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### Happy New Year from the Indonesia Project

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024. I hope you had a lovely holiday break with family and friends, and are looking forward to another year of activity with the Indonesia Project.

As I look back over recent months, I would like to thank you all for the warm and enthusiastic welcome you've given me

as I stepped back into leadership of the Project in July 2023. There are so many wonderful highlights to reflect on from the last 6 months.

The **40th Indonesia Update** was a major success, with in-person attendance bouncing back to pre-pandemic levels. Congratulations to **Ed Aspinall** and **Amalinda Savirani** for convening the conference.

Congratulations are also due to **Angie Bexley, Sarah Dong** and **Diahhadi Setyonaluri** on the publication of ***Gender equality and diversity in Indonesia: Identifying progress and challenges***, which we launched in December. This interdisciplinary review of gender relations in Indonesia will be a reference for academics, policy-makers and the public for years to come.

We were also busy hosting a variety of regular seminars, guest lectures, and policy discussions towards the end of 2023. In October we hosted the **7th Mubiyarto Public Policy Forum** on the political economy of tobacco control, followed by the **Universitas Indonesia Whitepaper** discussions. These events created lively debate among Indonesian policy-makers and commentators, demonstrating how our expertise contributes to the discussions shaping the future of Indonesia.

We were also thrilled to host guest lectures from Her Excellency **Dr Sri Mulyani Indrawati**, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia, **Dr Suahasil Nazara**, Indonesia's Vice Minister of Finance, and **Dr Muhamad Chatib Basri**, former Minister of Finance, all providing exceptional insights on Indonesian economic policies, including current issues such as the energy transition, human capital and the political economy of implementing policy reform.

In early December we welcomed a delegation from **BAPPENAS** to engage in a one week intensive Executive Education training program on program and policy evaluation skills. And as we approached the holidays the Project said farewell to two of our professional staff, Nesita Anggraini and Alex Gotts. Both Alex and Nesita delivered exceptional support to our busy schedule of event management and promotions, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Finally, as we put the pandemic firmly in the rear-view mirror, we will be rebuilding our in-person community, and looking forward to scheduling our regular program of activities and engagements over the coming months. Join us next week as our PhD scholars discuss the upcoming Indonesian general election.

Warm wishes to all our friends and supporters,

*Budy Resosudarmo*

*Head, Indonesia Project*

## Highlights

### **40th Indonesia Update conference: Governing urban Indonesia**

This year's conference, convened by **Prof. Edward Aspinall** and **Dr Amalinda Savirani**, explored the implications of a rapidly urbanising Indonesia. With political and economic updates from **Dr Jacqui Baker** and **Dr Arianto Patunru**, and a keynote address from **Prof. Abidin Kusno**, the conference covered issues from security, to privatisation and the environment. [Catch up here.](#)



*Dr Arianto Patunru and discussant Dr Masyita Crystallin during the Economic Update.*

## Mubyarto Public Policy Forum

*The political economy of tobacco control: The state of play* explored thorny issues of tobacco control, such as how political interference prevents tobacco control and whether that control would harm tobacco industry workers. [See more here.](#)



*Dr Elisabeth Kramer speaking at the forum*

## Selection of recent seminars and events



**Dr Chatib Basri**

*President Commissioner PT  
Bank Mandiri and former  
Finance Minister of the  
Republic of Indonesia*



**Indonesia Study Group**

A portrait of judicial corruption in  
Indonesia, presented by Simon Butt

**M. Chatib Basri public lecture**

The Political Economy of "Indonesia  
2045 Vision"

## Book Launch



*Canberra Book Launch: Sarah Xue Dong, Mohammad Syarif Alatas, Angie Bexley, Her Excellency Stephanie Copus-Campbell, Budy Resosudarmo*



On December 5th we launched "Gender Equality and Diversity in Indonesia: Identifying Progress and Challenges" in Canberra. Hosted by **Budy Resosudarmo**, the book was officially launched by **H.E. Stephanie Copus-Campbell AM**, Australian Ambassador for Gender Equality, and supported by **Mr. Mohammad Alatas**, Deputy Head of Mission, Indonesian Embassy of Australia.

