

# Rethinking History, Rethinking Asia

## Reading Egypt through Indonesia



A public lecture (with lunch) & workshop

featuring

**Engseng Ho**

*Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University*

**Monday, May 12 (lecture: 1-2, workshop 2-4)**  
273 Social Sciences & Humanities Bldg.\*

**Engseng Ho** spent two years in Yemen conducting research that revealed a rich history of people who traveled throughout East Africa, the Arab world, India, and Southeast Asia, intermarrying and contributing to the establishment of new Muslim religious, political and legal institutions. The dissertation grew into a book: *The Graves of Tarim: Genealogy and Mobility across the Indian Ocean* (University of California Press, 2006). Professor Ho will present a reading of the developments in Egypt in the last few years from the perspective of the Indonesian experience.

**Magid Shihade** (Institute of International Studies, Birzeit University), who is currently a research associate at the Middle East/South Asia Studies Program with a postdoctoral fellowship funded by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), will introduce his SSRC funded project, “Rethinking History, Rethinking Asia,” at the workshop following Engseng Ho’s lecture.

During the workshop, faculty and graduate students will discuss how the concept of Rethinking Asia and Ho’s work on Reading events in Egypt through the Indonesian experience might shed more light into the developments of the region, and how that approach might intervene in their own research or area of study, generating a conversation about what this might mean for Middle East/South Asia studies at large as well. The workshop will be facilitated by Baki Tezcan (Associate Professor of History, and Religious Studies; ME/SA Director) and will include faculty members and graduate students from UC Davis.

If you are interested in participating in the workshop or have any questions, please contact Dr. Shihade at: [mshihade@gmail.com](mailto:mshihade@gmail.com)

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