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Greetings from the ANU Indonesia Project!

2021 was a significant year for the Project. We fully moved to a hybrid activity delivery model, building on the success of our strictly online approach, developed out of necessity

during the pandemic-induced lockdown. We also brought onboard a new academic staff member, Angie Bexley, who helped design our Gender Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion strategy, to assist in implementing the strategy. Our other academic staff continued to do cutting edge and policy-relevant research on a wide range of topics, including the environment (Budy Resosudarmo), trade and investment (Arianto Patunru), labour (Sarah Dong), gender (Firman Witoelar), and decentralisation (Blane Lewis). Finally, we said goodbye and good luck to Gema Satria Mayang Sedyadi, our student Project Assistant who finished his degree and is moving back to Jakarta.

Stay tuned for more throughout the rest of the year!

Blane Lewis

Head, ANU Indonesia Project



The 38th Indonesia Update

The 2021 Indonesia Update, *In sickness and in health: diagnosing Indonesia* was held online on 15-17 September and had 785 participants. Senator the Hon Zed Seselja (Minister for International Development and the Pacific), the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia HE Penny Williams and the Indonesian Ambassador to Australia HE Y Kristianto S Legowo delivered the Welcoming Remarks. This conference was convened by Firman Witoelar and Ariane Utomo. The book based on this theme will be published in the middle of this year.

PRESENTATIONS AND VIDEOS



The role of private sector in economic recovery

INDONESIA POLICY DIALOGUE

Arsjad Rasjid - Chairman, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce

13 August 2021, 1-2pm AEST, 10-11am WIB
Register: bit.ly/IPDprivatesector
This is a joint program between ANU Indonesia Project and the Center for Indonesian Policy Studies

Indonesia Policy Dialogue

In the second Indonesia Policy Dialogue, M Arsjad Rasjid P M, the Chairman of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce

and Industry (KADIN), discussed the challenges faced by the private sector after more than one year of the pandemic.

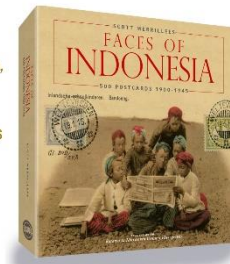
[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Book Discussion:
Faces of Indonesia,
500 postcards,
1900-1945
by Scott Merrillees

6 October 2021
bit.ly/ISG6October21



Indonesia Project



Indonesia Study Group

Five Indonesia Study Group (ISG) seminars were held in the second semester of 2021. A special ISG was held in September, when David Jenkins was in conversation with Gareth Evans about his new book,

Behind closed door: gender-based violence during the pandemic

Gender-based violence in Indonesia has increased during the pandemic. UIN AFK (Umboga Bankur Hakim Anonim Persewaan Indonesia) and the National Legal Aid by Association of Women for Justice, recorded 178 cases of gender-based violence in Indonesia in 2020 compared to 9178 cases in 2019.

UIN Hafid from UIN AFK will share her organization's experience in handling gender-based domestic violence cases during the pandemic. Alimatus Solikhah, a Commissioner at Komnas Perempuan's National Commission on Violence Against Women, will discuss relevant national cases and her past job roles. Let us see gender-based violence from Universitas Gadjah Mada, will look at the development of law and practice that leads to restorative justice for the victims.



Siti Hafid
UIN AFK



Alimatus Solikhah
Komnas Perempuan



UIN Hafid
Universitas Gadjah Mada

Webinar link: <https://bit.ly/ISG6Nov21>
Webinar ID: 867 5275 4488
Passcode: 020070

ANU
Indonesia
Project Global
Seminar
Series

Wednesday
3 November 2021
12:20pm AEDT
(9-10:30am WIB)



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Global Seminars

There were seven Global Seminars held in the second semester of 2021. In July, Rimawan Pradiptyo from Universitas Gadjah Mada and Alissa Wahid from Gusdurian presented a grim view of Covid-19 from the ground, at the peak of the pandemic

Young Soeharto: the making of a soldier, 1921-1945.

in Indonesia. A new theme on gender equality and social inclusion was introduced in December.

[Read more.](#)

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Forum Kajian Pembangunan

Thirty-three seminars were held in the second semester of 2021, co-hosted by ANU Indonesia Project and 16 organisations.

FKP hosted 86 speakers and 40 per cent of them were female. The pandemic continues to be a

Ruth Daroesman Graduate Study Grant

Elena Williams was awarded the 2021 Ruth Daroesman Graduate Study Grant from The Australian National University.

Elena Williams commenced her PhD in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific in February 2020. Her

dominant theme, focusing on its impacts and responses especially for the vulnerable.

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research examines the impact of DFAT's higher education and public diplomacy initiatives on Australia-Indonesia relationship building, with a particular focus on student mobility and the New Colombo Plan (NCP).

RESEARCH

Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies

The *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES)* started 2021 with a Clarivate Impact Factor (IF) of 1.552 for 2020, the journal's second-highest IF on record. The Scopus CiteScoreTracker currently lists a score of 4.4 for 2021, meaning an increase from the 2020 CiteScore of 3.4 is likely. Google Scholar currently ranks the journal in the top eight of its Asian Studies and History category.

