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Greetings from the ANU Indonesia Project!

We have kicked off the first half of 2022 in fine form, returning at long last to face-to-face events, including the **Forum Kajian Pembangunan (FKP) Road Show** on *Enhancing Community Resilience to Disasters*, in Bali and Lombok, and presentations at ANU by Indonesia's new ambassador to Australia, **HE Dr. Siswo Pramono**, and by **Dr. Bambang Brodjonegoro**, former Head of Bappenas and Minister of Finance and Minister of

Research and Technology. Another highlight was the **Sadli Lecture**—the 16th of this long-running series—which was delivered by Dr. Cassey Lee on *Competition Policy in the Age of Algorithms: Challenges for Indonesia*. In academic news, the ***Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies* obtained a 1st tier ranking** across three fields of research for the first time ever this year: Area Studies, Development, and Economics. Finally, we are looking forward to the upcoming **Indonesia Update on Gender Equality and Diversity in Indonesia: Identifying Progress and Challenges** to be held on **16-17 September**. Please join us live and online. Details on these activities below. Selamat baca!

Blane Lewis
Head, ANU Indonesia Project

Highlights



Public lecture: Indonesia-Australia relations in the context of a rising Asia

On 30 March, **HE Dr Siswo Pramono** (Indonesia's Ambassador to Australia and Vanuatu), spoke to an audience of 70 people about '*Indonesia-Australia relations in the context of a rising Asia*'. Discussion revolved around strategic areas of cooperation, foreign direct investment, elections, the environment, people-to-people links and cultural diplomacy.

Photo: Professor Renée McKibbin, Professor Blane Lewis and HE Dr Siswo Pramono

16th Sadli Lecture

Competition policy in the age of algorithms: challenges for Indonesia



16th Sadli Lecture Speaker
Cassey Lee, PhD
ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute



Keynote Speaker
Dr Chandra Setiawan, PhD
Indonesia Competition
Commission (KPPU)



Discussant
Lili Yan Ing, PhD
Economic Research Institute for
ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)



Discussant
Chaikal Nuryakin, PhD
LPEM Fakultas Ekonomi & Bisnis
Universitas Indonesia

The 16th Sadli Lecture

The 16th Sadli Lecture, took place on 19 May. **Dr Cassey Lee** (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute) presented on '*Competition policy in the age of algorithms: challenges for Indonesia*'. The lecture discussed the challenges in competition policy in the

age of algorithms, and what public policy responses are needed in Indonesia.

[PRESENTATION AND VIDEO](#)



Public lecture: Prospects for Australia-Indonesia trade-investment partnerships

On 15 June, **Dr Bambang Brodjonegoro** (former Minister of Research and Technology, former Minister of National Development Planning of Indonesia, and former Minister of Finance) delivered a lecture to 50 people on '*Prospects for Australia-Indonesia trade-investment partnerships in the digital, telecommunications, energy and infrastructure sectors*'. He explored various aspects of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, including trade and investment dimensions, and how trade and investment can benefit both countries.

Photo: Dr Bambang Brodjonegoro and Indonesia Project staff

[VIDEO](#)

Activities



Indonesia Study Group

There were seven Indonesia Study Groups held in the first semester covering many topics including: women's role in the economy during COVID-19; Aceh's contested history; resources; Jakarta's stock exchange; and Indonesia-Australia relations.

[Full summary and recordings.](#)

SME development and gender inclusion in Indonesia

Many small and medium businesses are heavily impacted by the pandemic-induced economic downturn, yet they are often excluded from innovative financial instruments that can help them survive due to a lack of visibility and formal trade relationships. This is even more apparent for women-led micro, small and medium businesses (MSMEs). In this seminar, **Liha Erza** (APINDO National SME Committee) will discuss the challenges and opportunities in helping SMEs attract more investments and participate in supply chains. **Diana Octary** (ASIX MELATI Nusantara Program Leader) will discuss supply chain finance at SME level, and **Nandini Harbaweswara** (Independent Consultant) will give a comparative perspective of the gender financial and digital inclusion in the region.

Webinar link: https://bit.ly/ans_indonesia Webinar ID 846 0999 4505 Passcode 020070



Liha Erza
Asisten Pengusaha Indonesia
APINDO National SME Committee



Diana Octary
ASIX MELATI Nusantara Program



Nandini Harbaweswara
Independent Consultant



Australian National University

ANU
Indonesia
Project
Global
Seminar
Series

Wednesday,
23 March 2022
(1-2:30pm AEDT /
9-10:30 WIB)

Global Seminars

There were five Global Seminars held in the first semester covering many interesting topics including climate change and energy; gender and early childhood education; and small to medium enterprises.

