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HIGHLIGHT

The first launch of the 2017 Indonesia Update book, *Indonesia in the new world: globalisation, nationalism and sovereignty*, edited by Arianto Patunru, Mari Pangestu and M Chatib Basri, was held on 29 June in Canberra. The book was launched by Hon Chris Bowen MP, Australia's Shadow Treasurer. In his speech, Mr Bowen stated the importance of Australia and Indonesia's relationship and the timely publishing of the book related to the current global environment. The event was attended by close to 100 people, including representatives from DFAT, the Indonesian Embassy and the general public.

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High Level Policy Dialogue

The **11th High Level Policy Dialogue** was held in Jakarta on 26 March 2018, organised by the Indonesian Ministry of Finance and ANU Indonesia Project. The theme was *Better local government budget management in globalised economy* and it was opened by the Indonesian Finance Minister, HE Dr Sri Mulyani Indrawati, and Charge d'Affairs of Australian Embassy in Jakarta, Allaster Cox. Minister Mulyani expressed her appreciation of the Dialogue and emphasised the importance of managing globalisation and improving sub-national government performance. On the latter, three issues were highlighted, namely how to spend funds more effectively, how

to reduce dependence on the central government, whether to change the transfers formula. Mr Cox followed up on the globalisation issue by highlighting the growing tide of populism and protectionism which threatened the prosperity of both Indonesia and Australia.

At the end of the Dialogue, a small team of ANU Indonesia Project staff reported the communique to Minister Mulyani – this session was also attended by Allaster Cox. Minister Mulyani suggested issues such as rapid urbanisation and city agglomeration and the effectiveness of Regional Incentive Funds to be discussed in the next HLPD series.

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Public lecture by Minister Bambang Brodjonegoro

Indonesian Minister for National Development Planning, HE Professor Bambang Brodjonegoro, delivered a public lecture titled *Indonesia towards 2045 visions* on 9 March at ANU organised by Indonesia Project.

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ACTIVITIES



Forum Kajian Pembangunan Roadshow »

The main theme of this year's Roadshow was Indonesia's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and was held at Universitas Syiah Kuala, Universitas Jember and Universitas Hasanuddin. Sarah Dong from ANU Indonesia Project, Syarifah Liza Munira from Universitas Indonesia, Arief Anshori Yusuf from Universitas Padjajaran were among the speakers.



The 12th Sadli Lecture »

Professor Fukunari Kimura from Keio University and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) delivered the **12th Sadli Lecture** in Jakarta on 2 May, titled *Value chain connectivity in Indonesia: the evolution of unbundling*. The keynote address was delivered by Thomas Lembong, Chairman of the Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM).



Mubyarto Public Policy Forum »

The second **Mubyarto Public Policy Forum** was held at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) on 3 May. This year's lecture was given by Professor Sri Adiningsih, titled *The role of digital development in rural development and in reducing inequality*. Professor Armida Alisjahbana from Universitas Padjajaran and Professor Fukunari Kimura from Keio University and ERIA also presented in this Forum.

RESEARCH RELATED

The [April 2018 issue](#) (54.1) of the *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES)* opens with Rashesh Shrestha and Ian Coxhead's Survey of Recent Developments, on economic sustainability in the wake of the export boom. Other items discuss tax non-compliance, property-price determinants, stock-market predictability, and regional disparity in body mass index distribution. Thomas P. Power, William G. Clarence-Smith and Joel Rathus contributed book reviews.

Research Grants

The 2018/2019 round of ANU Indonesia Project-SMERU Research Institute Research Grants was highly diverse and competitive. Ninety two applications were received from a wide range of disciplines covering important issues in Indonesia such as marine debris, HIV funding, conservative Islam, social security, and natural disaster mitigation. Almost half of applications involve female researchers, and about one third of applications have Indonesian counterparts outside of Java. Due to the high quality of the applications, which follows a trend of increasing application quality for the research grant over the years, the selection process was difficult. After careful consideration, the grant was awarded to eleven projects. Three of the projects are lead or co-lead by female researchers, and three of the projects have main applicants from outside Java. The list of recipients is available in the [blog](#).

Research Travel Grants

Two students were awarded the 2018 Research Travel Grants. Caroline Townsend from the University of Queensland received the grant based on her research topic on gender activism, tradition and music in Indonesia. Michael Peck from Murdoch University is another recipient with a research topic on social movements and oligarchs-supported foreign capital in Indonesia. This is the [list of recipients](#).

