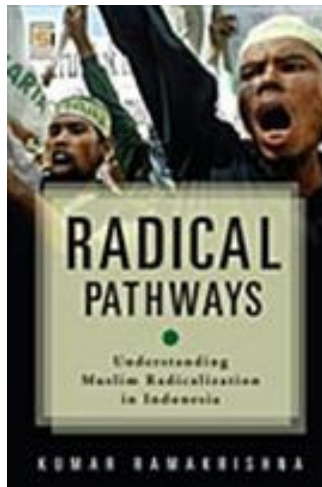




## BOOK LAUNCH

### **Radical Pathways** **Understanding Muslim Radicalization in Indonesia**

Kumar K. Ramakrishna



Date: Friday, 17 July 2009  
Time: 10.00 am – 11.30 am  
Venue: Seminar Room II, ISEAS

#### About the Author

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Kumar Ramakrishna is Associate Professor and Head of the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore. He was Head (Studies) of the School from 2003-2006. He obtained a First Class (Honors) in Political Science from the National University of Singapore in 1989 and a Masters in Defence Studies from the University of New South Wales in 1992. He went on to secure his PhD in History from Royal Holloway and Bedford New College,



University of London, in 1999. His current research interests include British propaganda in the Malayan Emergency; propaganda theory and practice; history of strategic thought; and counter-terrorism with a focus on radicalization. He was an Asia Foundation (US) Freeman Fellow in June 2002 and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., from April to June 2003. He was also an Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Special Visitor in March 2003. In 2008 he was appointed as a Senior Advisor to the Trusted Information Network on Extremism and Transnational Crime in Southeast Asia and Australia, a joint project of The Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington D.C., and The Lowy Institute for International Policy in Sydney, Australia.

Ramakrishna has been a frequent speaker on counter-terrorism before local and international audiences, a regular media commentator on the issue – most recently on the Mas Selamat Kastari affair – and has published in numerous internationally refereed journals. He has co-edited two well-received books on counter-terrorism, *The New Terrorism: Anatomy, Trends and Counter-Strategies* (2002) as well as *After Bali: The Threat of Terrorism in Southeast Asia* (2004). His major book, *Emergency Propaganda: The Winning of Malayan Hearts and Minds, 1948-1958*, (2002) was described by the *International History Review* as “required reading for historians of Malaya, and for those whose task is to counter insurgents, guerrillas, and terrorists”. His edited volume, *Freedom News: The Untold Story of the Communist Underground Publication*, was published by RSIS, with the co-operation of the Singapore Ministry of Home Affairs, in 2008. His most recent book is *Radical Pathways: Understanding Muslim Radicalization in Indonesia*, which was published by Praeger Security International in April 2009.

He is a member of the Singapore Government Parliamentary Committee (GPC) Resource Panel on Home Affairs and Law; member of the Board of Trustees, the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore; member of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) Academy, and Executive Committee Member of the Political Science Association (Singapore). Most recently he was inducted into the Executive Board of the Council for Asian Terrorism Research, a US-led, 12-country network of think tanks and research institutions engaged in terrorism and transnational threats research.



## About the Book

As part of the formal launch of the book *Radical Pathways*, this talk will explore two crucial questions surrounding the ongoing global campaign against violent religious extremism: 1) why some Muslims turn to violent jihad, and 2) that transformative process in the world's most populous Muslim nation, Indonesia. The recent history of terrorism in Indonesia has brought this country into the world spotlight: the Bali night club bombing by Islamists in 2002 was one of the worst terrorist attacks in history. The recent furor in the lead-up to the executions of three of the Bali bombers in late 2008, together with a number of thwarted bomb plots, demonstrate the continuing danger posed by radicalized violent Islamists in the country. The seminar will discuss some of the innovative new perspectives - highlighted by *Radical Pathways* - on the sources of violent Muslim radicalization and what should be done to counter it.

*ISEAS is pleased to invite you to the Book Launch.*

## PROGRAMME

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| 10.00 am – 10.10 am | Welcome by Dr Chin Kin Wah, Deputy Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies                                     |
| 10.10 am – 10.40 am | Introduction to <i>Radical Pathways</i> by Associate Professor Kumar K Ramakrishna                                    |
| 10.40 am – 10.50 am | Discussant:<br>Dr Terence Lee, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore |
| 10.50 am – 11.10 am | Q & A   |
| 11.10 am – 11.30 am | Book Launch<br><br>Tea  |