The Transmission of al-Manar's Reformism to the Malay-Indonesian World: The Cases of al-Imam and al-Munir

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Abstract

This journal not only directly influenced the spread of Islamic reformism through its own articles, but most importantly also stimulated the publication of similar journals printed in the Malay-Indonesian world. This paper is an early attempt to delineate and discuss in a comprehensive manner the transmission of Islamic reformism to the Malay-Indonesian world by means of journals: primarily al-Imam in Singapore and al-Munir in Padang, West Sumatra, and other journals that were published in the area.

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Al-Manar therefore provides interesting information on a number of questions: What did it mean for an Indonesian Muslim to be exposed to new habits, what implications were there for his own rituals? Questions such as these can also be raised with respect to the Egyptians and other Islamic communities, in India or elsewhere; the scope of the al-Manar magazine is very broad and offers ample opportunity for research in various directions. East Asia and the Middle East: Al-Manar and Islamic Modernity 95 collected from all over the Muslim world. No one surpassed the Dutch in injustice. The Malays and Jawihs, says our writer, have similar weaknesses: they are ignorant, envy others and are inclined to conspiracy.