

BUKAN RUMPI TAPI DISKUSI

A discussion series exploring the Matheson Library's Indonesian Special Collection

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Bukan Rumpi Tapi Diskusi (BRTD) is a discussion series aimed at leveraging Monash library's Indonesian collections and expertise to engage not only with audiences inside the University, but also with the wider community. BRTD is held four times a year at the Matheson Library.

The recent *Bukan Rumpi Tapi Diskusi* was quite special because instead of having a regular discussion, the Indonesian Special Collection at Matheson Library held a film screening on June 28, 2018. The screening was the premier of Noor Huda Ismail's latest documentary film, *Pengantin* (Brides), concerning three Indonesian female migrant workers who are searching for love through social media. They meet with Islamic State jihadists online and are influenced to join ISIS and marry these men.

Noor Huda Ismail is a PhD candidate in the Arts Faculty at Monash University, the author of the book *My friend the terrorist*, and a documentary filmmaker. His previous film, *Jihad Selfie* was widely screened more than 300 times in Europe, North America, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Australia.

The screening was followed by a discussion led by Associate Professor Peter Lentini (Founding Director, Global Terrorism Research Centre, Monash University). Lentini shared his expertise on the issue of radicalisation and what attracted those women to violent extremism, as well as the role of social media in the radicalisation and de-radicalisation process.

It was a very successful event, attended by almost 100 people from different backgrounds and affiliations, including officers from the Defence Force School of Languages (DFSL), Laverton, Victoria, and researchers and students from Monash, Deakin, La Trobe and Victoria Universities, as well as the Indonesian community living in Melbourne.

Highlights of the event can be viewed [here](#).

Image 1: Film screening



Image 2: Audience listening to discussion

Image 3: Discussion with Noor Huda and Peter Lentini



Image 4: Organisers, from left to right:
Hidayatullah Yunus, Dr Anita Dewi, Dr Rheny Pulungan and Noor Huda Ismail