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

We are happy to announce that Sarah Dong is back as full time academic staff starting 1 July. Firman Witoelar will be joining us as a full time academic staff starting in October. Ruth Nikijuluw, PhD student at the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, joins us this semester as a part-time Research Assistant.

We would like to welcome Sean Muir as the new Associate Editor of the Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies starting in June and we would like to thank Ben Wilson for all the great work he has done during his time with us and wish him all the very best in his future projects.

Congratulations to Yulia Indri Sari for finishing her PhD with thesis titled Community driven development program in Papua. Ms Sari was supervised by John McCarthy (main Supervisor), Budy Resusudarmo and Helen James (panel members). Read more about staff appointment, PhD student supervisions, teaching and publications in the [blog](#).

Mari Pangestu, the third appointee of the Thee Kian Wie Distinguished Visiting Professor, completed her second visit as the TKW Distinguished Visiting Professor between 13-20 March. During this period she participated in an ANU briefing for incoming Department of Foreign Affairs First Assistant Secretary, Julie Heckscher. She also had a series of meetings with ANU academics. Professor Pangestu visited again in June where in this visit she presented an Indonesia Study Group seminar on 28 June titled *Update on impact of digital economy in Indonesia* and this event was [streamed live](#). She also attended and spoke at the 2018 Update book launch in Canberra on 29 June. The book, *Indonesia in the new world: globalisation, nationalism and sovereignty*, was co-edited by Mari Pangestu, Arianto Patunru and M Chatib Basri.

Budy Resosudarmo presented a [lecture](#) to young faculty members and graduate students of the Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Jember on 12 February in conjunction with FKP roadshow. The topic was about research methods and recent developments in empirical economics. Approximately 100 people participated in this public lecture.

Budy Resosudarmo delivered a seminar as part of SMERU Research Institute's Development in Eastern Indonesia program. The aim of the seminar was to share development research, lesson learned and research programs in Eastern Indonesia. [Video](#) of this event and [a short interview](#) with Budy Resosudarmo are available.

Blane Lewis traveled to Indonesia during the week of 4 June to work with the Ministry of Finance and the World Bank on the development of a performance-based grant to districts to improve monitoring of village activities under the *Dana Desa* program.

Arianto Patunru attended a conference and dissemination meeting at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada on 5 June. He presented a book project summary with his co-editors, Professors Richard Barichello (UBC) and Richard Schwindt (Simon Fraser University). The book, *Trade, Poverty and Income Distribution: The Indonesian Experience*, is expected to go into print by end of this year and published by the University of British Columbia Press. Patunru writes a chapter titled *Is greater openness to trade good? What are the effects on poverty and inequality?* Another member of ANU Indonesia Project, Budy Resosudarmo contributes a chapter titled *Does globalisation induce income inequality?*, written with ANU PhD candidate, Yessi Vadila.

Three meetings, including briefings and a roundtable with DFAT were held in this semester, including one attended by ANU Indonesia Project staff, Mari Pangestu and Julie Heckscher. The topic discussed including recent economic developments in Indonesia.

