

Report of my participation in the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEASUK Conference in Liverpool.

The 24<sup>th</sup> ASEASUK conference was organized by the Association of Southeast Asian Studies in the United Kingdom (ASEASUK) and took place in the Liverpool John Moores University in 20-22 June 2008. There were four panels during the conference, the panel on Malay Manuscripts, the one on Emerging Scholars, the other one on Southeast Asian Performance and the last one on Liverpool and Southeast Asia. I was grateful to take part in the panel on Malay Manuscripts and presented my paper. My paper was entitled “The wisdom from Three Places: The Islamic Manuscript Collection of Three Pondok Pesantrens”. It was the result of my previous research, which was financially supported by the British Library and will be a part of my research work in the Leiden University. In addition to that, I also participated in the panels on Emerging Scholars.

The conference had broadened my perspectives on the study Islamic manuscript in Southeast Asia. It also enriched my information on the Jawi script, manuscript migration, the part that will be a valuable for my future research and provide a broad perspective of my study on the history of manuscript collection in the Southeast Asia region. Moreover, the conference had provided me a valuable opportunity to exchange information with one of leading scholars such as Prof. V. Braginsky of SOAS, Dr. Annabel The Gallop of the British Library, Dr. Uli Kozok of University of Hawai and many others.

Even though I did not fully participate in the panel on Emerging Scholars in the conference, some of the sessions, which I participated in, however, gave an additional historical information on how the cultural production took place, configuration of Islamic modernity in Indonesia in particular and in the Southeast Asia in general. I am glad to gain such an opportunity to participate in that academic exchange.

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