor, Graduate Faculty, UIN Yogyakarta (Nov-Dec)
- Visiting Professor, Graduate Faculty, UIN Jakarta (May-June)
- Team Leader: CIDA Assessment Mission to investigate damage to IAIN Ar-Raniry, Banda Aceh (report submitted to CIDA March, 2005)

2004:

- Visiting Professor, Graduate Faculty, UIN Jakarta (January-April)

2003:

- Research Collaboration with MoRA's Office of Research, Development and Training on Religious/Ethnic Identity and Democratic Citizenship (February/November)

2002:

- Coordinator and speaker at International Conference in Jakarta on "Islam in Indonesia: Islamic Studies and Social Transformation" (November)

2000:

- Visiting Professor, Graduate Faculty, UIN Jakarta (January-April)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

University Administration: Chair, Department of Philosophy, McGill University, 1998-2008; Chair, Department of East Asian Studies, 2014-2016.

Coordinating/Conducting Research Activities: Team-leader, Joint Research Projects with UIN Jakarta funded by the Canadian International Development Agency within the context of the McGill-IISEP Project, 2003 (Indonesia and Identity) and 2000-2001 (Environmental Ethics and Islam); recipient of research funding/fellowships from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRCC); Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD); Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC); Government of Belgium (Vlaamse Gemeenschap).

Assuring Academic Quality: external reviewer of numerous departments of philosophy in Canada, United States, Indonesia; Chair of numerous tenure-committees – McGill University; external

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reviewer for tenure/promotion cases at other Canadian and American Universities; Blind peer reviewer for numerous academic presses and journals; internal member of the Review committee for SSHRCC Standard Research Grants Adjudication Committee (1999); external reviewer for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRCC) Standard Research Grant applications (1994, 1997, 2000, 2001)

SELECTED INDONESIAN-RELATED PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Selected Articles on Indonesia and/or Religion/Culture:

“Phenomenology at the Borders of Religion,” in *Border-Crossing: Phenomenology, Interculturality and Interdisciplinarity*, ed. Yu Chung Chi and Kwok-ying Lau (Wuerzburg: Koeningshausen and Neumann, 2013), pp. 171-184.

“Phänomenologie und der indonesische Islam” in *Die Tradition einer Zukunft. Perspektiven der Religionsphilosophie*. Florian Uhl unter Mitarb. v. Sylvia Melchardt u. Artur R. Boelderl, Hgg (Berlin: Parerga 2011 (=Schriften der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Religionsphilosophie, Bd. 10), 2011), pp. 261-291.

“Religious Pluralism in Indonesia” in *Diversity/Diversité*, 4/3 (Autumn, 2005), pp. 27-30.

“The Idea of a Religious Culture: Pre- or Post-modern?” in *Islam in Indonesia: Islamic Studies and Social Transformation*, ed. Fu’ad Jabali and Jamhari (Montreal/Jakarta, 2002), pp. 3-11.

Selected Presentations in/on Indonesia:

“Religion and Culture: A Marriage not Always Made in Heaven”, International Bridge Conference on Reason, Ethics and Culture, National Sun-Yat-Sen University, Kaoshiung, Taiwan, June 13, 2014

“Mendorong Pluralism dan Mengelola Keragaman,” Universitas Islam Negeri Alauddin, Makassar, Sulawesi, May 30, 2014

“Language and Culture: The Basis of Our World(s),” UIN Bandung, Seminar Internasional Budaya dan Bahasa, Bandung, West Java, May 17, 2014

“Education Management and Models of Rationality: A Contribution from Philosophy,” UIN Bandung, West Java, May 16, 2014

“Humanities and Social Sciences in the Study of Religion: Issues and Innovations in Islamic Higher Education in Indonesia,” Universitas Islam Riau, Pekanbaru, Sumatra, April 3, 2014

“Religion within public sphere in multi-religious societies: the case of Canada,” Universitas Islam Negeri Sultan Syarif Kasim, Riau, Sumatra, April 2, 2014.

“Bahasa dan Budaya,” Seminar Nasional di Departemen Agama Indonesia, Universitas Islam Negeri, Jakarta, March 22, 2014.

“The Québec Issue: Canada’s Experience of Pluralism and Future Possibilities,” Universitas Mulawarman, Samarinda, Kalimantan, Indonesia, March 7, 2014

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“Refleksi filosofis dan konstitusional tentang pluralisme,” Pascasarjana, State Islamic Institute, Banjarmasin, March 6, 2014.

“Religion within public sphere in multi-religious societies: the case of Canada”, Wednesday Forum, CRCs, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, March 5, 2014

“Indonesia and Leadership in the Promotion of Democracy”, Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana, Salatiga, Indonesia, March 5, 2014

“Philosophical and Constitutional Reflections on Multiculturalism: A Comparative Perspective, ” Universitas Brawijaya, Malang, Indonesia, March 4, 2014

“The Québec Issue: Canada’s Experience of Pluralism and Future Possibilities”, Universitas Muhammadiyah, Malang, March 3, 2014

“Humanities and Social Sciences in the Study of Religion: Issues and Innovations in Islamic Higher Education in Indonesia,” UIN Malang, March 3, 2014

“Masa Depan Toleransi Indonesia,” Pusat Kajian Pesantren dan Demokrasi Hasyim Asy’ari, Pesantren Teibuireng, Indonesia, March 2, 2014

“Philosophical and Constitutional Reflections on Diversity from a Comparative Perspective” State Islamic University of Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, December 17, 2013.