On December 15, the Jakarta book launch was hosted by **Dr. Chaikal Nuryakin**, Director of LPEM, Universitas Indonesia, Book editors **Angie Bexley** and **Diahhadi Setyonaluri**, along with special guests **H.E. Penny Williams PSM**, Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, **Andy Yentriyani**, Chief of Komnas Perempuan and **Titik Anas**, Special Adviser to Minister of Finance discussed the books central themes with discussant **Ninuk Pambudy**.

You can order a copy from book publisher [ISEAS](#).

## Featured research



### Migrant status and the well-being gap: The case of an ethnically diverse, high-conflict area in Indonesia

Communities with high levels of in-migration can experience substantial social, cultural, and economic change due to the upheaval in social dynamics and changes to the economy. Such upheaval can result in between-group inequalities amongst the native and migrant populations, with



### Trade Policy in Indonesia: Between Ambivalence, Pragmatism and Nationalism

Protectionism in Indonesia has been returning since the mid-2000s following a brief period of deregulation and liberalisation after the Asian financial crisis (AFC). This Survey reviews recent developments in Indonesia's trade policy. It argues that the current approach to trade appears to vacillate between ambivalence, pragmatism and

migrants tending to have lower levels of wellbeing compared to those who were born in the area.

Through utilising a culturally adapted wellbeing measurement tool, the Indonesian Wellbeing Scale, **Kate Sollis, Budy Resosudarmo, Firman Kartaadipoetra**, et al, examine the native-immigrant wellbeing gap in Papua, Indonesia.

nationalism.

**Arianto Patunru** uses three cases to demonstrate the interplay between these characterisations: 'downstreaming' and local content requirement policies, Indonesia's relationship with the World Trade Organization and the proliferation of trade agreements, and the commodity balance sheet approach to trade.

## Publications

### Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES)

The *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies* is the leading journal on Indonesia's economy and society. See the latest issue [here](#), including **Dr Jacqui Baker's**: Reformasi Reversal: Structural Drivers of Democratic Decline In Jokowi's Middle-Income Indonesia". She surveys the marquee events in the year ahead of Indonesia's 2024 election, finding that the field of democratic political

contestation has further narrowed due to the criminalisation of political opponents, the end of the campaign against corruption, the decline of judicial activism, political recentralisation and the collapse of national protest movements.



The poster features a teal background with a white sailboat on the right. On the left, there is a circular profile picture of Siti Maftukhah. The text is arranged in a clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are social media icons for YouTube, Instagram, and Facebook, along with a globe icon for the website.

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**Peta Jalan Ekonomi Biru  
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transformasi ekonomi**

**Kamis, 26 Oktober 2023  
10.00-11.30am WIB  
Registrasi: [bit.ly/fkp2610](https://bit.ly/fkp2610)**

 **Siti Maftukhah**  
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Poster for FKP seminar on Indonesia's blue economy roadmap

## Forum Kajian Pembangunan (FKP)

20 FKP seminars, in collaboration with 24 organisations and featuring 66 speakers, were hosted in the second half of 2023. In 2024 the Coordinator of FKP will hand over from **Dr Heni Kurniasih** (SMERU Research Institute) to **Dr Joy Elly Tulung** (Universitas Sam Ratulangi). **Satyani Oktaviningsih** (Bank Indonesia Insitute) will act as Deputy Coordinator. Connect to the FKP schedule [here](#).

# Executive Education

In early December the Project welcomed 24 staff from **BAPPENAS** to participate in an Executive Education program. Over one intensive week our Indonesia Project academic experts develop participant's knowledge and skills to enable them to develop an evaluation model for Medium Term National Development Planning that includes evaluation of National Development Priorities, evaluation of Major Projects, and evaluation of line ministries performance.



Professor Budy Resosudarmo congratulates BAPPENAS Director Ika Widyawati

# Upcoming events

- **31 January.** Global Seminar Series: ANU PhD Student Panel on Indonesian 2024 Election

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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.