

Third Bielefeld Colloquium on Southeast Asia"The Interpretative Study of Java"

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The colloquium was held within the Southeast Asian Research and Training Programme of the Sociology of Development Research Centre at the University of Bielefeld and could convene because of the financial assistance of the Volkswagen Foundation and the cooperation of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) that made its seminar facilities available for its deliberations.

The organizers of the colloquium, Prof. Hans-Dieter Evers and Dr. Niels Mulder, were successful in bringing together a number of their colleagues who are actively engaged in the study of Javanese culture and society. These colleagues consisted of a core-group of seven scholars who presented papers. They were Prof. Denys Lombard and Dr. Marcel Bonneff (University of Paris), Dr. Mark Hobart (SOAS, University of London), Dr. Hermann Kulke (University of Heidelberg), Dr. Margarete Schweizer (University of Köln), Mr. Tilman Schiel (Free University of Berlin), and Dr. Niels Mulder (University of Bielefeld. This core-group also included Dr. Bernhard Dahm (University of Kiel) who chaired one of the sessions and Prof. Hans-Dieter Evers, who introduced and summarized the deliberations.

The colloquium further attracted the participation of eight European scholars. They were Prof. Marschall (University of Bern), Dr. Müller (University of München), Prof. Wagner and Mr. Gerken (University of Bremen), Mr. Bernhammer (University of Gießen), Dr. Quarles van Ufford and Mr. Rienks (Free University, Amsterdam), and Mr. Holtzappel (University of Leyden). The deliberations were furthermore attended by Dr. Wittwer (Volkswagen Foundation) and eight graduate students from the Southeast Asian Research and Training Programme.

With so many competent people convening, the colloquium became a very intensive exercise in the exchange of thought. It was therefore a good and gratifying idea to have built in ample time for informal discussions that were held in the evening of the first day at the home of Prof. Evers, where virtually all participants and attending students showed up, and during the second on a walk to and at lunch and later at Dr. Mulder's apartment.

The relatively small size of the colloquium enabled all participants to get personally known to each other and to pursue discussions in their particular specialized fields of interest. In this sense both plenary discussions and private exchange of thought contributed to the successful fulfilment of the colloquium. As an afterthought it may therefore be stated that the very size and the short duration of the meeting appears to be an ideal and very effective form of scholarly confrontation, stimulating creativity and new interpretations within the broad subject of shared interest.

The following papers were presented:

Tilman Schiel: "Majapahit and Modern Java; Rethinking the Concept of Dual Economy"

Denys Lombard: "The Islamic Culture of the Pasisir in Relation to Other Parts of Java"

Marcel Bonneff: "The Social Influence of Islam: the kauman santri"

Margarete Schweizer: "Religion and Social Stratification in a santri Village in Klaten"

Niels Mulder: "Individual and Society in Contemporary Java"

Mark Hobart: "Is Interpretation Incompatible with Knowledge? The Problem of whether the Javanese Shadow Play has Meaning"

Hermann Kulke: "Legitimation and State Formation in Early Java"

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Internationale Tagung über Chinesisches Recht

Vom 3. bis 5. März 1981 fand in Wien die Internationale Tagung über chinesisches Recht statt, die vom österreichischen Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institut für China- und Südostasienforschung (Leitung: Dr. jur. habil. Gerd Kaminski) in Zusammenarbeit mit der Universität Bochum (Abt. Ostasienwissenschaften Sektor Politische Wissenschaften, Priv.Doiz. Dr. Konrad Wegmann) veranstaltet wurde, und unter der Schirmherrschaft des österreichischen Bundesministers für Justiz, Dr. Christian Broda, und des Bundesministers für