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HIGHLIGHTS

ANU Indonesia Project would like to welcome **Mari Pangestu** on board as the third **Thee Kian Wie Distinguished Visiting Professor**. Professor Pangestu served as Indonesia's Minister of Trade from 2004 to 2011, and as Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy from 2011 until October 2014. She has acquired vast experience of more than 25 years in academia, international organizations and government, working in areas related to international trade and investment in the multilateral, regional, and domestic setting.

Budy Resosudarmo from ANU Indonesia Project is appointed as **Professor of Economics at The Australian National University**. We would like to congratulate Professor Resosudarmo for this great achievement.

ACTIVITIES

Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum

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The 2017 Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum was held on 4 July in Jakarta and was in its fifth year. It was attended by more than 160 people.

The Hadi Soesastro Lecture titled *Why Indonesia must show the way on trade strategy* was delivered by **Peter Drysdale** from ANU with **Mari Pangestu** as the discussant. The lecture was preceded by the launch of the 2016 Update Book, *Digital Indonesia: connectivity and convergence* edited by Edwin Jurriens and Ross Tapsell. The book was launched by the **Indonesian Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Mr Rudiantara**.

Digital Indonesia book launches

Update Book, *Digital Indonesia: connectivity and divergence*, was also launched at Institut Teknologi Bandung, Universitas Sam Ratulangi, the University of Adelaide, The Australian National University, the University of Sydney, the University of Melbourne and lastly at the Queensland University of Technology. The book was launched at ANU by the **Indonesian Ambassador for Australia, His Excellency Mr Kristiarto Legowo**.

2017 Public Lecture at Gadjah Mada University by Peter Warr



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[Forum Kajian Pembangunan \(FKP\) in review](#)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February

FKP Roadshow in Banda Aceh, Jember, Makassar, 12-15 February.

March

High Level Policy Dialogue, Jakarta 26-27 March.

Application deadline for [Research Travel Grants](#), [Research Grants](#) and [Visiting Fellowship](#) is on 31 March.

May

12th Sadli Lecture by Dr. Fukunari Kimura, Jakarta 2 May.

Mubyarto Public Policy Forum in Yogyakarta by Dr Fukunari Kimura & Professor Sri Adiningsih, 3 May.

July

Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum. *To be announced*.

2017 Update Book Launches. *Indonesia in the new world: globalisation, nationalism and sovereignty*. Book will be launched in Indonesia and Australia.

September

2018 Indonesia Update. *Contested belonging: the place of minorities in Indonesia*, 14-15 September at ANU.



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The 35th Indonesia Update conference, *Indonesia in the world: globalisation, nationalism and sovereignty*, was held on 15-16 September. The conference was convened by Mari Pangestu, M Chatib Basri, both from Universitas Indonesia, and Arianto Patunru from ANU. It involved 32 speakers, convenors and session chairs. Approximately 550 people attended the two-day conference.

The conference addressed key issues around globalisation, nationalism and sovereignty in modern Indonesia. Topics included the historical dynamics of Indonesia's engagement with the global world, its stance in the South China Sea and the emergence of new nationalism. Speakers also examined nationalism in practice and the impact of and response to globalisation, as well as poverty, inequality and gender issues.

- Speakers' profiles and videos of Globalisation, nationalism and sovereignty at [New Mandala](#).
- [Summary](#) of the 2017 Indonesia Update, Day 1 and Day 2.

2017 Mini Indonesia Updates in Adelaide and Sydney

The Mini Update in Adelaide, *Indonesia in the new world*, was held on 18 September, with M Chatib Basri from Universitas Indonesia, Arief Yusuf from Universitas Padjadjaran and Titik Anas from Presisi Indonesia as speakers. It was chaired by Christopher Findlay from the University of Adelaide.

A conference on political and economic updates in Indonesia was held on the same day at the Lowy Institute in Sydney. This was the twelfth time Lowy Institute held the abbreviated Sydney edition. A full house of about 100 people—including His Excellency David Hurley, Governor of NSW and former Chief of the Australian Defence Force—listened to shortened presentations from the annual Indonesia Update by Mari Pangestu and Raden Pardede (on Indonesian economics) and Thomas Power (on Indonesian politics).

