



## Links with Indonesia Strengthened

### State visit of HE Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

On Wednesday 31 October, the Centre's Patron, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, hosted HE Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, at Clarence House during the President's State Visit to the United Kingdom.

President Yudhoyono was given a briefing on the work of the Centre, its longstanding academic links with Indonesia and its broader interests in South East Asian studies.

Indonesian academics had spent time at the Centre and there had also been visits to Oxford by senior Indonesians from public life. Indonesian students had studied for degrees at the University of Oxford supported by the Centre's scholarships.

The importance of environmental policy in the Muslim world, and our Patron's lecture on "Islam and the Environment", were also topics of discussion.

President Yudhoyono also met the Centre's newly appointed Al Bukhari Fellow in the History of Islam

in South East Asia and a graduate Centre Scholar from Indonesia.



*The Director with HE Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and The Prince of Wales at Clarence House in October*

## Unity not Uniformity in Modern India

### Lecture by India's Minister of Law

On Thursday 11 October the Centre hosted the Minister of Law and Minorities of India. For Mr Salman Khurshid it was an academic homecoming as he studied for his Bachelor of Common Law degree in Oxford and later taught law at Trinity College.

For his lecture, Mr Khurshid chose the topic of "Unity not Uniformity: The Politics of Modern India". He explained, from personal experience, how minority issues are managed in the Indian context and the challenges and opportunities involved. He argued that diversity was fundamental



*HE Mr Salman Khurshid, Minister of Law, Justice and Minority Affairs, delivers a lecture in Oxford in October*

to the richness of our societies and its protection was essential to successful social and economic development.

After the lecture Mr Khurshid was the guest at a dinner hosted by the Centre which was attended by many senior members of the Law Faculty of the University of Oxford.

Mr Khurshid also conducted a reading from his celebrated play "The Sons of Babur", which addresses, in dramatic form, elements of Muslim history in India. The reading was chaired by the Provost of Worcester, Professor Jonathan Bate.

The Centre congratulates its guest on his subsequent appointment as Minister of External Affairs.

## Visiting Fellows

The following have been awarded Visiting Fellowships during the current academic year:

### **Dr Mahmoud Abdulrahim**

PhD (Liverpool)  
Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences  
Chevening Visiting Fellow

### **Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar**

Former Chair, Securities Commission Malaysia  
Visiting Fellow

### **Dr Bassem Awadallah**

BSc (Georgetown); MSc, PhD (LSE)  
Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz  
Visiting Fellow

### **Dr Scott Flower**

BA (University of Canterbury New Zealand); MA, PhD (ANU); Monash University  
Visiting Fellow

### **Dr Munif Nordin**

BA (al-Azhar); MA, PhD (University of Malaya); University Utara Malaysia  
Visiting Fellow

### **Dr Degang Sun**

BA (Anhui Institute); MA, PhD (Shanghai International University)  
Visiting Fellow

### **Professor Siham A.M. Al-Fraih**

PhD (Cairo University)  
Kuwait University  
Visiting Fellow

### **Dr Siti Normala Sheik Obid**

International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur  
Visiting Fellow

## New Arrivals

### New Fellows join the Centre

The Centre welcomed three new Fellows to Oxford at the start of the academic year, in both teaching and research appointments.

### Al Bukhari Fellowship in the History of Islam in South East Asia

Dr Kevin Fogg has been appointed to the Al Bukhari Fellowship in the History of Islam in South East Asia. He was previously at Yale University. He completed his doctorate on aspects of the history of Islam in Indonesia, where he has been a frequent visitor to conduct fieldwork for his research. As well as pursuing



*Dr Kevin Fogg*

his academic interests at the Centre, Dr Fogg joins the Faculty of History of the University of Oxford. This appointment significantly enhances the Centre's capabilities for both teaching and research on South East Asia.

### Salahuddin Abdul Jawad Research Fellowship

Dr Asma Mustafa has been appointed to the Salahuddin Abdul Jawad Research Fellowship at the Centre and also as an Adjunct Fellow at Linacre College, Oxford. She will be building on her doctoral research at the University of Oxford, in the field of issues related to Muslims in Britain

which has long been one of the Centre's key research interests. She will also play a leading role in delivering the annual Young Muslim Leadership Programme, which will be conducting its 8th annual programme in August next year.



*Dr Asma Mustafa*

### Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science Instructor in Arabic

Dr Lamia Jamal-Aldin joins the Centre as the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science Instructor in Arabic. As well as teaching courses at the Centre, which are open to members of the University and also outside students, Dr Jamal-Aldin has an important teaching role at the Oriental Faculty of the University. Dr Jamal-Aldin's most recent university teaching appointment was as Teaching Fellow of Arabic at University College London. She holds degrees from the Universities of Brunel and Sussex and has also held academic posts in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.



*Dr Lamia Jamal-Aldin*

### Visiting Scholar in Islamic Finance

This year the Centre welcomes its first Scholar in Residence in Islamic Finance, Dr Amir Shaharuddin, under a joint programme with the Securities Commission, Malaysia. This provides for an academic expert, or practitioner, to spend an academic year in Oxford pursuing research and building on the Centre's continuing research interests in Islamic Finance and the Centre's links with the Securities Commission in this field.



*Dr Amir Shaharuddin*

## Oxford Open Doors

The Centre's new building threw open its doors to the public in September as part of Oxford Open Doors 2012. Visitors had the chance to look inside the Centre Building under construction on Marston Road.

Volunteers from the Centre's staff showed the visitors around and the event generated much positive interest in the Centre's role.