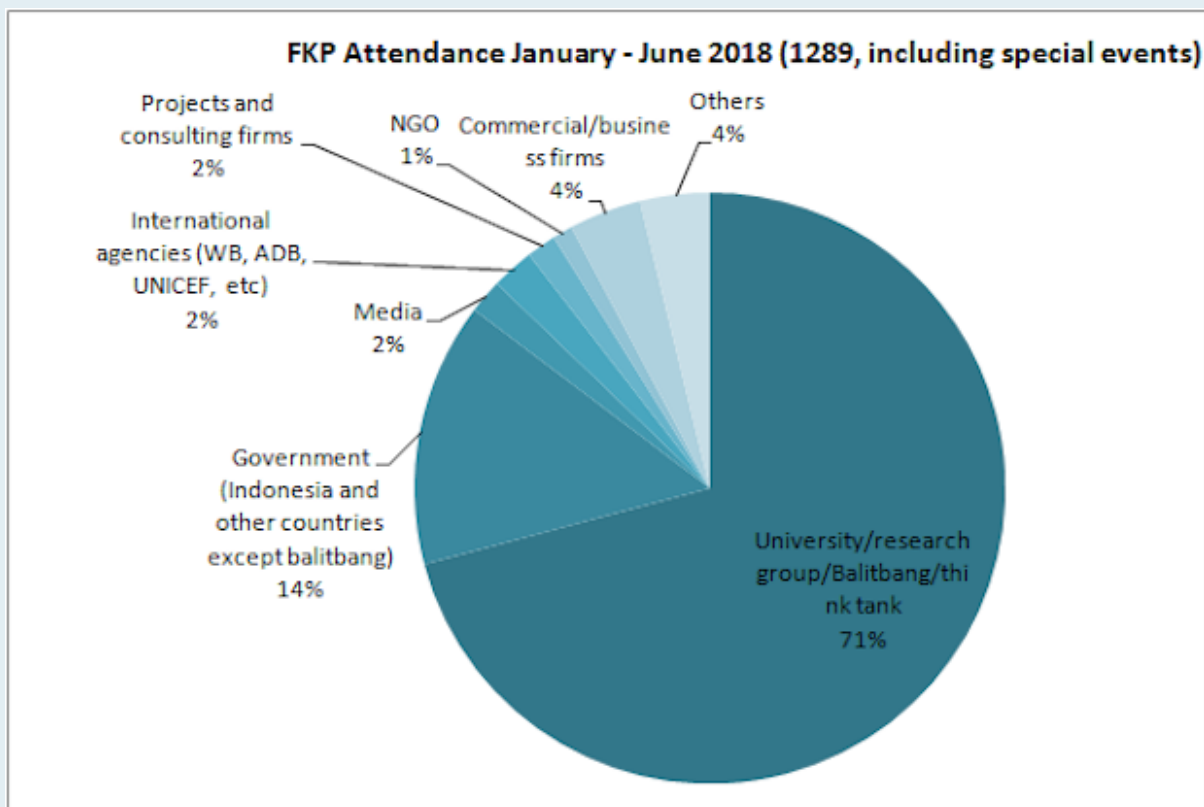


INDONESIA STUDY GROUP

Thirteen Indonesia Study Group (ISG) seminars were held in the first semester of 2018. The seminars discussed wide-ranging aspects of Indonesian society: from national food security, the relation between army and Indonesian genocide, 2018 regional elections, to multidimensional poverty in Indonesia. Five of the speakers were international speakers from various prominent institutions, such as the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and Centre for Indonesian Policy Studies (CIPS). Three speakers from interstate universities in Australia, and the remaining ones were from ANU. Six out of fourteen ISG speakers were female.

The ISG series this semester was concluded by a remarkable seminar from Mari Pangestu, ANU Indonesia Project Thee Kian Wie Distinguished Professor. On 28 June, Professor Pangestu discussed the impact of digital economy in Indonesia. She highlighted the urgency to formulate enabling regulatory environment in order to ensure that all members of the society will benefit from the digital technology. This seminar was livestreamed through ANU Indonesia Project's [facebook](#) page. Most of the seminars were recorded, and the files were available on the [ISG webpage](#).

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FORUM KAJIAN PEMBANGUNAN

Currently in its eight year, Forum Kajian Pembangunan (FKP) is still going strong with 21 events held between January-June 2018, including five special events. The special events were FKP Roadshow in Banda Aceh, Jember and Makassar, the Thee Kian Wie Lecture, and the Sadli Lecture. These seminars were hosted by nine organisations. A total of 1280 people attended (compared with 1177 in 2017), with about equal number of attendance between men and women. There were 47 speakers in total this semester.

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VISITING FELLOWSHIP

Andrey Damaledo from Bappeda East Nusa Tenggara Province visited Indonesia Project in January-February. He presented an ISG seminar on citizens, migrants and the new trans-nationalism among Indonesians in Timor-Leste. This research was funded by the ANU Indonesia Project-SMERU Research Institute Research Grant.

Rima Prima Artha from Inovasi visited in April. She presented in an Arndt-Corden Department of Economics discussion group her research on teacher quality in West Nusa Tenggara.

Putu Natih from Oxford University visited in May and she presented an ISG seminar on measuring poverty with multiple dimensions.

Rhita Simorangkir from Charles University and Czech Academy of Science and Hefrizal Hendra from Universitas Andalas are the recipients of the 2018 Visiting Fellowship

program. Rhita will be researching the impact of conditional cash transfer on deforestation in Indonesia and Hefrizal is researching village fund and poverty alleviation in Indonesia.

A complete version of this newsletter is available on the [blog](#).

KEY EVENTS IN SECOND SEMESTER 2018

Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum 9 July

Indonesia Update 14-15 September

BIES Dialogue and Forums 12-14 November

Young Scientist Forum in December

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