



## ACTIVITIES

At a glance, during the first six months of 2015 the Indonesia Project was involved in many offshore activities, mainly in Indonesia, but also in the USA.

Our most recent activity, held in Indonesia in June for the third consecutive year, is the very popular [Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum \(HSPF\)](#)

The event takes the form of a lecture in honour of Hadi Soesastro, followed by the launching of the book from the previous year's Update Conference and a Mini Update. This year, Dr Stephen Grenville AO (Lowy Institute for International Policy) delivered the lecture on the topic, "Deepening the Indonesian Financial Sector" followed by the launch and discussion of the 2014 Update Book, *The Yudhoyono Presidency: Indonesia's decade of stability and stagnation* (editors: Edward Aspinall, Marcus Mietzner, Dirk Tomsa). A mini Update was then held on Indonesia's economic and political development. Dr Haryo Aswicahyono from CSIS delivered the economics update and Dr Dirk Tomsa the political update.

The lecture, book launch and Mini Update were held first on 10 June at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta, followed by a repeat of the lecture in Surabaya hosted by Airlangga University and another launching of the book in Yogyakarta hosted by the University of Gadjah Mada (UGM).

These events attracted a large and enthusiastic audience and were well covered in the media.

» [find out more](#) (including video and Dr Stephen Grenville AO's presentation file)

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[The Project in North America](#)



[FKP Roadshows in Banda Aceh, Padang and Makassar](#)



[The 9th Sadli Lecture](#)



Staff and academics from ANU Indonesia Project with President Joko Widodo in Banda Aceh

The **9<sup>th</sup> Sadli Lecture** was held on 21 April 2015 at the Hotel Borobudur, Jakarta, with Professor Ross Garnaut AO as speaker on the topic of Indonesia's resources boom from an international perspective, examining the resulting policy dilemmas as well as options for sustained and equitable growth. The Lecture was attended by about 160 people (of which 63% were male) which was quite unexpected given that it was a busy week, with both the Asia Africa Conference and the World Economic Forum on East Asia convened in Jakarta at the same time.

» [find out more](#) (including link to presentation file)

Professor Ross Garnaut presented on the same topic at the Faculty of Economics of Sriwijaya University in Palembang on 23 April 2015.

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Following this lecture, the outgoing editor of the Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies, Dr Pierre van der Eng was invited to meet with graduates from the Faculty for a guest lecture on the topic "Mixed Blessings: Mining in Indonesia's Economy, 1870-2010".

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**The 2015 Indonesia-Australia High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD)** was held in Jakarta on March 25. Three key issues were discussed, namely regional fiscal transfers, social welfare policy, and global production networks.

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On the local front, the Indonesia Project participated in the **'Indonesia Aid Investment Plan Consultation Forum'** on 6 May 2015 at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). The forum was an opportunity for DFAT to seek advice from implementing partners to help shape the future direction of Australia's aid program in Indonesia. At the forum Hal Hill presented on 'Indonesia's economy: constraints and opportunities and its impact on Indonesia's development' whilst Robert Sparrow participated in the panel 'Human Development: Addressing Inequality and Vulnerabilities'.

Another very successful local event was held on 12 March 2015. **Dr Mari Pangestu**, Professor of International Economics at the University of Indonesia and Former Indonesian Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, delivered **the Annual Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture** on the new economy and development: an Indonesian perspective. Held at the Molonglo Theatre, Crawford School of Public Policy, the event was attended by well over 200 people. This Public Lecture was presented by the Development Policy Centre at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU in collaboration with the Indonesia Project and the Australian Indonesian Centre.



[2015 Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum and book launches](#)

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## EVENTS

### July 2015

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: a week of celebration**

Tuesday 28: Arndt-Corden Department Seminar, 2014 Update Book launch

Wednesday 29: Special ISG seminar by Professor Mari Pangestu

Thursday 30: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Friday 31: In conversation with His Excellency Dr Boediono (students only)

### September 2015



**Indonesia Update 2015**, Land and development in Indonesia: searching for the people's sovereignty, 18-19 September in Canberra.

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## RESEARCH RELATED

In 2015 we celebrate the fact that the **Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES)** has been published continuously for over 50 years—a feather in the cap of the Project. With the publication of the April issue, Pierre van der Eng bade his farewell as editor of the journal. The new editors are Blane Lewis, Arianto Patunru, and Robert Sparrow.

Pierre takes over from Chris Manning as the editor of the journal's 'Indonesia in Comparative Perspective' series, while Sarah Xue Dong joins the editorial team and takes over from Arianto Patunru as book review editor. Ben Wilson remains the managing editor.

See the [Blog](#) to read more about these changes and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BIES as well as an update on our free-access initiative for readers in Indonesia.

The [April 2015 issue](#) of the BIES offers a diverse range of studies related to current issues in Indonesia's economy.

## Research networks

On 29 April 2015, three recipients of [Research Travel Grants](#) presented research findings from their Indonesian field trips to the Indonesia Study Group.

We would like to congratulate Jenny Jung, Sarah Mourney and Peter Bowers from the University of Sydney, Kate Grealy from Griffith University, and Shanti Omodei-James from Flinders University as the latest recipients of the Research Travel Grants.

[Sarah Dong](#) and [Ryan Edwards](#), both from ANU, have written accounts of their fieldwork in Indonesia as part of the Indonesia Project research network.

Recipients of the 2015-2016 ANU Indonesia Project and SMERU Research Institute Research Grants have been announced. Congratulations to all grantees.

The grants are designed to stimulate research cooperation between Indonesian and Australian research institutes.

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