

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2015 GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

DISCIPLINE

Humanities
Languages and
Social Science

RESEARCH AREAS

Political Islam, Islamism and Islamist extremism
Muslims communities in Australia
Contextualisation and higher objectives
(maqasid) in Islamic thought

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BACKGROUND

Halim Rane completed a Bachelor of Human Sciences in Sociology and Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Heritage at the International Islamic University Malaysia in 1998. He went on to complete a Masters of Arts in Media Studies at Bond University in 2000. After working several years for the Australian Federal Government, in 2008, he completed his PhD in International Peace and Conflict and accepted an academic position at Griffith University in the emerging field of Islamic Studies. In 2011, he was promoted to Associate Professor. Associate Professor Rane has been influential in shaping new approaches to teaching Islamic studies in Australia, particularly in respect to experiential learning through short-term mobility courses overseas. He has developed effective synergies between his research and teaching through innovative courses that prepare students in respect to intercultural competence and global citizenship. His book *Islam and Contemporary Civilisation: Evolving Ideas, Transforming Relations* has been adopted by several universities. Associate Professor Rane has been an active academic leader, designing and delivering the Islam-West Relations major and in re-designing the new Bachelor of Arts program at Griffith University.

IMPACT ON LEARNING & TEACHING

Since receiving the Teacher of the Year Award in 2015, Associate Professor Rane has become more engaged in learning and teaching Islamic Studies at a national level, working with colleagues cross-institutionally to refine courses and programs. He has also been increasingly active in working to transfer knowledge generated at the tertiary level to relevant curricula in high schools.

IMPACT ON CAREER

The Award has encouraged Associate Professor Rane to focus his research and work in L&T on the current challenges concerning Islam and Muslim communities in Western countries. In particular, his research and teaching address how the intersection of politics and religion have shaped relations between Muslims and non-Muslims over the past several decades.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR HALIM RANE



CURRENT ROLE

Associate Professor Rane specialises in Islam-West relations in both national and international contexts. His teaching aims to promote mutual understanding and coexistence between Muslim and the Western people by producing graduates who can address related challenges and issues based on sound knowledge, analysis and critical thinking. His research has played a significant role in helping to constitute what is a relatively new field of study in Australia. His innovative capstone course, Muslim World Study Tour, takes students to such countries as Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Spain and Turkey in order to provide the opportunity to engage first-hand with the diverse peoples, cultures and societies that shape Islamic civilisation.

WHAT THE AWARD HAS MEANT

Recognition | Acknowledgement |
Personally and at the discipline level

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2012 Muslim Study Tour developed and delivered;
- 2013– Deputy Head of School
- 2015 (Learning and Teaching);
- 2009– Published
- 2014 5 books;
- 2007– Numerous refereed journal articles
- 2016 and book chapters;
- 2008– Deputy Director at Griffith University
- 2010 Islamic Research Unit.

NETWORKS

Australian Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies | Middle Eastern Studies Association of America | Australian Institute of International Affairs | Association for the Sociology of Religion