Changes in directorship

Dick Douwes has left ISIM on 1 January 2006 to take a new position at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam. Douwes joined ISIM as the Academic Coordinator from the very inception of the Institute in 1998. In 2002, he became ISIM Executive Director where he managed the internal affairs of the ISIM, taking care of finance, outreach, and ISIM external relations with Dutch institutions. At the same time, Douwes acted as Editor of the ISIM Newsletter (later the ISIM Review) beginning with the first issue in October 1998. Both in his managerial capacity and as Editor of the ISIM Newsletter, Douwes made a valuable contribution to the institutional formation of ISIM during its formative years, and to the growth of its main publications and outreach. Before joining ISIM Douwes taught History of the Modern Middle East at Radboud University of Nijmegen, where he had obtained his Ph.D. in History. He holds various publications on Modern History of the Middle East and on Muslims in the Netherlands. Currently, Douwes has joined the Erasmus University of Rotterdam as the Chair of Non-Western History and the Dean of Faculty of History and Arts. We wish him every success in his future work.

With the departure of Dick Douwes, Marlous Willemsen became the Deputy Director of ISIM, as per 1 March. Marlous studied Arabic Language and Culture with specialization in Islamic Art at both Utrecht University and Bamberg University. She brings with her a vast experience in management and outreach from the Prince Claus Fund where she worked as Policy Officer for the Prince Claus Awards programme and as Executive Secretary of the Cultural Emergency Response programme. In these capacities, she also edited and contributed to the bi-annual Prince Claus Fund Journal as well as other publications on art and culture. Currently she serves as advisor for various cultural organisations, such as the Prince Claus Fund, Fatusch Productions and the European Cultural Foundation. At ISIM she will take charge in the areas of general management, outreach, fundraising, and fellowships. We cordially welcome Marlous Willemsen to ISIM and look forward to working with her for years to come.

ISIM Post-Doctoral Fellowship

The International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) invites applications for an ISIM post-doctoral fellowship. The fellowship is available to scholars who have recently (within five years) obtained a Ph.D. degree in anthropology, sociology, religious studies, cultural studies or political science.

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- ISIM post-doctoral fellowship at a glance:
  - granted for a period of one year
  - monthly stipend
  - office space, a personal computer, telephone on the premises of the ISIM in Leiden
  - preferable starting date 1 September 2006

The deadline for applications is 15 June 2006.

ISIM is located in the historic city of Leiden with convenient links to the coast, the airport, and major European cities. Fellows have full access to extensive libraries, research centres, and the facilities of the universities participating in ISIM: the University of Amsterdam, Leiden University, Radboud University Nijmegen and Utrecht University.

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Visiting Fellowships

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ISIM Events

2 May 2006
ISIM Ph.D. Seminar
Towkays and Islam: Religious Leadership of Chinese-Indonesian Muslim Merchants and Economic Thinking of Chinese-Indonesian Muslim Preachers
Lecture by Thomas Chiou
Venue: ISIM

16 May 2006
ISIM Ph.D. Seminar
Occidentalisms: Moving Beyond “Ambiguity” in Assessing Egyptian Images of the West
Lecture by Robbert Woltering
Venue: ISIM

30 May 2006
ISIM Staff Seminar
On Merits and Modalities of Writing and Comparing: Methodological Remarks
Lecture by Asef Bayat
Venue: ISIM

28 June 2006
Workshop
Islam in Africa: Globalization and Moving Frontiers
Venue: ISIM
Convenors: Peter Geschiere & Abdulkader Tayob

6–7 October 2006
Workshop
The Making of Muslim Youth II
Venue: Institute for Social Studies (ISS), The Hague
Organizers: ISS & ISIM
Convenors: Asef Bayat & Linda Herrera

13–15 October 2006
Conference
Youth and the Global South: Religion, Politics, and the Making of Youth in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East
Venue: Dakar, Senegal
Organizers: African Studies Centre (ASC), Council for the Development of Social Science in Africa (CODESRIA), International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) & ISIM

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