## Political Economy of the Middle East

The Centre held a series of Seminars on 'New Perspectives on Middle Eastern Political Economy' during Michaelmas Term. The programme included:

Paul Segal, Sussex University, *Resource Rents, Redistribution and Poverty Reduction: Lessons for the Middle East*.

Faisal Ahmad, Nuffield College, *Aid, Remittances and Democratization in MENA*.

James MacDougall, Trinity College, *The Political Economy of "Reform" and its Discontents: Algeria in the 1980s*.

Richard Auty, Lancaster University, *From Resource Curse to Rent Curse: Towards a New Political Economy of the Middle East*.

Mohammed Saleh, Toulouse School of

Economics, *On the Road to Heaven: Poll Tax, Religion and Human Capital in Medieval and Modern Egypt*.

Eric Chaney, Harvard University, *Revolt on the Nile: Economic Shocks, Religion and Political Power*.

A roundtable on the *Practise of Economic Development in the Middle East*, with Danny Quah, London School of Economics, Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar, Former Chair, Securities Commission, Malaysia, Bassem Awadallah and Adeel Malik.

A Panel on *Islamic Law and Long-term Economic Change* with Kevin O'Rourke (Chair), All Souls, Kenneth Pomeranz, Chicago, Metin Cosgel, Connecticut and Adeel Malik.

## Islamic Ethics Seminars

The Centre held a series of Seminars in Trinity Term on 'Islamic Ethics: Looking at Classical and Contemporary Perspectives'. Participants included:

Dr Jasser Auda, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, *The Relationship between Islamic Ethics and Islamic Law*.

Dr Ayman Shihadeh, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, *Theories of Ethical Value in Medieval Islamic Thought: A New Interpretation*.

Professor Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto, *Indeterminacy and Islamic Ethics: The*

*Primacy of the Political*.

Dr Mohammed Ghaly, Leiden University, *Islam and Medical Ethics*.

Dr Musharraf Hussain, Karimia Institute, Nottingham, *The Development of Ethics and Spirituality through Islamic Law*.

Profesor Mona Siddiqui, Edinburgh University, *Reflections on Friendship in Islamic and Western Thought*.

Professor Sajjad Rizvi, Exeter University, *The Moral Universe of the Dars-e-Nizami: Elite Culture and the Study of Philosophy in (Post-) Mughal North India*.

## New scholars join the Centre

The Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of the following new Scholars: Ms Farania Rangkuti (DPhil Zoology), St John's College, *Yousef Jameel Scholar*; Ms Nor Ilham Ainaa Binti Muhsin (DPhil Genetics), Wolfson College, *Merdeka Scholar*; Miss Anam Riaz (BA Law), Lady Margaret Hall, *Easa Saleh Al Gurg Scholar*; Mr Kawsar Zaman (BCL), Mansfield College, *Tun Mahathir Scholar*; Mr Zain Iqbal (BA Philosophy, Politics and

Economics), Brasenose College, *Amanah Foundation Scholar*; Mr Naveed Javaid (BA Economics and Management), Pembroke College, *Easa Saleh Al Gurg Scholar*. In addition the graduates of Trinity Term 2012 include: Ms Rima Majed, *Yousef Jameel Scholar*; Mr Yousef Saleem Chughtai, *Noon Scholar*; Mr Adnan Waqas Sarwar, *Kasim Darwesh Fakhro Scholar*; Mr Imad Ahmed, *Kasim Darwesh Fakhro Scholar*; Mr Musab Younis, *Kasim Darwesh Fakhro Scholar*.

## CHCI Conference on Islam and the Humanities

In September the Centre co-hosted a two day conference with the Consortium of Humanities Centres and Institutes (CHCI) on the topic of "Islam and the Humanities". The Consortium of Humanities Centres and Institutes is an international membership group comprised of organizations devoted to humanities research, teaching and public engagement. Members of the CHCI International Advisory Board, scholars and leaders in the humanities from around the world attended the conference and discussed the major intellectual themes that occupy scholars in the Muslim world and the changing face of educational institutions.

### Dr Scott Flower leads workshop at the Centre

Dr Scott Flower (OCIS Visiting Fellow) convened an international workshop on the Tablighi Jamaat between 14-18 October, co-sponsored by the Gerda Henkel and the Wenner-Gren Foundations.

Eighteen leading scholars discussed change and continuity within the world's largest trans-national Islamic revivalist movement over the last decade.

The workshop linked up scholars in the field and fostered inter-generational exchange of information between senior and emerging scholars.

The workshop papers will result in a book to be published in 2013 and a new virtual network to facilitate future research collaboration.

# An Expanding Academic Programme

## Annual Trustees Meeting at Ditchley Park



*The Centre's Trustees met in September at Ditchley Park*

The Centre's Trustees held their annual meeting this year in September at Ditchley Park, Oxfordshire, to review the Centre's latest year of activity and to plan for the future. Their first stop was in Oxford to see the progress of work on the interiors of the new building.

In their meetings they took a thorough look at the progress achieved by the Centre in all fields. They commended new appointments to the Fellowship and noted the continuing importance of the Scholarship programmes, which currently support 27 graduate and undergraduate students studying for degrees at Oxford.

The Trustees also reviewed the Visiting Fellowship and Publications programmes. A record number of academics from around the world would be in Oxford in the year ahead as Centre Visiting Fellows, participating in the academic life of the Centre and Oxford more widely. New publications were also planned and the Centre's Journal of Islamic Studies was attracting an ever wider readership.

Finally the Trustees looked ahead at future prospects for expansion of academic activity and discussed priority areas for the Centre's future research and teaching.