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Happy New Year and hello from the ANU Indonesia Project.

We have had a busy six months as we move into Phase V of the Project, taking us through to 2026. In September we were thrilled to welcome attendees to our 39th Indonesia Update in-person for the first time since the pandemic. The theme was *Gender equality and diversity in Indonesia: Identifying progress and challenges*. HE Sri Mulyani, Indonesia's Minister of Finance and long-time friend of the Project, wrapped up the event, sharing her vision for strengthening Indonesia's human resources in the future. We held an additional 28 events over the semester, while continuing our research, teaching and engagement.

In staff updates, our program manager of many years, Kate McLinton, has gone on maternity leave. We wish her all the best in this exciting time. Stepping into this role is Kathryn Whitney. Kathryn brings with her a great deal of experience from her time at Deakin University, as well as an infectious enthusiasm. Alex Gotts has come on board as Communications and Events Officer and Nesita Anggraini

has joined us as our Canberra-based research assistant.

We're looking forward to the year to come, kicking off with our launch of the long-awaited 2021 Indonesia Update book, *In sickness and in health: Diagnosing Indonesia*, edited by Firman Witoelar and Ariane Utomo (event details below). Stay tuned for more!

Prof. Blane Lewis
Head of the Indonesia Project

Highlights

39th Indonesia Update

Last year's conference reflected on the 20 years since the last Indonesia Update on gender, bringing to the centre stage gender relations in Indonesia. It presented an overview of the political, economic, social, and cultural progress and barriers in achieving gender equality and diversity.



HE Sri Mulyani in Canberra for the Indonesia Update

Halal industries workshop

On Australia's doorstep are emerging economies with large Muslim populations, such as Indonesia. With growing middle classes spurring demand, the global Halal market is projected to increase from its current value of \$4 trillion to \$7 trillion in 2030. In collaboration with the Indonesian Embassy and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the

Project brought together industry leaders and policy makers to explore opportunities for growth and cooperation.

