

CHRISTIANITY AND THE CHINESE IN INDONESIA: ETHNICITY, EDUCATION AND ENTERPRISE

Event Details



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ABOUT THE BOOK

Comprising around 1.2% of Indonesia's total population, the ethnic Chinese community is renowned for its influential role in the country's economy. Almost half of Chinese Indonesians (42.8%) identify as Christians, whether Protestant or Catholic. The significant presence of Chinese Christians in urban areas has given Christianity a distinct "Chinese face" in Indonesia. Despite this demographic, there is a noticeable scarcity of publications focusing on Christianity within the Chinese community in Indonesia. This seminar, based on a monograph published in June 2023, delves into three key aspects of Protestant Christianity among urban ethnic Chinese in Indonesia: ethnicity, education, and enterprise. By examining the contested religioscapes of Indonesia and exploring the dynamics among the state, religious groups, capitalist enterprises, and the Chinese community, the paper aims to illuminate the complex relationships intertwining religion, capital, and the state.

MEET THE AUTHOR



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