

**Department of Religious Studies Presents:**

# **WHY MANY GODS BECOME ONE GOD**

**INDONESIA'S STRATEGY  
FOR AVOIDING *JIHAD***



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In Indonesia, the government has supported peace between the religions by rewriting all of major religions as forms of monotheism. This has created a single common definition of religion, and a set of understandings and values shared by all accepted religions. This paper will examine how interpretations of religion have been changed by this process, and how the government has used interfaith dialogue to combat the pressures of more militant forms of Islam.