

Society of Asian Biblical Studies (SABS)
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Dear Colleagues:

As promised, we are writing to provide more information about our next SABS meeting from **23-27 June, 2026**, inclusive of arrival and departure. This is important information, please take time to read everything carefully.

Venue:

We are meeting at *Sekolah Tinggi Filsafat dan Theologi Jakarta (Jakarta Theological Seminary)*. Proklamasi No. 27, Central Jakarta, Indonesia

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The Jakarta Theological Seminary is in the central part of the city of Jakarta.

Conference Schedule and paper Presentations:

Our theme for the meeting is "Bible, Labour, and Migration." There will be three plenary lectures, delivered by Dr. Agustinus Setiawidi, Jakarta Theological Seminary, Indonesia; Dr. Lydia Lee, Zhejiang University, China; and Dr. Ekaputra Tupamahu, Portland Seminary, United States of America.

The main conference will take place from the 24 to 26 June, starting at 8 am. Over 100 papers have been accepted for presentation. A conference schedule, including plenary and concurrent sessions, will be shared when it is ready, so you will know when you will be presenting and alongside whom. Please note that neither SABS nor Jakarta Theological Seminary will be able to make any photocopies for you. So, any handouts you might want to distribute to your listeners will have to be brought by you. Each meeting room is equipped with AV equipment, so you can prepare a slide presentation to accompany your presentation if you'd find that helpful. However, you need to bring with you your own laptop as well as the proper connector.

On 27 June, the local committee has arranged three optional tours for us who are interested. The options are:

Batavia Old Town;
Cathedral – Istiqlal Mosque and the Friendship Tunnel;
Taman Mini National Miniature Theme Park.

Each of these tours will take about four to five hours (including travel times). They are all optional, but we hope you will join one of them. After these tours, you should be able to depart either in the evening of 27 June or the day of 28 June.

Conference Fees

Membership fees:

Please do note that ***only members can present papers and participate on invited panels***, and our two-year membership fees (**2026-27**) are as follows:

Full member (from Asia/Africa/Latin America/Pacific *except Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan*): **US\$ 30.00**

Full member: (from Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan): **US\$50.00**

Full member (from Europe, North America): **US\$50.00**

Student Member: **US\$20.00**

Lifetime member: (with one-time payment): **US\$500.00**

You will not need to fill out a separate membership form if you are registering for the conference. If you want to join SABS or renew your membership without attending the Jakarta conference, please contact Benny at bliew@holycross.edu.

Registration Fees:

From Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Canada, Europe, and USA: **US\$120.00**

Under-resourced countries including Cambodia, China, Indonesia, India, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam: **US\$60.00**.

Students: **US\$40.00** (please bring proof of your status as a student/student ID)

For participants coming from Indonesia who do not need housing, the registration fee is **\$30.00**. For Bachelor-degree students within Indonesia, the registration fee, with or without housing, is **US\$20.00**.

Please note that spouse, partner, and guests of a registrant will also need to pay for the full registration fee as listed above, depending on one's country of residence and if one is a student.

All fees will be paid in US dollars (except participants from Indonesia, who might pay in Rupiah) and will be collected on site at the Registration Desk.

Travel (Arrival and Departure):

Participants should generally fly into **Soekarno-Hatta International Airport** (CGK). If you arrive on 23 June and depart on 27 or 28 June, we will have transportation arranged to bring you to and from the campus of Jakarta Theological Seminary. The bus will depart from Soekarno-Hatta Airport four times: 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, and 4 pm. You might need to spend some time at the airport before the bus departs.

For departure on 27 June, the bus will depart from the campus at 11 am, 3 pm, or 7 pm. For departure on 28 June, the buses will depart from the campus at 9 am.

It is, of course, always good to assume that a longer bus ride might result from busy traffic jams. In Jakarta, the trip from campus to the airport might take up to 90 minutes.

Further details regarding meeting points for the chartered bus will be sent when they become available.