“Beyond Instrumentalism and Orientalism: Reflections on Internationalization in the Context of Indonesian Higher Education” at International Conference on Internationalization of Higher Islamic Education, State Islamic University of Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia, December 9, 2013

“Philosophical foundations of multiculturalism: learning to think about diversity” at International Conference on Multiculturalism, State Institute of Islamic Studies Padang, Padang Indonesia, December 3, 2013.

“A lack of feeling: on the missing aesthetic element in Caputo’s phenomenology of religion” Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, July 30, 2012

“Democracy and Religious Freedom in Indonesia”, Humanities and Public Life Conference, Dawson College, Montréal, October 25, 2011

“Indonesia and Leadership in the promotion of Democracy,” Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade’s Series of Global Rebalancing Fast Talks, Ottawa/Montréal/Jakarta (Webinar), March 10, 2011

“Research Capacity and Development”, Conference on the Contribution of McGill Alumni to Research in Indonesia, School of Graduate Studies, State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia, April 25, 2011

“The Many Forms of Democracy” at International Conference on Islam and Democracy, UIN Alauddin, Makassar, Indonesia, July 30, 2010

“The nature of “religiosity” in Indonesia,’ Humanities and Public Life Conference, Dawson College,

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Montreal, March 25, 2010.

“Epistemological Foundations of Multicultural Education” at International Conference on Multicultural education in the Islamic Context’ UIN Alauddin, Makassar, October 25, 2009

“Community Development and the New Model of Islamic Higher Education” Seminar Internasional Pembangunan Kesejahteraan, STAIN Cirebon, July 15, 2009

“Whose Progress is it? Authenticity vs. Orientalism in the Discussion of “Progressive” Islam”, International Conference on Debating Progressive Islam: A Global Perspective, UIN Jakarta, July 27, 2009

“Developing Context Sensitive Programs in Pascasarjana”, Workshop for IAIN/MORA participants, McGill University, May, 2009

“Multiculturalism in Religion, Democracy, Modernization,” address at the opening of the UIN-McGill Canadian Resource Centre, UIN Jakarta, December 4, 2008

“Pluralism, Identity and Difference in Occidental approaches to (Indonesian) Islam” World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, Korea, August 4, 2008

“Authenticity vs. Orientalism?: the Interpretation of Islam in Indonesia in The Religion of Java”. Annual conference of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature, University of Melbourne, Australia, July 3, 2008

“Islamic law and Constitutionalism”, in the “Islam and Contemporary Issues series” MUIS (Singaporean Council of Islam), Singapore, February 22, 2008

“Identity, Difference and Pluralism”, address at the opening of the UIN-McGill Canadian Resource Centre, UIN Yogyakarta, December 10, 2007

“Phaenomenologie und der indonesische Islam”, Konferenz “Regionsphilosophie des Judentums und des Islam,” Universitaet Linz, Austria, June 14, 2007

“Islamic Law and the Modern State: a Philosophical Analysis”, International Conference on the Implementation of Shari’a in Aceh Province, Banda Aceh, Indonesia, July 20, 2007

“Constitutionalism and the Public Space of Religion,” UIN Jakarta, May 24, 2006

“Social Work and Models of Rationality,” Faculty of Graduate Studies, State Islamic University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, December 17, 2005.

“Approaches to Pluralism in a Global Environment,” Seminar Publik “Masa depan pluralisms,: Kommunitas Syir”ah, Jakarta, November 29, 2005. (Invited by DFAIT Canada)

The Québec Issue: Canada’s Experience of Pluralism and Future Possibilities,” Studium generale, Graduate Program in American Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Indonesia, Jakarta, November 28, 2005 (Invited by DFAIT Canada)

“Identity and Difference: The Two *Necessary* Parts of Dialogue and Pluralism,” International Conference “Quo Vadis Islamic Studies in Indonesia”, Makassar, November 26, 2005

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“Universities as Imagined Communities”, International Conference on “The Idea(l) of an Indonesian Islamic University,” Yogyakarta, Indonesia, December 8, 2004

“Globalization, Technology, Religion,” IAIN Palembang, Sumatera, Indonesia, April 30, 2004.

“Individual and Community: Phenomenological Reflections on Indonesia,” IAIN Palembang, Sumatera, Indonesia, April 29, 2004.

“Phenomenology and Politics: Husserlian Reflections on Reformasi,” Faculty of Theology, State Islamic University of Jakarta, August 15, 2002.

"Religion and technology" Graduate Faculty, IAIN Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Indonesia, November 25, 2000

"The Praxis of Research" Jadwal Kegiatan Workshop Pengembangan Agenda Riser, Bogor, Indonesia, March 27, 2000.