



## Academic Prize

**Azyumardi AZRA**

Indonesia

*Historian (Professor of History and Director of Graduate School, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta)**Born March 4, 1955***BIOGRAPHY**

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- 1955 Born in Lubukalung, West Sumatra, Indonesia
- 1982 Drs. (Islamic Education), Syarif Hidayatullah State Institute for Islamic Studies Jakarta, Indonesia
- 1988 M.A. (Middle Eastern Studies), Columbia University, New York
- 1992 Ph.D. (History), Columbia University, New York \* M.Phil. (History) in 1990
- 1994-95 Fellow, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies
- 1998-99 Member, Selection Committee, Southeast Asia Studies Research Exchange Program, sponsored by Toyota Foundation
- 1998-2002 Rector, Syarif Hidayatullah State Institute for Islamic Studies Jakarta
- 2002-06 Rector, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta
- 2004-09 Member, Indonesian National Research Council
- Honorary Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne, Australia
- 2004-11 Member, Board of Trustees, International Islamic University, Pakistan
- 2004- Founder and Member, Advisory Board, Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia
- Life-time member, Indonesian Academy of Sciences
- 2005 Doctoral Degree Honoris Causa (Human Letters), Carroll College, Montana
- Awarded for the outstanding contribution to the modernization of Islamic education in Indonesia by The Asia Foundation for its 50th Anniversary
- Awarded the 'Bintang Mahaputra Utama'
- 2005- Member, Advisory/Management Board, Asian Research Foundation /Asian Muslim Action Network, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2006-08 Member, Advisory Board, UN Democracy Fund, New York
- 2006-09 Member, Academic Development Committee, Aga Khan International University-Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London
- Co-chair of United Kingdom-Indonesia Muslim Advisory Council
- 2007-09 Deputy for Social Welfare, Office of Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia
- 2007-13 Board Member, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
- 2007- Professor of History and Director of Graduate School, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta
- Member, International Selection Committee, Asian Public Intellectual Fellowship Program, The Nippon Foundation, Tokyo
- 2008-09 Member, Council of Faith, World Economic Forum, Davos
- 2008- Member, Board of Advisors, Bali Democracy Forum/Institute for Peace and Democracy, Jakarta/Bali
- 2010 Commander of the Order of British Empire
- 2010-12 President, International Association of Historians of Asia
- 2012- Chairman, Asian Muslim Action Network, Bangkok
- Chairperson, Advisory Board, Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia

## MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Azymardi AZRA

*Perspektif Islam di Asia Tenggara* [Perspectives of Islam in Southeast Asia] (editor) (Indonesian), Jakarta: Yayasan Obor Indonesia, 1985.

*Shibkah al-Ulama* [Networks of the Ulama-Muslim Scholars] (Arabic), Jakarta: Kementerian Agama RI, 1996.

*Sharia' and Politics in Indonesia* (co-editor), Singapore: ISEAS, 2003.

*The Origins of Islamic Reformism in Southeast Asia: Networks of Malay-Indonesian and Middle Eastern 'Ulama' in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries*, Crows Nest, Australia: Asian Studies Association of Australia and Allen & Unwin; Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press; Leiden: KITLV Press, 2004.

*Japan, Islam, the Muslim World and Indonesia: Past and Present*, Jakarta: The Japan Foundation, 2005.

*Indonesia, Islam and Democracy: Dynamics in a Global Context*, U.S.A.: Solstice Publishing, 2006.

*Islam in the Indonesian World: An Account of Institutional Formation*, Bandung: Mizan Pustaka, 2006.

*Ensiklopedi Tasawuf* [Encyclopedia of Islam] (editor) (Indonesian), 3 volumes, Bandung: Angkasa, 2008.

*Islam beyond Conflict: Indonesian Islam and Western Political Theory* (contributing editor), London: Ashgate, 2008.

*Varieties of Religious Authority: Changes and Challenges in 20th Century Indonesian Islam* (co-editor), Singapore: ISEAS, 2010.

*Indonesia dalam Arus Sejarah: Jil id III, Kedatangan dan Peradaban Islam* [Indonesia in the Stream of History: Volume III, The Coming and Civilization of Islam] (editor) (Indonesian), Jakarta: Ministry of Education and Culture & Ihtiar Baru-Van Hoeve, 2012.

## AWARD CITATION

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Prof. Azyumardi Azra is an outstanding historian, a progressive educator and an Islamic intellectual who has earned high esteem for his advocacy of a centrist, moderate understanding of Islam. He has rendered great service to the development of Islamic studies in Indonesia and to the formation of a harmonious society. His intellectual and practical activities have contributed greatly to cross-cultural understanding in international society.

Prof. Azra was born in a suburb of Padang in western Sumatra in 1955. He studied at Colombia University, U.S.A., and received an MA in Middle Eastern Studies, and a Ph.D. in history. He conducted prosopographical research to reveal networks (masters and disciples or intellectual lineages) of Ulama (Islamic scholars) between the Middle East and Malay/Indonesian world in the 17th and 18th centuries, based on contemporary documentations and data in Arabic. The result was "The Origins of Islamic Reformism in Southeast Asia" (2004). In this book, he revealed that Islamic Reformism and neo-Sufism, which flourished from the 19th century, had in fact, originally begun much earlier, and produced evidence to demonstrate that they had been formed through communication and interaction between the two regions. The publication has enhanced studies of modern Islamic thought and comparative studies of ideological propagation, revealed the long history of East-West cultural exchanges and opened up new research fields. Besides this book, he is the sole author of more than 10 books, and co-author and editor of a great many more books and academic papers.

Prof. Azra became Rector of Syarif Hidayatullah State Institute for Islamic Studies, Jakarta, in 1998, and conducted drastic institutional reform in order to modernize Islamic education. He was instrumental in adding five new faculties and graduate schools (Psychology, Economics/Business, Science/Engineering, Medicine/Health and Sociology/Politics), and in promoting the Institute to university status, as Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Jakarta, serving as its first Rector (2002-2006). He chaired the International Association of Historians of Asia from 2010 to 2012, and also played various important roles in international academic and research institutions.

Prof. Azra has expressed his centrist and moderate position, based on his profound understanding of Islamic teachings, through newspapers, journals, TV and other media channels. Through these he has consistently advocated the five founding principles of Indonesia (Pancasila) and cultural pluralism, and promoted dialogue between different religions. His contribution to the development of social harmony has been immense. He was an important member of the Indonesian National Research Council and also the Indonesian Academy, of Sciences, and in 2005, was awarded one of the highest honours of Indonesia, 'the Bintang Mahaputra Utama' .

For his strong initiative in promoting international academic exchange and cross-cultural and cross-religious dialogue, and his outstanding contribution to mutual understanding between the Islamic world and the non-Islamic world, Prof. Azyumardi Azra truly deserves the Academic Prize of the Fukuoka Prize.