

RELIGION AND THE LAW IN MULTI-RACIAL SINGAPORE

PRE-FORUM STIMULUS PACKAGE

In this package, let us critically consider what it means to live in a dual legal system and how Syariah and conventional law interact and contradict. Prior to the forum tomorrow, do add any questions you have to the attached padlet at the end of this package.

RELIGIOUS LAW IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

Sharia Law in Southeast Asia

These articles give us a brief look into the sociopolitical ramifications of Sharia Law implementations close to home.

- **Violation of Human Rights in Aceh, Indonesia**
Briefly explores the social mechanisms of Sharia law as implemented in Aceh.
- **When Dating Meets Sharia Law**
extensively explores social and political ramifications of Shari'a law.
- **New Form of Shari'a in Brunei**
Brief insight into potential motivations for implementing harsher Sharia laws, and the sociopolitical ramifications in Brunei, and Southeast Asia.

Sharia Law in the Middle East

These articles give us a brief look into the history, law and policies implemented in the Islamic States.

- **The Taliban and Islamic law in Afghanistan**
Briefly covers the history of Sharia law as enforced by the Taliban.
- **Mahsa Amini's death puts morality police under spotlight**
Brief insight into the history of the Islamic Revolution and its implementation of a mandatory hijab policy, the role of the Gasht-e Ershad
- **Young Iranians rebelling against decades of repression**
Extensive coverage of law enforcement and policies implemented to curb social unrest

SECULARISM IN SINGAPORE

Singapore's Approach to Secularism

These articles allow us to compare between the assimilative and integrative aspects of secularism between France and Singapore.

- **A Dialogue on Secularism and Religion**
Dialogue exploring and directly comparing secularism in France and Singapore
- **Islam, Muslims, and the Secular State in Singapore**
Extensive insight encapsulating the successful integration of Islam into a predominantly secular society
- **Teacher Beheaded in France Exposes a Cultural Schism**
Extensive coverage highlighting French societal divide following government response to Charlie Hebdo shootings, explores lasting political effects
- **Why is secularism causing such divisions in France?**
Brief coverage of the history and consequent failure of France's secular policies



Religious Freedom in Civil Service

These articles give us a brief look into the recent changes in civil service policies that protect religious freedom in Singapore.

- **Muslim nurses in public healthcare allowed to wear tudung**
Brief explanation on policy revisions enabling Muslim women to wear tudung where applicable
- **Muslims can adjust attire where appropriate, says Muis**
Brief coverage of fatwa (religious ruling) issued by Muis regarding policy changes
- **Why Singapore Still Won't Settle the Great Tudung Debate**
Social commentary, covers the role of social media in highlighting the exclusion of Muslim women from the tudung debate



LEGAL PLURALISM IN SINGAPORE

The Dual Legal System in Singapore

These books allow us to compare between the assimilative and integrative aspects of secularism between France and Singapore.

- **Legal Pluralism in Centralist Singapore (p. 251)**
Extensive investigation of the origins of legal pluralism, implementation of Sharia law within a local context
- **Legal Pluralism, Patronage Secularism, and the Challenge of Prophetic Christianity in Singapore**
Extensive investigation on legal pluralism with regards to Christianity and its social influence

Maintenance of Racial Harmony

These articles give us a brief look into the maintenance of racial harmony in Singapore, which is heavily tied to religion.

- **Can racial harmony in Singapore be fostered by law**
Extensive analysis of the RHA, juxtaposing the 'hard law' nature of the MRHA (initially implemented in 1990) with the 'softer approach' encapsulated in the revised MRHA
 - **Additional Reading: Laws on the Maintenance of Religious Conduct in Singapore**



Please add your questions for the Question-and-Answer segment of the Forum into this padlet page.



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