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Prof. Dr. Karel Steenbrink (1942) studied Christianity and Islam at Nijmegen University and at Darul Salam College in Gontor, Indonesia. He taught Islam Sciences at the State Academy in Jakarta en Yogyakarta 1981-1988 Indonesia. Subsequently he was professor Intercultural Theology at Utrecht University.



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Ayu Utami (1968) is an Indonesian journalist, radiomaker and writer of romans, short stories, and articles.

Ayu Utami addresses social taboos in an open way and handles the relationship between Muslims and Christians as a central theme. Many consider her first novel 'Saman'(1998) as a milestone in Indonesian literature. In 2008 she published her widely discussed 'Bilangan Fu', in 2012 translated into 'Het getal Fu'.