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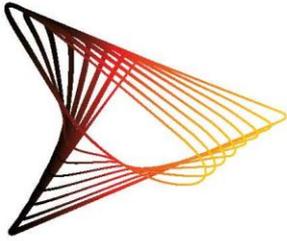
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Indonesian-German Conference on Religion and Pluralism at Goethe- Institut

On Monday, Nov. 2nd, Prof. Azyurmadi Azra, Eva Sundari, Prof. Franz Magnis-Suseno and many other renowned experts will discuss religious diversity with panellists from Germany at the Goethe-Institut Jakarta. Jointly organized by the German Embassy, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and Goethe- Institut, the full-day conference "Religion, State and Society in the 21st Century" will be open to the public and the media. Panellists will share German and Indonesian experiences on the law, the media and strategies to safeguard pluralism. To this end, five experts from Germany have travelled to Jakarta, among them Markus Löning, Germany's former Human Rights Commissioner, Prof. Schulze of University Göttingen and Tuncer Faruk, who represents an organization of Muslim students in Germany. All panellists will be available for interviews.

In Indonesia and in Germany, religious pluralism is a pillar of state and society. But in both countries, intolerant groups and social tensions threaten peace. Since 2013, Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta and Universität Göttingen have held a series of discussions about religious issues. Their findings will be presented at the conference and related to every day questions faced by governments and societies in Indonesia and in Germany. **The conference will be concluded by a high level panel discussion at 16:00 WIB.**





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AT A GLANCE

Religion, State and Society in the 21st Century
2 November, 8:30 – 17:30 WIB
GoetheHaus, Jl. Sam Ratulangi 9-15, Menteng
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