RESEARCH RELATED

The [August 2017 issue](#) (53.2) of the *BIES* features Armida S Alisjahbana and Jonah M Busch's Survey of Recent Developments, on forestry, forest fires, and climate change, and M Chatib Basri's Indonesia in Comparative Perspective article, based on his [Sadli Lecture](#), on the lessons that India and Indonesia learned from the 2013 taper tantrum.

The [December 2017 issue](#) (53.3; forthcoming) opens with a Survey by Raden Pardede and Shirin Zahro on Indonesia's domestic demand problem. It also includes articles by Vedi R Hadiz, on Indonesia's year of democratic setbacks; Maheshwar Rao and Yogi Vidyattama, on the economic cost of violent conflict in Maluku; Nashrul Wajdi, Sri Moertiningsih Adioetomo, and Clara H Mulder, on interregional migration; and Stephen V Marks, on non-tariff trade regulations.

Now in its fifth year, the *BIES* Economic Dialogue was held in Bandung on 11 December 2017. The paper discussed was titled [Non-tariff trade regulations in Indonesia: nominal and effective rates of protection](#) by Stephen V Marks from Pomona College, USA, published in the December 2017 issue of *BIES*. Discussions were also held at four other universities in Indonesia: Universitas Sriwijaya in Palembang (12 December), Universitas Mataram (14 December), Universitas Udayana, Denpasar (15 December) and Institut Pertanian Bogor (18 December).

Research Travel Grants

Two Research Travel Grants recipients, Mitchell Morrison from Monash University and Jacob Wray from ANU, presented their research findings during an Indonesia Study Group seminar on 22 November at ANU. Mitchell Morrison presented a topic on the music of talo balak ensemble of Lampung, Sumatra and Jacob Wray presented research on Indonesia and the Japanese occupation based on private memories and national histories.

A new round of applications for Research Travel Grants is now [available](#), with the deadline for submission on 31 March.

Visiting Fellowship

Four Visiting Fellows were hosted from July to December 2017. Budi Aji from Universitas Jenderal Soedirman, Akhmad Rizal Shidiq from Leiden University and Ludia Wambrauw from Universitas Papua visited as part of ANU Indonesia Project Visiting Fellows program. Raden Pardede from CReco Consulting visited ANU Indonesia Project as part of the *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies*' survey of recent developments. He presented the survey findings in the 2017 Indonesia Update, Economic Update session.

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS



A number of meetings were held between ANU Indonesia Project and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in the second semester of 2017. This included a meeting held in conjunction with the Indonesia Update in September, attended by Elcid Li, Anis Hidayah, Shafiah Muhibat and Mari Pangestu, speakers and co-convenor of the 2017 Indonesia Update.

ANU Indonesia Project together with the Australian Treasury and the Indonesian Ministry of Finance organised a pre-High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) at ANU on 2 November 2017. Suahasil Nazara, Chairman of BKF, led the Indonesian delegation and Blane Lewis led its ANU counterparts. The dialogue was attended by representatives from DFAT, the Treasury, Indonesian Embassy, ANU academics and PhD students.

Suahasil Nazara presented a public lecture titled *Tax reform to accelerate Indonesian economic growth* at ANU on 2 November 2017. Suahasil Nazara is the Chairman of the Fiscal Policy Agency (BKF) at the Ministry of Finance, Republic of Indonesia. He is also a key economic advisor to the Indonesian Minister of Finance Dr Sri Mulyani Indrawati and a professor at the Faculty of Economics and Business Universitas Indonesia. The event was attended by approximately 70 people. Presentation file and podcast of this event is [available](#).

ANU Indonesia Project [participated](#) in the 2017 Indonesia Council Open Conference in Adelaide on 3-4 July. A series of visits to extend our networks and to introduce our programs was also carried out at [Gorontalo State University](#), [University of British Columbia](#), [Universitas Udayana](#) and [East Nusa Tenggara Province](#).

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