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Salafi Identity, Gender Relations, and Everyday Life in Indonesia

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Abstract

This paper explores the intersection of Salafi identity, gender relations, and everyday life in Jambi, Indonesia, highlighting how scripturalist interpretations shape social practices and domestic arrangements. Salafi communities, which emphasise strict adherence to the Qur'an and Hadith, often construct gender roles around ideals of piety, modesty, and separation of spheres. Through micro-ethnographic observation, interviews, and textual analysis of sermons, study circles, and online media, this research examines how Salafi men and women in Jambi negotiate daily routines, family responsibilities, and community participation. Findings suggest that while Salafi discourse reinforces patriarchal authority and prescribes limited public roles for women, everyday practices reveal nuanced adaptations, including women's active involvement in education, commerce, and digital religious networks. By analysing these dynamics, the paper contributes to understanding how global Salafi ideology is localised in Indonesia, shaping lived experiences and offering insights into the complex interplay between religious identity, gender norms, and social change.

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