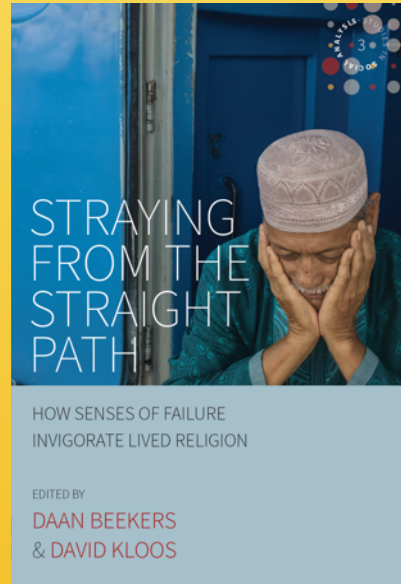
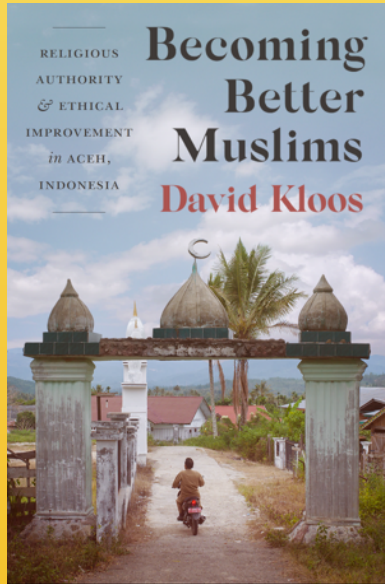


Book Launch & Mini-Symposium

Religion, Ethics, Failure

8 March 2018, 16.00-18.00



Program

Chair: Annemarie Samuels (Leiden University)

- 16.00 David Kloos: Presentation of *Becoming Better Muslims* (Princeton University Press)
Daan Beekers: Presentation of *Straying from the Straight Path* (Berghahn Books)
- 16.20 Anna Strhan: Moral Striving and the Inevitability of Failure
- 16.40 Martin van Bruinessen: Ethical and Other Turns in the Study of Islam in Southeast Asia
- 17.00 Questions
- 17.30 Drinks

Venue: [Leiden University, Reuvenplaats 2, Room 2.01](#)
Please register if you plan to attend: kitlv@kitlv.nl



Anna Strhan is Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies at the University of Kent. She is the author of *Aliens and Strangers? The Struggle for Coherence in the Everyday Lives of Evangelicals* (Oxford University Press, 2015) and *Levinas, Subjectivity, Education* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012), and co-editor of *Religion and the Global City* (Bloomsbury, 2017) and *The Bloomsbury Reader in Religion and Childhood* (Bloomsbury, 2017). She is currently completing a monograph about evangelicals and childhood, entitled *Evangelicals and the Agency of Childhood in Modern Britain*, and is also leading a new research project exploring nonreligious childhoods in Britain.



Martin van Bruinessen is Professor Emeritus of the Comparative Study of Contemporary Muslim Societies at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. He conducted field research for many years in Kurdistan, Afghanistan and Indonesia. He occupied the ISIM chair at Utrecht University from 1999 to 2008 and held visiting professorships at, among others, the Aga Khan University's Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations in London, the Center for Religious and Cross-Cultural Studies at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Bilgi University in Istanbul, and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

David Kloos is a researcher at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) in Leiden. His main interest lies in the history and anthropology of Islam in Southeast Asia. He has published about religious practice and experience, religious authority, violence, gender, and domestic migration. His current project explores how female Islamic authorities have become part of the public sphere in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Daan Beekers is an anthropologist working on religious pluralism in the Netherlands. His PhD (VU Amsterdam, 2015) was a comparative ethnography of religious commitment among young Dutch Muslims and Christians. He is currently a postdoctoral researcher within the program "Religious Matters in an Entangled World" at Utrecht University, in which he studies the abandonment of church buildings in Utrecht.