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HIGHLIGHTS

The inaugural **Indonesia Policy Dialogue** was held on 22 April online. **Indonesia's Trade Minister, His Excellency Mr Muhammad Lutfi** was in conversation with Dr Arianto Patunru on the direction of **Indonesia's trade policies in the face of economic recession from Covid-19 and Indonesia's position in the global value chain** in the long term. This event was jointly hosted by the ANU Indonesia Project and the Center for Indonesian Policy Studies.

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Professor Keijiro Otsuka from Kobe University and the Institute of Development Economics delivered the **15th Sadli Lecture** titled *Strategy for strengthening Indonesian agriculture* with a Keynote Remarks from **Indonesia's Finance Minister Her Excellency Dr Sri Mulyani Indrawati**. More than 270 participants attended this lecture.

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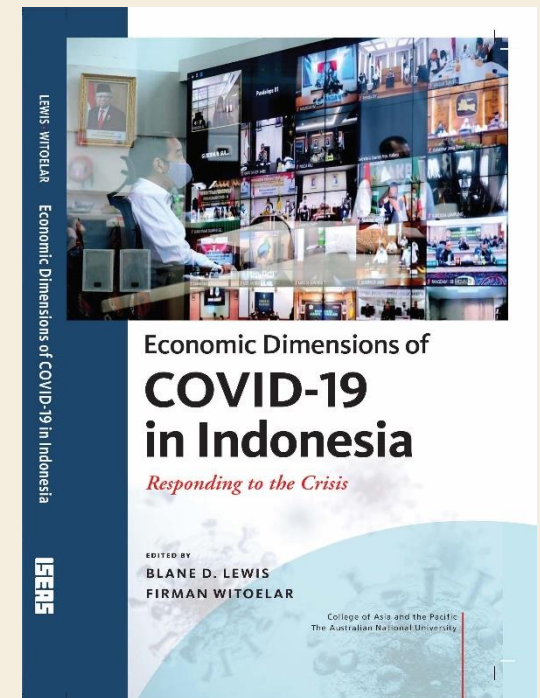
Economic dimensions of Covid-19 in Indonesia: responding to the crisis

Blane Lewis, Firman Witoelar (editors,
published by ISEAS-Yusof Ishak
Institute 2021).

The book was launched online and on-
campus in Canberra. The book is
based on the 2020 Covid-19
conference with the same theme.

This volume constitutes the first
comprehensive analysis of Indonesia's
initial response to the crisis from an
economic perspective.

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Covid-19, agriculture and rural development

This year's Mulyarto Public Policy Forum was held online in April with Chris Manning (ANU), Catur Sugiyanto (Universitas Gadjah Mada) and Lucentezza Napitupulu (World Resources Institute).

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Global Seminars

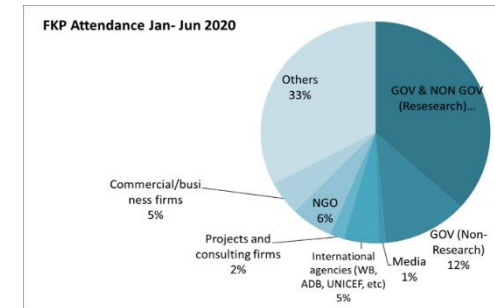
Eight Global Seminars were held this semester. The topics covered vary from issues surrounding Covid-19 vaccines, the impact of the pandemic on children and schooling, e-commerce, fintech, survivors stories and the OECD economic survey on Indonesia.

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Indonesia Study Group

The Indonesia Study Group is back in the first semester of 2021 in the form of hybrid and on-campus seminars. There were five Indonesia Study Group seminars held with the following topics: the survey of recent developments, the shrinking of Indonesia's opposition, twenty-five years of HIV/AIDS responses in Indonesia, the banning of Islamic Defenders' Front (FPI) to participatory art practices in Indonesia. [Read more.](#)



Forum Kajian Pembangunan

Thirty Forum Kajian Pembangunan (FKP) seminars with 68 presenters were held this semester with 13 co-host organisations. A third of the topics were Covid-19 related. Some of the highlights including the 6th Thee Kian Wie Lecture hosted by the Center for Economic Research LIPI and a webinar on sustainable development in Indonesia by Professor Armida Alisjahbana (UN ESCAP) and Professor Emil Salim. [Read more](#)

RESEARCH

Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies

The April 2021 issue (57.1) began with a Survey of Recent Developments by Della Temenggung, Adhi Saputro, Rullan Rinaldi and Deasy Pane, titled 'Managing Recovery and Seizing Reform Opportunities'. It focused on Indonesia's long-term recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, especially its effects on the country's long-standing structural problems. Other articles included an analysis of national identity and public support for economic globalisation in Indonesia, by Diego Fossati; an evaluation of the effects of the Health Insurance for the Poor program, Askeskin, by Ranjan Shrestha; and an article on reducing fuel subsidies and financing road infrastructure, by Euijune Kim and Yasir Niti Samudro. The edition also included a special feature on improving Indonesia's competitiveness through vocational and higher education, by Sri Mulyani Indrawati and Ari Kuncoro. Book reviews were contributed by Vedi R. Hadiz and Iwan Azis.

