



HIGHLIGHTS

The **Head of ANU Indonesia Project**, Associate Professor Budy Resosudarmo attended a State Lunch on 26 February in honour of His Excellency Mr **Joko Widodo**. Dr Resosudarmo had the opportunity to discuss with President Widodo the important work of ANU Indonesia Project. The President encouraged ANU to continue producing high quality analysis on Indonesia.

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The 2017 High Level Policy Dialogue

OTHER NEWS



Forum Kajian Pembangunan Roadshow in Banda Aceh, Padang and Makassar.

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Indonesia Study Group Roadshow at Murdoch University.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July

Monday 3: Digital Indonesia: connectivity and convergence book launch during the Indonesia Council Open Conference 2017 in Adelaide.

Tuesday 4: The 2017 Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum in Jakarta

Wednesday 5: Digital Indonesia Book Launch at Universitas Sam Ratulangi, Manado.

Wednesday 5: Public Lecture, Why Indonesia must show the way on trade strategy, at Universitas Padjadjaran.

Thursday 6: Digital Indonesia Book Launch at Institut Teknologi Bandung.

Monday-Tuesday 17-18 : [Indonesian Regional Science Association \(IRSA\) Conference](#) in Manado.

Friday 28: [Digital Indonesia: connectivity and convergence Book Launch](#) at the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, University of Sydney.

August

Wednesday 16* (tbc): Digital Indonesia Book Launch at ANU, Canberra.

Tuesday 22: Digital Indonesia Book Launch at The University of Melbourne, Melbourne.

Thursday 31* (tbc): Digital Indonesia Book Launch at the Queensland Institute of Technology, Brisbane.

September



Friday-Saturday 15-16: The 35th **Indonesia Update. Globalisation, nationalism**



The tenth High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) was held in Jakarta on 26-27 April. This annual meeting brings together academic scholars and top policy makers from Indonesia and Australia to discuss some of the most pressing issues facing Indonesia's economic development. The 2017 HLPD, attended by over 80 people, was organised around the general theme of 'inequality', a highly topical and important theme worldwide. In Indonesia, inequality has risen significantly since around 2000. The meeting commenced with a welcoming address by Australia's Ambassador to Indonesia, **HE Paul Grigson**. This was followed by a keynote speech by the Indonesian Minister of Finance, **HE Sri Mulyani Indrawati**.

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The 11th Sadli Lecture

and sovereignty. Registration is [open](#).

December

Mid-December: The BIES Economic Dialogue and Forum

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This year's Sadli Lecture speaker was **Dr Muhamad Chatib Basri** of Universitas Indonesia and Indonesian former Minister of Finance (2013-2014). His lecture, titled *A tale of two countries: India and Indonesia, a lesson learned from the 2013 Taper Tantrum*, addressed the negative impact of quantitative easing on several emerging markets, including Indonesia and India.

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The Inaugural Mubyarto Public Policy Forum

