Buddhist-Muslim Tensions in the Bay of Bengal

Thursday Oct. 9, 2014
West Hall 135
ASU Tempe campus

9–9:15 Welcome
George Justice
Dean of Humanities, ASU
Introductions
Juliane Schober
Center for Asian Research

9:15–10:45 Panel 1: Local Histories of Conflict and Resolution
Politics in the Bay of Bengal: Curbing Violence; Enhancing Harmony
Chandra Muzaffar
President of the International Movement for a Just World (JUST)
Anti-Muslim Violence in Burma: Why Now?
Min Zin
University of California at Berkeley
Discussant: Yasmin Saikia
Arizona State University

11–12:30 Panel 2: Constructions of Regional Belonging
The Localized Identities of Buddhists and Muslims in Arakan/Rakhine State (Myanmar)
Jacques Leider
Ecole Française d’Extréme-Orient
Interlinked Buddhist-Muslim Violence in the Bangladesh-Burma Borderlands
Shapan Adnan
Independent Scholar
Discussant: Richard Eaton
University of Arizona

1:45–3:15 Panel 3: Buddhist Nationalism and Religious Minorities
A Religious Grammar to Sectarian Violence in Sri Lanka
John Holt
Bowdoin College
Social Difference and the Buddhist Discourse of Violence in Myanmar
Juliane Schober
ASU
Discussant: James Rush
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3:30–5 Summation and Discussion
Yasmin Saikia, James Rush, Richard Eaton