Trends in Tafsir/Qur'anic Studies in Indonesia in the Postmodern Era Dr Ervan Nurtawab

These presentations will begin with a consideration of the features of postmodernism (1950s->) and how it differs from modernism (1860s-1950s). Discussion will then consider evolving Qur'anic exegesis in Malaysia and Indonesia in the postmodern era, taking account of leading scholars and their works and the extent to which this scholarship reflected or responded to emerging postmodernist thinking, either positively or negatively.

Ervan Nurtawab is a Senior Lecturer of Qur'anic Studies at State Institute of Islamic Studies (Institut Agama Islam Negeri, IAIN) Metro, Lampung-Indonesia. He received his doctoral degree from Monash University in 2018 for the thesis title "Jalalayn pedagogical practice: Styles of Qur'an and tafsir learning in contemporary Indonesia". His recent publications include: "Restructuring traditional Islamic education in Indonesia: Challenges for pesantren institution", Studia Islamika 29:1 (2022); "Verse numbering system and Arabic references in Bagus Ngarpah's early 20th century Javanese Qur'an", Indonesia and the Malay World 50:147 (2022); "Tafsir al-Jalalayn at the crossroads: Interpreting the Qur'an in modern Indonesia", Australian Journal of Islamic Studies, 6:4 (2021).