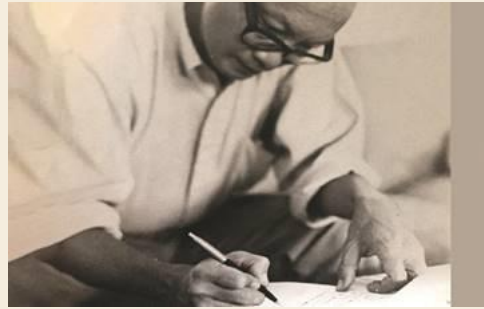


Speakers and participants at the workshop

Selected videos



2022 Indonesian Update
Gender equality and diversity in Indonesia: identifying progress and challenges



Indonesia Study Group
To remain myself: The history of Onghokham



Forum Kajian Pembangunan
Covid-19 disruption in Indonesia



Industry workshop
Halal industries: Trends and opportunities

Featured research



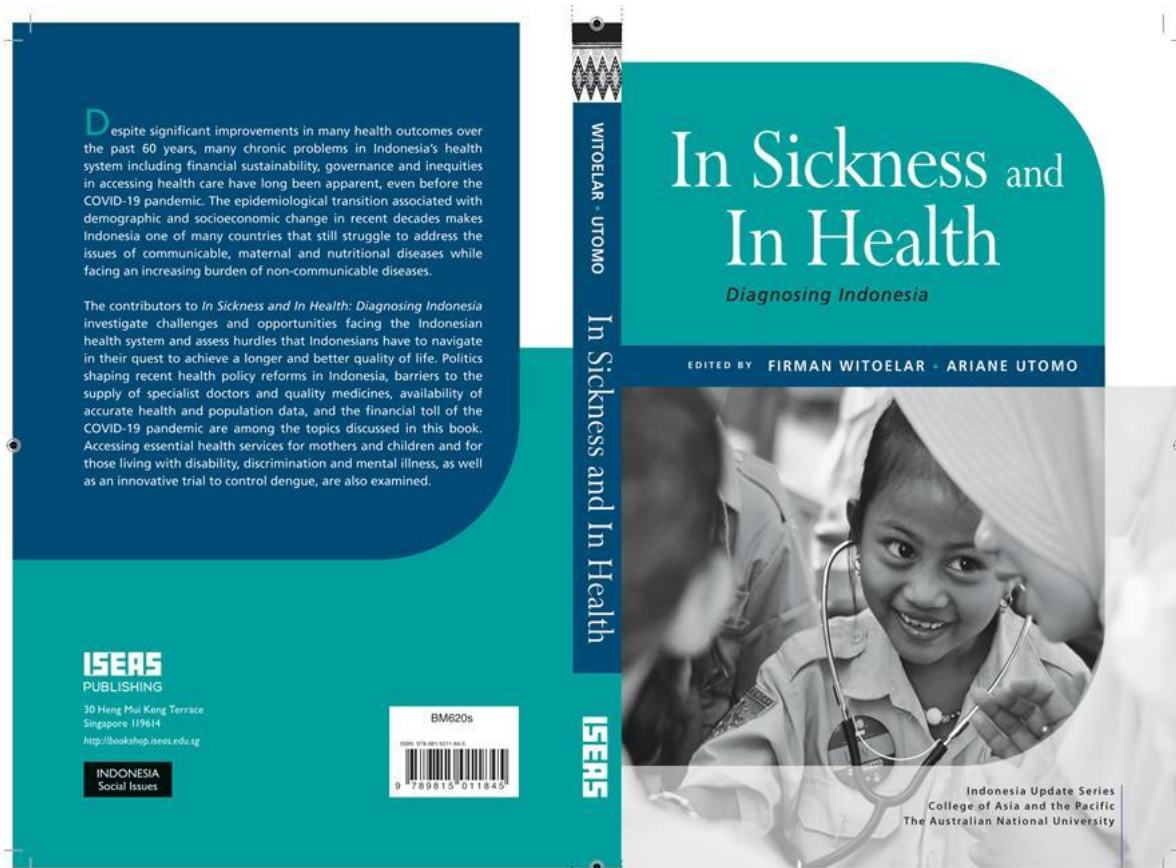
Understanding demand for universal disaster index-based insurance in Indonesia

Prof. Budy Resosudarmo is conducting one of the world's first studies on demand for index-based flood insurance in the urban context of a developing country. As climate change drives flooding, insurance is crucial. Yet conventional insurance is unaffordable due to its higher transaction costs. Index-based insurance pays compensation according to a disaster index rather than actual losses, reducing costs. Resosudarmo examines demand for insurance in Jakarta. Deciding factors are whether the index reflects a household's real risk, pricing and risk preferences. This research provides pathways to mitigating climate-related economic shocks.

Mayor selection, clientelism, and fiscal and service outcomes

In 2005, Indonesia began rolling out direct elections of mayors, whereas previously they were appointed by local legislatures. Dr Sarah Dong and Prof. Blane Lewis are conducting the first ever empirical study examining the causal impact of direct elections on a range of fiscal and service outcomes, with a focus on the effects of clientelism. Dong and Lewis find that direct elections led to decreases in district taxes, spending, and service access. Moreover, they determine that these negative effects are only found in relatively more clientelistic districts. This finding shows that local democratic elections are no guarantee of successful decentralization outcomes, and that the quality of governance matters considerably.

Publications



In sickness and in health: Diagnosing Indonesia

This book takes a snapshot of the state of health and healthcare provision in Indonesia, exploring its significant accomplishments and challenges. Published with ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute and edited by Dr Firman Witoelar and Dr Ariane Utomo, the book features 12 chapters by authors from Indonesia and around the world and across a variety of disciplines. Produced from papers for the 2021 Indonesia Update, at a time when the pandemic had just knocked three years off Indonesia's average life expectancy, this book is a timely assessment of Indonesia's health transition. See more [here](#).

Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES)

The last issue of the [Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies](#) (BIES) for 2022 is out! This volume includes the Survey of Recent Developments written by the dream team of Dr Titik Anas (Universitas Padjadjaran and Ministry of Finance), Em. Prof. Hal Hill (ANU), Dr Dionisius Narjoko (ERIA) and Dr Chandra Tri Putra. In addition to highlighting key economic events and indicators of the past four months, the Survey also focuses on recent patterns and future prospects of industrialisation in Indonesia.

More research and publications

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Upcoming events

- **31 January.** Online book launch. *In sickness and in health: Diagnosing Indonesia* edited by Firman Witoelar and Ariane Utomo
- **8 February.** Indonesia Policy Dialogue. Can the National Food Agency achieve food and nutrition security in Indonesia?
- **22 February.** Book launch. *In sickness and in health: Diagnosing Indonesia* edited by Firman Witoelar and Ariane Utomo

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