The August 2021 issue (57.2) opens with a Survey of Recent Developments, 'Impact of the Covid-19 Shock on Banking and Corporate Sector Vulnerabilities in Indonesia', by Reza Y.

Siregar, Anton H. Gunawan and Adhi N. Saputro. The edition also features an article on the importance of financial liberalisation for economic growth, by Krisna Gupta; an analysis of the effects of urban form on motorcycle use, by Sotya Fevriera, Henri L.F. de Groot and Peter Mulder; and a study of the effects of peer pressure in the agro-clusters of West Java, by Dadan Wardhana, Rico Ihle and Wim Heijman. Book reviews are contributed by Anne Booth and Manggi Habir, while Booth also pays tribute to the late R. M. Sundrum (1924–2021), who made significant contributions to BIES over his long career.

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ANU Indonesia Project-SMERU Research Institute Research Grants

We received over 130 applications from universities and research institutions in Indonesia and their Australian counterparts. Twelve grants were awarded to partnerships between Australian and Indonesian institutions. The key themes were health, politics, environment and livelihoods.

[LIST OF GRANT RECIPIENTS](#)

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Please join us in congratulating **Wishnu Mahraddika, Barli Suryanta** and **Chandra Tri Putra**, our scholars from the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics who received their PhD degrees this semester.

Congratulations to **Andree Surianta** who won the Hadi Soesastro Prize 2021. Andre is a PhD scholar under the supervision of Chunlai Chen and Arianto Patunru.

Arianto Patunru has given several talks on Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. He also delivered a talk on Indonesia and the Global Value Chain at the Indonesian Ministry of Finance.

Blane Lewis has been providing advice to the Indonesian Ministry of Finance on forthcoming revisions to legislation on intergovernmental fiscal relations (Law 33/2004).

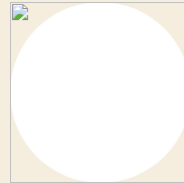
Budy Resosudarmo was a panellist at the Thee Kian Wie lecture in April. He also gave a talk on sustainable ocean economy in Indonesia at an event organised by the Ocean Justice Initiative and the Norwegian Embassy.

Firman Witoelar was a panellist at the book launch of Ethics in social science research in Indonesia (Gardiner, Rahardi, Can, editors, published by Yayasan Obor Indonesia in 2021).

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- The effect of labour demand on women's intra-household decision power: evidence from Indonesia
- Jokowi in the Covid-19 era: repressive pluralism, dynasticism and the overbearing state
- Indonesia under the New Normal: challenges and the way ahead
- Managing recovery and seizing reform opportunities
- Estimating the impact of Covid-19 on poverty in Indonesia
- Indonesia in the time of Covid-19
- Improving competitiveness through vocational and higher education: Indonesia's vision for human capital development in 2019–2024

UPCOMING EVENTS



Indonesia Policy Dialogue

13 August. **The role of private sector in economic recovery** with **Arsjad Rasjid** (Chairman of Indonesian Chamber of Commerce).



The 38th Indonesia Update

15-17 September. **In sickness and in health: diagnosing Indonesia** (online and on-campus). Registration is now [open](#).

We have a new blog!

www.indonesiaproject.net

You can find essays and comments, podcasts and videos of all our activities.

- [On the inaugural Indonesia-Australia Economic, Trade and Investment Ministers' Meeting by Arianto Patunru](#)
- [Lost podcast series: Islamic pilgrimage in Bali by George Quinn.](#)

We look forward to your contribution!



Latest news



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Read about ANU Indonesia Project activities in the first semester of 2021, our key engagements, research and publications.
Aug 1, 2021



Global Seminars and Indonesia Study Group in the first semester of 2021
Read the summary of the Global Seminars and the Indonesia Study Group in the first semester of 2021.
Jul 30, 2021



Australia looks to the future, what will the standard of living be like in 40 years time?
Sir Dean from SES interviewed Peter McCowley (in Indonesian language) about the recently released Intergenerational Report published by the Australian Government.
Jul 29, 2021

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