The December 2021 issue (57.3) began with a Survey of

Recent Developments on the impact of Covid-19 and social protection programs on poverty. Written by Asep Suryahadi, Ridho Al Izzati and Athia Yumna, the article found that the social protection programs had significantly mitigated the impact of Covid-19 on poverty. The annual Indonesian Politics paper was contributed by Charlotte Setijadi, and discussed the pandemic as a political opportunity for President Jokowi to push through economic reforms while justifying further democratic regression. Other articles included an Indonesia in Comparative Perspective paper that proposed a strategy for reforming Indonesian agriculture, by Keijiro Otsuka; and an article on digitalisation and the performance of micro and small enterprises in Yogyakarta, by Anna T. Falentina, Budy P. Resosudarmo, Danang Darmawan and Eny Sulistyaningrum. Book reviews were contributed by Gareth Evans (former Australian Attorney-General and minister), Günther Schulze and Susan Olivia.

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

Other news and activities

Congratulations to Martha Primanthi, Ruth Nikijuluw and Umi Yaumidin who have graduated with their PhD in Semester 2 2021.

Please join us in congratulating Blane Lewis, Paul Burke and John McCarthy as the newest professors at the Crawford School of Public Policy. Selamat, Professors!

After many years with the Project, we also say goodbye to Nurkemala (Nuke) Muliani who will be joining the National Security College at ANU. Nuke has been pivotal in establishing the ANU Indonesia Project's engagement and outreach programs.

**SELECT
PUBLICATIONS**

On the inaugural Indonesia-Australia Economic, Trade and Investment Ministers' Meeting by Arianto Patunru.

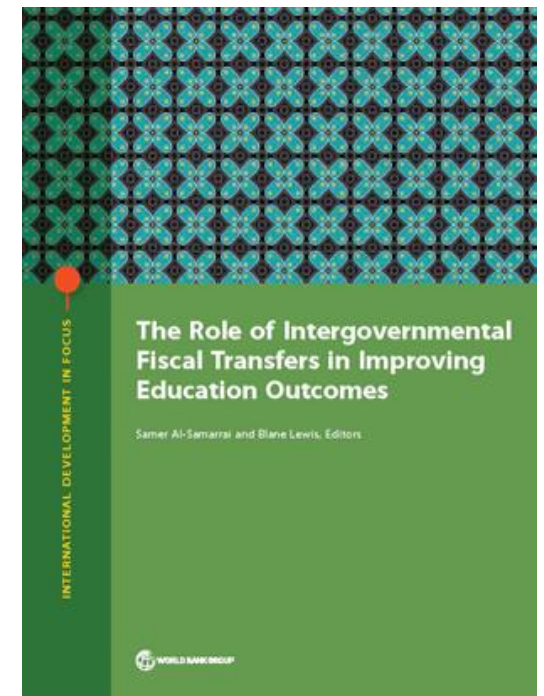
Diagnosing Indonesia's health challenges by Ariane Utomo and Firman Witoelar.

Fear God, not the pandemic in Indonesia by Duncan Graham.

The role of intergovernmental fiscal transfers in improving education outcomes

By Samer Al-Samarrai and Blane Lewis.

The main purpose of this study is to assess how these fiscal transfers affect public funding for education and how they ultimately affect student schooling and learning outcomes. Country case studies were conducted in Brazil, Bulgaria, China,



Colombia, Indonesia, Sudan, and
Uganda.

[Download the book.](#)

Globalization, poverty and income equality

Edited by Richard Barichello, Arianto
Patunru and Richard Schwindt.

Using Indonesia as a case study, this book reexamines the links between free trade and the wealth gap, challenging the prevailing doctrine that internationalism empowers the poor. This empirically rigorous work provides a nuanced perspective on the relationship between trade and poverty, contributing balanced testimony to a contentious global debate.



GLOBALIZATION, POVERTY, and INCOME INEQUALITY

— INSIGHTS FROM INDONESIA —

EDITED BY Richard Barichello,
Arianto A. Patunru, and Richard Schwindt



[Find out more.](#)

Episode 2. **Virginia Hooker** in conversation with **Arianto Patunru**



the
Indonesianists

An ANU Indonesia Project initiative

The Indonesianists

Two episodes of The Indonesianists were published this semester.

In Episode 2, Virginia Hooker was in conversation with Arianto Patunru. She talked about her experience living as a daughter of a Navy father, about her Ph.D. on Riau-Lingga islands (including a fascinating story about Raja Ali Haji), about her illustrated book for children, and her appreciation of Islamic calligraphy.

In Episode 3, Anthony (Tony) Johns was in conversation with Greg Fealy. Tony was a key figure in the founding of Asian studies at ANU and is one of the seminal figures in the study of Southeast Asian Islam. He spoke about his early life and academic career, and particularly about how he came to be interested in Islam and Qur'anic exegesis. At the age of 93, he is still engaged in research and publishing.

Upcoming programs

- **1-2 March.** FKP Roadshow. Enhancing community resilience to disasters, in Bali and Lombok with Saiful Mahdi, Budy Resosudarmo, I Nyoman Mahaendra Yasa, Diswandi.

- **31 March.** Submission deadline for the 2022 Research Travel Grants and Ruth Daroesman Graduate Study Grant.
- **19 May.** Sadli Lecture. Competition policy in the age of algorithms: implications for ASEAN countries by Dr Cassey Lee (ISEAS).

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ANU Indonesia Project acknowledges, celebrates and pays our respects to the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people of the Canberra region and to all First Nations Australians on whose traditional lands we meet and work, and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history.