Those planning an extended stay in Jakarta (early arrival or late departure), you will be responsible for making your own travel arrangements and your own additional housing plan. No housing beyond 23-28 June will be available on campus.

Accommodation:

As usual, our registration fee includes room and board during days of the conference. Room will be **double occupancy** at the Guest House on the campus of Jakarta Theological Seminary.

Since the number of beds at the Guest House is limited, free accommodation will also be provided for participants at the D'Paragon Hotel, a budget hotel about a five-minute walk from campus (<https://dparagon.com/p/dparagon-menteng>).

Each room at the Guest House or the D'Paragon Hotel has two beds, an attached bathroom and toilet, as well as airconditioning.

If you want to avail yourself of this free accommodation, please register early. Priority will be given to presenters from under-resourced countries. Accommodation will be available from the night of 23 June to the night of 27 June (a total of five nights). Please indicate clearly your arrival and departure dates on your registration form, as what you indicate on the form will be final and no change will be permitted.

Those wanting single rooms will be able to have one at an extra cost of US\$5.00 per night at the seminary's Guest House, or US\$10.00 per night at the D'Paragon Hotel. We will allot up to 10 room at the Guest House and up to 20 rooms at the D'Paragon Hotel for this purpose. Again, please register early and mark your preference

accordingly.

Smoking in the rooms on campus and in all hotels in Indonesia is forbidden. There will be water dispensers on campus, but you will also need to bring your own drinking bottles or tumblers to keep yourself hydrated during the conference.

Here are two pictures of a room at the seminary's Guest House:



For those who prefer to stay at another hotel, the host committee in Jakarta recommends the Hilton Doubletree, which is about a five-minute walk from campus (https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/jktdididoubletree-jakarta-diponegoro/?SEO_id=GMB-APAC-DI-JKTDIDI). However, you will need to make your own booking and pay this hotel at your own cost.

Registration:

Registration form is available at our SABS website (<http://www.sabs-site.com>), and registration will close on **30 April 2026**. Here is also a link to the registration site for your convenience: <https://form.jotform.com/252993695883480>.

Entry Visa:

Most travelers to Indonesia need a visa, easily obtained as an **e-Visa on Arrival (e-VoA)** online before travel, costing generally around US\$35.00. Requirements include a passport valid for 6+ months, a photo, and a return ticket, with applications submitted via the official evisa.imigrasi.go.id website. The e-VoA allows for tourism, business, or transit, and is a faster way to avoid airport queues. You will also need to obtain a free but required arrival card to go with your visa; this can be done three days before your arrival online at <https://allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id>.

Letters to support your applications for visa **will be sent to all who register**. If you don't need such a letter, you may ignore it upon receipt.

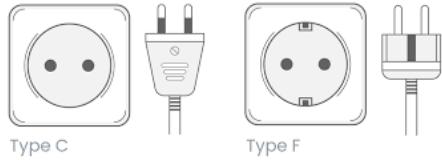
Please address all other questions regarding travel and visas to concerned authorities or agents in your home country.

Climate, Food, Dress, and other matters

The **temperatures** in Jakarta during June will be very hot and humid, so please bring appropriate clothing. Guest rooms and conference rooms will be air conditioned.

Meals will be provided from the night of 23 June (dinner) to the morning of 28 June (breakfast). We will be in touch about dietary restrictions with registrants after registration is closed on April 30. Again, these meals are included with your registration fee.

You may also need to pack **an adapter** for your electrical equipment. For Indonesia, there are two associated plug types, C and F. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type F has two round pins and two earth clips on the side. Indonesia operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.



Finally ...

Any contribution you can make towards the expenses related to the conference over and above your registration fee in the form of a donation will be welcomed and appreciated.

If your proposal has been accepted and you have **decided not to attend, please notify us immediately**. This will help us immensely in our planning of sessions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Please do not hesitate to write to us if you need further clarification about the matters above. Do register early!

Warm regards,
Monica and Benny