[Full summary and recordings.](#)



Forum Kajian Pembangunan

There were seventeen Forum Kajian Pembangunan (FKP) seminars held in the first semester. The most prominent topics were social inclusion and environmental sustainability, or the intersection of the two.

[Full summary and recordings.](#)



Forum Kajian Pembangunan Roadshow

The in-person FKP Roadshow also recommenced this semester, after two years on hold. The theme was '*Enhancing community resilience to disasters*'. Almost 900 people participated in the FKP Roadshow, the largest number of participants since its inception in 2013.

Grants



Ruth Daroesman Graduate Study Grant

Lila Dwilita Sari and **Navhat Nuraniyah** were both awarded the 2022 Ruth Daroesman Graduate Study Grant.

Ms Sari was awarded the grant for her research on the variations of clientelistic politics and how it affects the healthcare services at the sub national level in Indonesia. Whilst Ms Nuraniyah was awarded the grant for her research on Islamist mobilisation



Student Research Grants

The 2022 Grants were awarded to two outstanding students.

Hector Warren Fraser (ANU) for his research topic '*From monuments to replica: Ideology and symbolism in Jakarta from Soekarno's Guided Democracy to Suharto's New Order*'.

Laura Wallace (RMIT) for her research topic '*Sexual and reproductive health information access, sources and information-*

and State repression in contemporary
Indonesia.

*seeking behaviour amongst
Indonesian young adults'.*

Research

Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies

The *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies* (BIES) **Clarivate Impact Factor** rose significantly this year to **3.269** from 1.552 in 2021. The **Scopus CiteScoreTracker** also increased to **4.6** from 3.2 in 2021. The journal also obtained a 1st tier ranking across three research fields: **area studies (2/87)**, **economics (129/696)** and **development (41/287)**.

The April edition featured:

- a *Survey of Recent Developments* focusing on agriculture, development and sustainability in the Covid-19 era (A. Halimatussadiah, R. Edwards, F. Moeis and R. Maulia)

- *'The status of palm oil under the European Union's renewable energy directive: sustainability or protectionism?'* (A. Tyson and E. Meganingtyas)
- *'Factors of budget delay: local government capacity, bargaining and political interaction in Indonesia'* (Y. Vidyattama, W. Sutiyono and Sugiyarto)
- *'Wagner's law and the dynamics of government spending on Indonesia'* (J. Inchauspe, G. MacDonald and M. Abdul Kobir)

To read, submit or subscribe to *BIES*, visit [Taylor & Francis Online](#). You can also follow the journal on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Selected publications

[To ban or not to ban? How Indonesia can overcome the global food crisis](#) by Maria Wihardja and Arianto Patunru

[Determinants of foreign direct investment in Indonesia](#) by Arianto Patunru and Barli Suryanta

[Local education spending mandates: Indonesia's 20 percent rule](#) by Blane Lewis

The impact of democratic elections on taxation: quasi-experimental evidence from subnational Indonesia by Blane Lewis

Development of renewable electricity in ASEAN countries: socio-economic and environmental impacts by Yuventus Effendi and Budy Resosudarmo

Can internet increase the working hours of married women in micro and small enterprises? Evidence from Yogyakarta, Indonesia by Eny Sulistyaningrum, Budy Resosudarmo, Anna Falentina, and Danang Darmawan

Targeted scholarship for higher education and academic performance: evidence from Indonesia by Tri Mulyaningsih, Sarah Dong, Riyana Miranti and Anne Daly

Information, intermediaries, and international migration by Samuel Bazzi, Lisa Cameron, Simone Schaner and Firman Witoelar

Other news and activities

Angie Bexley, Sarah Dong and **Firman Witolear** were awarded an ANU Asia Pacific Innovation Program 2022 - Engagement and Impact Grant, for the study '*Assessing the impact of forest restoration projects on local communities' livelihoods and well-being*'.

Budy Resosudarmo was awarded the 2022 Fellowship by The Regional Science Association International (RSAI). RSAI Fellows are “distinguished scholars with a proven and recognized research record in the field of regional science during a considerable part of their scientific career”.

Firman Witolear was part of a team awarded grant by the JPAL-SEA – LPEM Inclusive Financial Innovation Initiative Research Fund, for the study '*Competition in the branchless banking agent market: effects and strategic responses*'.



Gender equality and diversity in Indonesia: identifying progress and challenges

The 39th Indonesia Update
16-17 September 2022

bit.ly/IndonesiaUpdate38

Upcoming events

- **16-17 September.** Indonesia Update Conference.

The topic is '*Gender equality and diversity in Indonesia: identifying progress and challenges*'. The event will be held online and in-person.

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