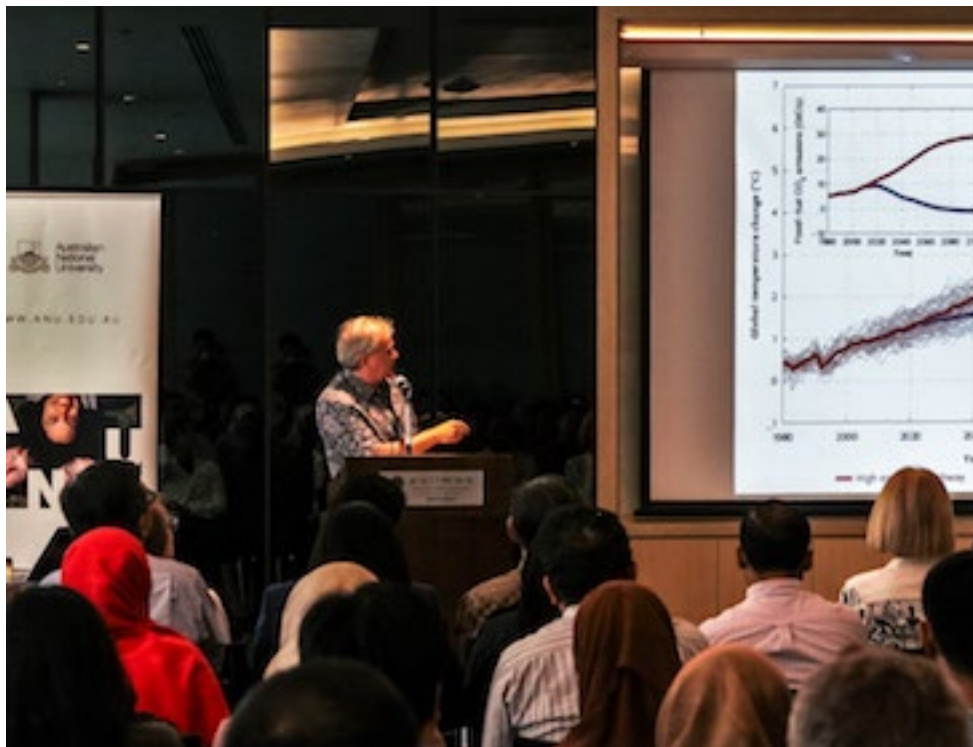


The Faculty of Economics and Business Universitas Gadjah Mada and ANU Indonesia Project jointly convened the Inaugural Mubyarto Public Policy Forum (MPPF) on May 10 2017 in Yogyakarta. **Professor Boediono** delivered

the keynote remarks, *Beberapa catatan mengenai strategi pemerataan pembangunan (Notes on equitable development strategy)*. **Dr Muhamad Chatib Basri** delivered a public lecture, *A tale of two countries: India and Indonesia, a lesson learned from the 2013 Taper Tantrum*.

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ANU Vice-Chancellor visit to Indonesia



ANU Indonesia Project facilitated a meeting between **ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt** and the **Dean of ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) Professor Michael Wesley** and the Rector, Vice-Rectors, Deans and some faculty members of **Universitas Indonesia**. ANU Indonesia Project also co-organised ANU Vice-Chancellor's and the Dean of CAP's **Public Lectures** in Jakarta.

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New Head of ANU Indonesia Project

ANU Indonesia Project is pleased to announce that Associate Professor **Blane Lewis** was appointed to succeed Associate Professor **Budy Resosudarmo** as the new Head of ANU Indonesia Project at the end of May 2017. Blane Lewis joined the ANU Indonesia Project as a senior research fellow and editor of the *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies* in 2014. We warmly welcome Associate Professor Lewis and we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Associate Professor Budy Resosudarmo for his tireless work in leading the Project over the last six years.

RESEARCH RELATED

In the [April 2017 issue \(53.1\)](#) of the *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES)*, Sarah Xue Dong and Chris Manning, in the latest [Survey of](#)

recent developments, focus on the testing times facing Indonesia's labour market. There are three articles in the April issue. Dias Satria and Elton Li examine the informal contractual relationships formed by artisanal fishers and intermediaries; Eusebius Pantja Pramudya, Otto Hospes, and C. J. A. M. Termeer analyse the different roles of the Indonesian state in arranging finance schemes for palm-oil development since 1945; and Magda Tsaneva examines the role of parental preferences in human capital accumulation.

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Research network and grants

ANU Indonesia Project and the SMERU Research Institute would like to congratulate the 24 recipients of the **2017-2018 Research Grants** awarded as part of the Research Network Program. There were many excellent applications for this year's grants and the research recipients were selected after a rigorous selection process.

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There are six recipients of this year's round of **Research Travel Grants**, who will be conducting their research in Indonesia. Congratulations to Masayoshi Ike, Amara Stevens, Bronwyn Jones, Sarah Stephen, Veronica O'Neill and Owen James.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

In January 2017, the Head of ANU Indonesia Project **visited the economics faculties of three universities** in Indonesia to hold discussions with their academic staff about ways to reform their economics programs so their products better equip students who might want to pursue a higher degree abroad, particularly in Australia. The universities visited were Universitas Hasanuddin, Universitas Sebelas Maret and Institut Pertanian Bogor.

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Associate Professor **John McCarthy** from Crawford School of Public Policy at ANU and Indonesia Project academic staff spent two weeks at the Indonesian Ministry of Spatial and Agrarian Planning participating in discussions relating to Indonesian Land Law. Dr McCarthy met with the **Indonesian Minister of Spatial and Agrarian Planning Dr Sofyan Djalil** on two occasions, the second time giving a presentation regarding his suggestions for a possible way forward with the revised land law.

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Associate Professor **Budy Resosudarmo** and Adjunct Professor **Chris Manning** from **ANU Indonesia Project** briefed the **Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)** in Jakarta on 15 March 2017. They presented their findings on **two topics**, the first on **labour market challenges and policies** in an era of uncertainty and slower economic growth, and the second topic on **traditional social institutions and development outcomes in Eastern Indonesia**.

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