

REGULATING RELIGION IN ASIA

In recent years, law and religion scholarship has increasingly emphasised the need to study the interaction of legal and religious ideas and institutions, norms and practices. The overall question that this scholarship explores may be stated as follows: how do legal and religious ideas and institutions, methods and mechanisms, beliefs and believers influence each other, for better and for worse, in the past, present and future?

This volume engages this area of scholarship by examining how law regulates religion, and how religion responds to such regulations. It examines underlying norms influencing state regulation of religion, and challenges emerging from such regulation. Importantly, this volume will go beyond the conventional enquiries that draw upon the Anglo-European approaches and experiences, and emphasise instead Asian perspectives in order to expand and build upon existing understandings about the complex relationship between law and religion.

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Abbreviations

ADJAR Agama Djawa Asli Republik Indonesia

AMLA Administration of Muslim Law

BN Barisan Nasional

BSPP Burma Socialist Programme Party

CHC City Harvest Church

CPC Country of Particular Concern or Communist Party of China

FCBC Faith Community Baptist Church

ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

IDF Israel Defense Force

IRO Inter-Religious Organization (Singapore) JAKIM Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia

JAKIM Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia JAWHAR Jabatan Waqaf, Zakat dan Haji LGBT lesbian, gay bisexual, and transgender

MOM Ministry of Manpower (Singapore)
 MORA Ministry of Religious Affairs (Indonesia)
 MRHA Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act (Singapore)

MUI Majelis Ulama Indonesia (Indonesian Ulama Council)

MYR Malaysian ringgit

NGO non-governmental organisation NLD National League for Democracy

NRD National Registration Department (Malaysia)

NU Nahdatul Ulama
OCB other backward classes
PAS Parti Islam Se-Malaysia
PRC People's Republic of China
RC Revolutionary Council

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SC Scheduled Castes

SSMNC State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee
UDHR Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UMNO United Malay Nationalist Organization

USCIRF United States Commission on International Religious Freedom