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## **Introduction**

### ***To Honour the Honourable:***

### **A Tribute to Martin Van Bruinessen**

This *festschrift* brings together a number of interviews and essays by a range of prominent scholars, with the intention of honouring the academic contribution of one individual in particular: Professor Martin Van Bruinessen. This work emerged from a meeting among many of Martin's colleagues, friends and former students that was held at Universitas Islam Negara UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Jogjakarta, in early August 2023; and it has been a labour of love, mixed with a generous dose of respect and admiration, for a man whose teaching, writings and ideas have helped to shape present-day understanding and scholarship on Islam and Muslims in Indonesia.

Indonesia has been, and is likely to remain, one of the most important countries in Southeast Asia, and for centuries scholarship on the country and its people has loomed large in the landscape of Asian studies in general. Among the many aspects of Indonesian history as well as its social-political-cultural life that have come under the gaze of international scholarship is the topic of Islam and Muslims in the country, which is borne out of the awareness that Indonesia happens to be not only the largest Muslim country in the world, but also one of the most complex and interesting. Interest in Indonesia and all aspects of Indonesian life has remained constant, though a cursory overview of the scholarship that has been done on the country and its people has been constantly evolving, reflective of the geopolitical realities of the times.

During the early postwar years, a significant amount of Western scholarship on Indonesia had focused on the political landscape of the country, at a time when there existed a concern about the possibility of the republic veering to the left. The realities of the Cold War - that persisted from the mid-1940s all the way to 1989 - determined the manner in which Indonesia was seen and studied by many scholars from the West. In the wake of the end of the Cold War, other concerns emerged that would eventually assume centre-stage: