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Cherry blossom season in Kyoto. Photo by Emeritus Prof. Kevin Hewison

Zunar's seminar. Photo by Robert Fyfe

About the Centre

For more than two decades, the Asia Research Centre has been an international leader in the study of East and Southeast Asia. The Centre's researchers and postgraduate students have undertaken fundamental disciplinary and interdisciplinary research that examines a range of social, political, economic and environmental developments within this dynamic and important region.

Thematic to Centre research is the analysis of conflicts in a range of situations. These include: political and economic regimes; environmental and natural resources; ethnic, religious and national identities; cultural and media systems; and the security of states, communities and individuals. This research spans national, sub-national, regional and international levels.

The Centre encompasses researchers from three of Murdoch University's Schools and provides an intellectual community that supports them and their research. Centre Fellows regularly collaborate with other researchers from universities in the region and from around the world.

The Centre has a strong postgraduate training programme and an excellent reputation for graduating students who have completed exceptional doctoral theses. The Centre has a large cohort of domestic and international students supervised by its internationally acclaimed researchers.

The Centre's objectives are:

- Research – to produce high quality academic research publications for international and domestic audiences;
- Training – to foster the development of high quality research graduates; and
- Engagement – to contribute to public policy debate and public understanding on issues concerning contemporary Asia.

Through a nationally competitive process, the Asia Research Centre was established as a Special Research Centre of the Australian Research Council in 1991 to provide analysis of social, political and economic change in contemporary East and Southeast Asia. Since the conclusion of this funding in 1999, Centre support has been comparatively limited and mainly from the University's Schools, and occasional injections of strategic seed funding from the University.

The Asia Research Centre makes a strong contribution to the University's Strategic Plan, which emphasizes research excellence and internationalisation. It does this through its work towards understanding and engaging with the dynamic Asian region.

The Asia Research Centre is administratively located in the School of Business and Governance.

Digital Indonesia Mini-Update. Photo by Robert Fyfe

Centre Researchers

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- Dr Dean Aszkielowicz
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- Dr Azad Singh Bali
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- Emertitus Professor David Hill
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- Professor Kanishka Jayasuriya
- Professor Rikki Kersten
- Associate Professor Terence Lee
- Professor Neil Loneragan
- Dr Greg Lopez
- Professor Samuel Makinda
- Dr Victoria Mason
- Dr Takeshi Moriyama
- Professor Benjamin Reilly
- Emeritus Professor Richard Robison
- Dr Fabio Scarpello
- Emeritus Professor Ian Scott
- Dr Arjun Subrahmanyan
- Dr Ranald Taylor
- Professor Malcolm Tull
- Associate Professor Peter Waring
- Associate Professor Carol Warren
- Professor James Warren
- Dr Ian Wilson
- Dr Jeffrey Wilson
- Professor Sandra Wilson
- Professor Xiaowen Tian

Centre Governance

The Centre is governed and advised on broad policy issues by a Board, chaired by Professor Neil Loneragan. An International Advisory Panel of eminent scholars and research leaders provide advice and guidance in the pursuit of the Centre's research agenda.

The Centre Board

- **Professor Neil Loneragan,** School of Veterinary and Life Sciences, Environmental & Conservation Sciences, (Chair)
- **Professor Garry Rodan,** Director, Asia Research Centre
- **Dr Jane Hutchison,** School of Business & Governance (resigned from Board in March 2016)
- **Professor Kanishka Jayasuriya,** School of Business & Governance
- **Professor Malcolm Tull,** School of Business & Governance
- **Associate Professor Carol Warren,** School of Arts
- **Dr Jeffrey Wilson**, School of Business & Governance
- **Professor Sandra Wilson,** School of Arts
- **Andrea Gleason,** Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Western Australia

The International Advisory Panel

- **Professor Amitav Acharya,** UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance and Chair of the ASEAN Studies Center, American University, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
- **Professor Chua Beng Huat,** Provost/Chair, Professor, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore
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- **James T. H. Tang, Dean,** School of Social Sciences and Professor of Political Science, Singapore Management University
- **Professor Lynn T. White,** Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Emeritus, Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- **Professor Zang Xiaowei,** Chair Professor and Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong

Indonesian Police guarding a demonstration. Photo by Dr Ian Wilson

The Centre in 2016

At both the University and Centre level, 2016 was a year that ushered in significant new appointments and reflection upon research directions and strategies.

In May, Professor Eeva Leinonen began her post as the University's new Vice-Chancellor. This paved the way for approval of a new University policy on research institutes and centres, portending greater concentration of resources in areas of genuine international reputation and strength.

Meanwhile, Professor Garry Rodan took up the Asia Research Centre directorship following the retirement of previous Director Professor Kevin Hewison at the end of 2015. The Centre received a major boost in early 2016 with the return of Kanishka Jayasuriya to Murdoch as the Professor and Head of the Politics Discipline. Professor Jayasuriya's distinction as a research leader and mentor is important, particularly for the emerging researchers who have been appointed Centre Fellows over the last two years.

Fellows in this category include Dr Dean Aszkeilowicz, Dr Jacqui Baker, Dr Vicky Mason, Dr Kim Moloney, Dr Bali Singh, and Dr Arjun Subrahmanyan. These appointments helped open up options during 2016 in response to the University's strategic research plan. This response included the formation of new research clusters intended to optimise the visibility and collaborative opportunities within and beyond Murdoch University of the Centre's different research strengths.

There were also changes to the composition of the Centre's Board of Management in 2016. Professors Jayasuriya and Sandra Wilson and Dr Jeffrey Wilson were added, injecting valuable new perspectives and expertise.

It is hard to overstate the reputation of the Centre. It has put Murdoch University on the national and international map. The Centre has gained a reputation as a respected centre of research excellence that holds its own against peer institutions at other universities, including many that are located within much larger and better-resourced universities.

- Centre Review

Research achievements

In raw figures, publications by Fellows in 2016 included 1 authored book, four co-edited books, 32 journal articles and 23 book chapters. Each analyses an aspect of Asia and/or its relationships with the rest of the world.

Fellows were involved in 11 successful external grants, involving a total of $676,820 of academic and consultancy research income. A significant development in 2016 was a greater diversity of sources beyond Australian Research Council grants, which have long been the mainstay of the Centre's research funding. This is a pattern that the Centre hopes to consolidate and extend in the future. The largest grant of $398,000 from the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation involved Professors Malcolm Tull and Neil Loneragan and their collaborators. Another sizeable grant included Professor Ian Scott's $86,800 from the Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption. Meanwhile, Dr Jeffrey Wilson held a co-appointment as a Research Fellow with the Perth US Asia Centre.

Professional recognition and honours during the year also reflected the standing of several researchers among their peers. This included Dr Jeffrey Wilson's appointment as editor-in-chief of the journal Contemporary Politics (A-ranked by the Australia Political Studies Association), Professor Malcolm Tull's appointment as the first non-European President of the International Maritime History Association, and Professor Sandra Wilson's election to secretary of the Asian Studies Association of Australia.

In postgraduate research, the conferment in May of Airlangga Kusman's PhD, *Local Power and Good Governance in Post Authoritarian Indonesia: The Case of Surabaya*, marked the 46th PhD completion for the Centre since its establishment. Another six theses were submitted for examination in 2016, five of which had favourable reports back by year's end.

The Centre's outstanding record of success in applications for the extremely competitive Prime Minister's Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship was also maintained in 2016 with an award to Lian Sinclair. This provides Mr Sinclair $52,000 for ten months of fieldwork on his project 'Undermining Conflict: Australian Miners and Corporate Social Responsibility in Indonesia.' Another student, Muhammad Faris Al Fadhat, was elected President of the Association of Indonesian Postgraduate Students and Scholars in Australia (AIPSSA), a significant honour.

Research rankings

In December 2015, the outcomes of the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2015 evaluations were released. This assessment comprehensively details the quality of Australian university research benchmarked against world standards, examining publications over the last six years and research income and other measures over the past three years.

The majority of researchers associated with the Asia Research Centre are in the disciplines of Political Science and Historical Studies. Both disciplines received a ranking of 4. This ranking means that the discipline profile is characterised by evidence of performance above world standard presented by the suite of indicators used for evaluation. Political Science at Murdoch ranked in Australia's top 10 and No.1 in Western Australia.

Politics and International Studies at Murdoch was also one of only three of the University's discipline groups to be ranked in the world's top 200 in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015.

Research Clusters

During 2016, the Australian Government endorsed the recommendations of the 2015 Watt Review of Research Policy and Funding Arrangements. Under these changes, from 2017 only (1) external research income and (2) PhD completions will generate research block grant funding. Furthermore, all categories of external research income – whether they be peer assessed or research consultancies – now matter equally. Universities will also be assessed for research impact as well as research output, as is already the case in the United Kingdom. This exercise is projected to accompany the existing Excellence for Research in Australia (ERA) evaluations, which are conducted every three years.

The University's strategic research plan has also evolved towards greater emphasis on public policy problem solving, including through understanding governance institutions.

Against this background, in late 2016 it was decided to give greater visibility to the broader policy relevance of Fellows' research through the identification of four core research clusters:

(1) the political economy of governance reform;

(2) history, culture and regional intersections;

(3) resources, environment and conflict; and

(4) human security.

Each cluster boasts a critical mass of researchers with strong records of, and further potential for, quality publications, external research grants and attraction and completion of externally funded PhD students. The full details of these clusters are available from the Centre's website.

These clusters are integral to new strategies to intensify and extend the Centre's existing research collaborations, public policy engagement, and the social impact of its research. To be sure, in all these respects the Centre already has strong records. However, the new government model for research block grant funding provides the incentive and necessity to push deeper and more concertedly down these paths.

These clusters also open up the potential to consolidate expertise on Asia in conjunction with comparative research projects that explore multiple regions. Both the public policy and theoretical academic issues that define each cluster are amenable to wider comparative investigations across the Indo-Pacific. The potential for this new direction is augmented by recent additions of Fellows to the Asia Research Centre, including new appointments (Drs Kim Moloney and Vicky Mason) equipped and committed to undertake comparative regional studies that include Africa and/or the Middle East with Asia.

In 2016, the Centre also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute for East Asian Studies, Sogang University to promote research collaboration across the social sciences and humanities. This could be an opportunity for one or more of the new clusters.

Freeway in Bali. Photo by Dr Ian Wilson

Workshops, Seminars and Public Engagement

Throughout 2016 the Centre hosted a diverse range of events. These facilitate the progress of large-scale international collaborative research projects, and foster public engagement with prominent researchers, political actors, and analysts from non-governmental organisations and think tanks.

One theme to the Centre's Public Seminar Series was interrogation of the nature and causes of political regime evolution in Asia. This began with a contribution from Professor Ben Reilly outlining the divergence between modernization theory and the failure of democracy to become uniformly entrenched in the region. Subsequently, Professor Mark Thompson of City University of Hong Kong examined more closely the underlying forces of discontent with prevailing electoral models of democracy. Associate-Professor Daniel Slater of the University of Chicago also analysed where, how and why historical forces have facilitated democracy through concessions by authoritarians in Asia. Complementing this theme, Dr Wong Chin Huat of the Penang Institute examined the way that Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak has been able to consolidate his power despite mass popular protests.

In another seminar, Professor Motohiro Kurokawa from Takasaki City University analysed the significance of creative design in developing economies, with special focus on Thailand. A joint seminar by Murdoch's Professor Michael Sturma and his research collaborator from the National Institute of Defence Studies in Tokyo, Mr Hiroyuki Shindo, also offered a reappraisal of the 1944 American submarine attack on a convoy of Japanese ships sailing from Singapore to Japan.

The Public Seminar Series also traversed a range of policy issues by academics, analysts from non-governmental organisations and political activists. This included: University of Hull's Professor Greg Bangkok analysing the challenges of earthquake disaster risk management in Kazakhstan; Dr Sidney Jones, of the Jakarta-based Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict, examining challenges of confronting ISIS in Indonesia; and political cartoonist Mr Zulkifli Sm Anwar Ulhaque talking about freedom of expression in Malaysia.

The Perth USAsia Centre, the Australian Institute of International Affairs, and the Indonesia Institute were also valued partners in jointly hosted presentations. Among these were the presentation at Murdoch by Dr Sidney Jones and another by Dr Daniel Twining of the German Marshall Fund on America, China and the future of global power. They also included a joint venture at the University of Western Australia where former Australian government Defence Minister Stephen Smith spoke about the aftermath of the US election.

There was a significant new collaboration between the Australian National University's Indonesia Project and Murdoch's Indonesia Research Programme, led by Centre Fellows Dr Jacqui Baker and Dr Ian Wilson. This resulted in seven Indonesian and Australian researchers coming together at Murdoch University for a one-day workshop. The focus was on the challenges and opportunities of digital disruption for Indonesia's political and social institutions. This exercise was an adjunct to the annual ANU Indonesia Update held in Canberra and attracted strong interest from academic, policy and diplomatic communities in Perth.

The 2016 International Congress of Maritime History was hosted at Murdoch University. It provided the opportunity for international collaborators in Professor James Warren's Australian Research Council Discovery Project – *Pearls, People and Power: Global Commodity History and Material Culture in Transformation of the Indian Ocean World, 16th – 20th Centuries* – to present twelve separate work in progress papers.

Mr Hiroyuki Shindo and Professor Michael Sturma

Media Impact

Centre Fellows made extensive and diverse contributions in 2016 to public debate and policy analysis through local, national and international media. These contributions included a wide range of print, digital and social media platforms, projecting insights from Fellows' research to elite and popular audiences.

Fellows made sustained thematic contributions through analyses of (a) social and political conflict in Asia; and (b) the trade, investment and foreign policy challenges which emerged during 2016. This included contributions about: the breakdown of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement; curbs in Malaysia on political expression through the Internet; the roots of state violence in Duterte's 'war on drugs' in the Philippines; territorial disputes in the South China Sea; legislative changes to presidential elections in Singapore; Chinese investment in Australia; the political economy of Islamist vigilantes in Indonesia; and electoral reform options in the Philippines.

Centre Fellows enjoyed particularly strong profiles in the international and regional media. Media placements included the *New York Times, Wall Street Journal; Financial Times, The Telegraph, The Guardian, San Francisco Chronicle, South China Morning Post, Forbes Asia, The New Daily, Straits Times, Bloomberg, BusinessWeek, Voice of America, The Wire, BBC, Rappler* and *Asia Sentinel*. Globally syndicated articles by Reuters, Associated Press and other wire services that were picked up by dozens of other English-language presses.

At the national level, they were quoted by, or interviewed in, *Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Australian, Herald Sun, Australian Financial Review, Vice News, ABC Online, ABC Triple J Hack, The Wire* and various

programmes on *ABC Radio National*. Among the national television appearances, Jeffrey Wilson was most prominent through several appearances on the *ABC 7.30 Report, ABC Lateline* and *Sky News*. Fellows also wrote many opinion pieces for a range of blog sites, including: *The Conversation; East Asia Forum; New Mandala;* and *Australian Outlook*. At a more local and regional state level, interviews were given by Fellows for *RTR Perth Radio, Drive Programme Radio 6PR Perth*, and *ABC Rural*.

Support

During 2016, the principal source of core funding for the salaries of the Director and Administrative Officer, as well as a small administrative budget, was the School of Business and Governance. The Centre is most appreciative of this support from the School in the context of its extremely tight finances. The Centre more generally benefited throughout 2016 from the leadership and collegiality of the School provided by the Acting Dean Grant Cullen, and the Associate Dean of Research Domenico Gasbarro. The latter's term finished at the end of the year after outstanding service in the role, which we are very thankful for. The support and advice of the School Business Manager, Shaun Major, was also exceptional on a wide range of complex issues.

At the end of 2016, secure and predictable funding arrangements for the Asia Research Centre over the longer term were yet to be determined. The Panel Report of the 2015 Review of the Asia Research Centre recommended that the Asia Research Centre should become a Murdoch Research Centre, if proposals for a new University policy on Institutes and Centres were eventually approved. New Vice Chancellor Professor Eeva Leinonen has since endorsed the Policy. It is anticipated that applications for, and evaluations of, proposed Institutes and Centres will begin in 2017.

Finally, a special thanks to the Centre's Administrative Officer, Ms Sia Kozlowski, who performed magnificently across the considerable breadth, complexity and volume of tasks required to support the research activities of Fellows and postgraduates and the numerous public engagement and outreach activities of the Centre.

Garry Rodan
Director

Kyoto. Photo by Emeritus Prof. Kevin Hewison

Asia Research Centre Public Seminar Series

- **Professor Michael Sturma,** Murdoch University and **Mr Hiroyuki Shindo**, National Instititue of Defence Studies, Tokyo, Convoy HI-72: Toward an Australian – Japanese Collaborative Naval History
- **Professor Stephen Smith,** University of Western Australia, Election aftermath: What the US Election means for Australia-Indonesia relations. In collaboration with the Perth USAsia Centre, Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) and the Indonesia Institute.
- **Dr Daniel Twining,** German Marshall Fund of the United States, Whose Century? America, China, and the Future of Global Power. In collaboration with the Perth USAsia Centre.
- **Associate Professor Dan Slater,** University of Chicago, Democracy through Strength: Asia's Development and Democratization
- **Professor Motohiro Kurokawa (currently Visiting Professor at the Asia Research Centre),** Economic Development & Design: the Contribution of Creative Industry in Developing Economies
- **Zunar,** Malaysian Political Cartoonist, To Fight Through Cartoons
- **Professor Greg Bankoff,** University of Hull, UK, What happened to the Second World? The Challenges of Earthquake Disaster Risk Reduction in Kazakhstan
- **Professor Mark Thompson,** City University of Hong Kong, Democracy and its discontents in Southeast Asia
- **Sidney Jones,** Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict and Navhat Nuraniyah, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore, The Challenges of Confronting ISIS in Indonesia
- **Dr Wong Chin Huat,** Penang Institute, Najib Razak's Resilience and Malaysia's Collective Action Problems
- **Professor Benjamin Reilly,** Sir Walter Murdoch School, Murdoch University, The Region that Ate Theory: Modernization and Democratization in East Asia

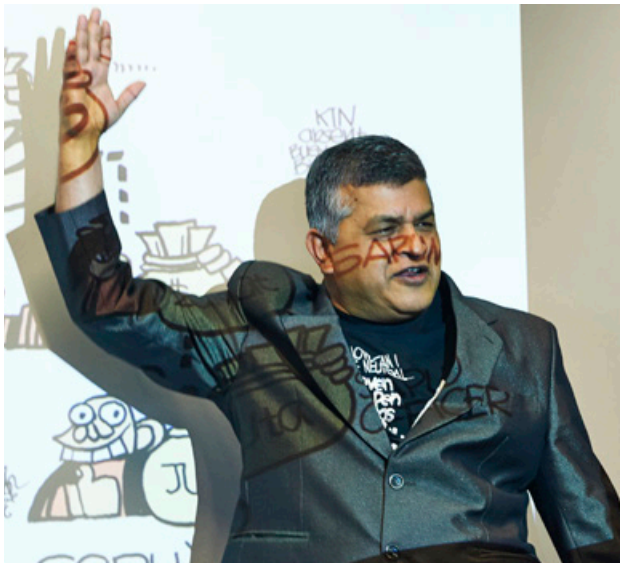
Sidney Jones' public seminar. Photo by Robert Fyfe

Asia Research Centre Public Seminar Series

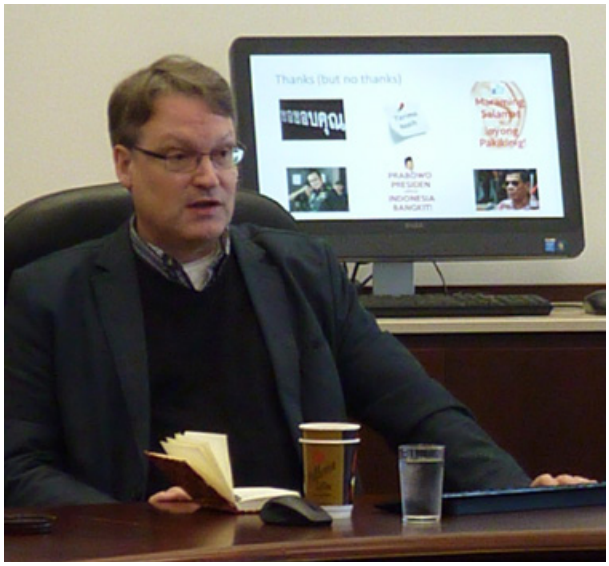
Associate Professor Dan Slater

Dr Wong Chin-Huat

Dr Daniel Twining and Professor Garry Rodan



Zulkifli Anwar Ulhaque, Zunar. Photo by Robert Fyfe



Professor Mark Thompson

Asia Research Centre Workshops and Conferences

Kanishka Jayasuriya convened a panel at the IPSA on the 'Politics of the new right in Asia' and included papers on India, Indonesia , South Korea , Australia and Japan. The paper explored the emergence of a new right authoritarianism in Asia. The panel explored these issues in the context of the relationship between democratic politics and inequality and changing relationship between capitalist development and political contestation. The paper will be submitted to a A rated journal.

Onno W. Purbo, Dr Jacqui Baker.
Photo by Robert Fyfe

Digital Indonesia: Challenges and Opportunities in The Digital Revolution

New digital technologies are radically changing social and political relationships with Asia. No more than in Indonesia. We know it as the world's twitter capital, and a voracious consumer of Facebook (better known as fesbuk).Social media represents only one of the ways in which digital devices and infrastructure are radically reforming the political and economic landscape. But who benefits from the digital revolution? Is digitization undermining or strengthening Indonesia's new democracy? These questions were addressed on September 19 when a "mini-Update on Indonesia" was hosted by Murdoch's Indonesia Research Program in collaboration with the ANU's Indonesia Project, off the back of a two day Indonesia Update held in Canberra on the 17 – 18th. The ANU Indonesia Update, run since 1983 in Canberra, is an institution for scholars of Indonesia. However this was the first time the Update has run in "mini" form to a non-East coast audience. Four speakers came to Murdoch from the Canberra event to present alongside three Murdoch based speakers to a healthy audience of around 80.

Co-convenor of the Update, ANU's Dr Ross Tapsell, opened with a revealing presentation on how digital convergence has greatly amplified the power of Indonesia's already powerful media barons. The 2014 elections saw a number of media oligarchs either competing for government outright or playing politically-laden but decisive roles in broadcasting the election results.

Similarly, Murdoch PhD candidate Nicole Andres, charted the ways in which the media become implicated in political feuds, leading most memorably to the 2010 downfall of Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati (recently returned to the job).

Atma Jaya academic and novelist Dr Andina Dwifatma explored citizen blogs, hosted on major national news sites, which file up to 1000 stories per day. Although such blogs provide an important counter to big media, citizen blogs don't necessarily provide ordinary Indonesians with a voice. Rather, they tend to be utilised by tech savvy, urban middle class and bring their own controversies such as plagiarism and political bias.

Digital activist Onno Purbo contributed a masterful presentation on Indonesia's "digital divide". Highlighting how government programmes for digital infrastructure have been hijacked by political and special interests, Onno has devoted his life's work to bringing the internet to the thousands of Indonesian villages forgotten by policy initiatives. Onno showed how the spine of a rogue digital infrastructure is being built from the bottom up across Indonesia, using everything from wifi cooking woks to computers wedged in the branches of towering forest trees.

Budi Rahardjo showed how Indonesia's reputation as a global centre for cyber-attacks is less about a hacker army than really about the country's own vulnerability to cyber hackers and, its citizens' laissez faire approach to cyber security and net privacy. RMIT academic John Posthill presented on the growing class of global digital activists in Indonesia and beyond, emphasising that politics and digitization can no longer operate as separate spheres. Finally, as discussant, Murdoch Emeritus Professor David Hill, author of numerous books and articles on the Indonesian media, concluded the event with a series of acute observations on how technology has shaped Indonesia's socio-political landscape over the past 20 years.

Although the collaboration with ANU was a first for Murdoch, it comes off the back of a decade of conversation through publications and debate between scholars at ANU and Murdoch on how best to approach the study of Indonesian politics. That debate continues to shape our understanding of Indonesia.

Professor James Warren presented a keynote address 'The Weather Factor: China Sea Typhoons and Tales by Joseph Conrad' at an international event entitled 'To the Seas and Beyond: An International Conference on the History of the Maritime Silk Road'.

The Conference, held at the Hong Kong Museum of History on 16-17 December 2016, was a joint venture organized by the Hong Kong Museum of History, Guangdong Museum, Macao Museum and the Department of History at Hong Kong Baptist University.

Asia Research Centre Workshops and Conferences

Report on the 7th International Congress of Maritime History

The 7th International Congress of Maritime History was held at Murdoch University, from 27 June - 1 July 2016. This was the first conference in the series to be held in the Southern Hemisphere and coincided with the 400th anniversary of the Dutch mariner Dirk Hartog's landfall on the Western Australian coast on 25 October 1616. The Congress was a joint initiative by the International Maritime History Association (IMHA) and the Australian Association for Maritime History. The organising committee was led by Professor Malcolm Tull and included Dr Joseph Christensen from the Asia Research Centre.

7th International Congress of Maritime History. Photo by Robert Fyfe

The Congress provided a forum for the inaugural meeting of all investigators and collaborators in Professor James Warren's Discovery Project 'Pearls, People, and Power: Global Commodity History and Material Culture in the Transformation of the Indian Ocean World (IOW), 16th-20th Centuries'. A total of twelve papers were presented across three panels that dealt with production, labour allocation, trade and consumption of pearls and mother-of-pearl across an interconnected region spanning from East Africa and the Red Sea to the Arabian Gulf, India and Sri Lanka, Northwest Australia and Torres Strait, and the waters of Southeast Asia.

One of the principal aims of Professor Warren's Discovery project is to investigate the multi-dimensional and interdependent connections of IOW history, as revealed through comparative studies of different pearling industries. The repercussions of this global trade resulted in the mass movement of peoples to the IOW pearling grounds, and led to the advent of conflicts between local rulers and imperial powers over the control of pearling industries and the conduct of trade in commodities such as opium, textiles, guns and tea linked to the production and circulation of pearls and pearl shell.

Engagement
Jane Hutchison

Jane continued as an academic member of the Research for Development Impact (RDI) Committee for the RDI Network, a collaboration between the Australian Council for International Development and Australian Universities.

*Vice Chancellor's visit to the Asia Research Centre.*Photo by Robert Fyfe

Electoral Reform in the Philippines

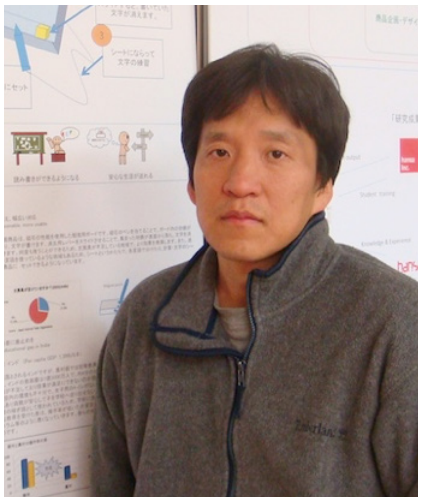
Electoral reform is a perennial issue of debate in the Philippines. In 2016, in the lead-up to national Congressional and presidential elections, Professor Benjamin Reilly was contracted by the Asia Foundation and DFAT to draft a series of web-based 'think pieces' to start a more informed national debate on potential areas of electoral reform.
These were run as on-line op-eds on Rappler, a popular social media and news website in the Philippines.

Each piece looked in detail at an issue of concern in the Philippines political process: the means of electing the president, the problem of 'split ticket' voting between the presidential and vice-presidential candidate, the malfunctioning party-list system designed to represent sectional minorities, equitable gender representation in congress, options for bicameralism and other legislative reform, and reform of local government elections. Each piece looked at the Philippines in a comparative context, including some potential remedies and responses to the problems identified.

Various graphics also accompanied each piece to highlight various graphics to highlight the issue being discussed, to help make what were sometimes technical debates more accessible and to aid media coverage.

'Think Pieces' on potential areas of electoral reform.

Vice Chancellor's visit to the Asia Research Centre. Photo by Robert Fyfe



Professor Motohiro Kurokawa

Visiting Professor Motohiro Kurokawa

Motohiro Kurokawa is a Professor of Development Economics in the Faculty of Regional Policy, Takasaki City University of Economics. He visited Asia Research Centre to advance research on creative industry development in the Asian region. From April 2016 to March 2017, he made presentations to the Asia Research Centre Public Seminar series, the IPAA WA Public Sector, The 13th International Conference ASIALICS 2016, Thailand and The 14th Conference of IFEAMA, Nepal.

Vice Chancellor's visit to the Asia Research Centre

The Asia Research Centre hosted a visit by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Eeva Leinonen, on Thursday 28 July in the Asia Research Centre's library. This was part of a general university-wide exercise of engaging with schools and research centres/institutes that the Vice Chancellor had been undertaking.

The Vice Chancellor indicated some of her thoughts about Murdoch's direction and learnt first-hand about the Centre's achievements, plans and challenges.

Indonesia Research Programme Summary of activities 2016

The Indonesia Research Programme (IRP) was officially launched in January 2014 to: raise the visibility of Murdoch University with Indonesian universities and institutions in order to encourage collaboration; broaden, intensify and coordinate Indonesia-related engagement across Murdoch's disciplines and schools; and to increase Indonesian postgraduate enrolments. The Programme is an initiative by the Provost, Professor Andrew Taggart, and supported accordingly. In 2016, Centre Fellows Dr Jacqui Baker and Dr Ian Wilson were at the pivot of the Programme's implementation, following Professor Vedi Hadiz's departure at the end of 2015.

In 2016, the Programme involved a range of initiatives with our Indonesian associates. This included support for numerous visits to Murdoch by Indonesian academics and government officials to strengthen relations and explore opportunities for collaboration, as well as for Murdoch academics visiting partners in Indonesia for staff exchange, research collaboration and exploring degree initiatives.

The number of Indonesian postgraduate enrolments at Murdoch continued to grow in 2016, with 53 such students compared to just over 20 in 2011. Of these, the Asia Research Centre had 15 (of its total of 28 students) compared to just 4 in 2010.

Gadjah Mada University, one of Indonesia's most prestigious universities, remained an important partner for Murdoch University. Murdoch Politics negotiated a 2+2 joint undergraduate degree with UGM International Relations in November 2016 and hosted two senior UGM academic staff to Murdoch to oversee the finalising of the degree. Discussions were also well advanced between senior Murdoch staff in the Masters of International Affairs and Security and their counterparts at UGM in International Relations towards a 1+1 Masters in International Affairs and Security. The programme supported five politics lecturers to give guest lectures and promote the new undergraduate articulation at UGM, including producing a promotional video for marketing purposes.

Other activities supported included a workshop with Atma Jaya University in Jakarta on Publishing in Academia. This was organised by Murdoch's Dr Kate Fitch with a view to developing research relations with the School of Communications at Atma Jaya. Chris Smyth, Cluster Leader of Society Communications within the School of Arts at Murdoch is to follow up Dr Fitch's visit to secure an MOU with Atma Jaya. Funds were also allocated to Dr Peter Taylor from the School of Education who was invited to give a keynote speech at the University of Medan.

The Programme continued to act as a knowledge hub for Indonesia initiatives across the university, connecting academic staff with relevant funding, teaching and research opportunities in Indonesia and advocating for Indonesia research and recruitment to be part of Murdoch's overall development strategy. The Programme established the Indonesia Engagement Strategy Group, chaired by Professor Neil Loneragan, and attended by the Vice Deans for International across the all schools.

The IRP also supported Murdoch's successful bid for accreditation for postgraduate scholarships abroad with the Indonesian Endowment Fund for Education, working on drafts of the proposal and building networks with Indonesian authorities. In this role, IRP staff supported Murdoch's Vice Chancellor on the WA ministerial delegation to Indonesia, providing background reports and strategic support.

The program also built collaborations with other Australian universities working on Indonesia. In collaboration with the Indonesia Project at the ANU and the Asia Research Program, the program supported the Mini-Update on Digital Indonesia on September 19. The Mini-Update presented six academic and activist speakers that highlighted the ways that Indonesia's digital revolution has not only presented new economic opportunities, but changed and challenged the existing socio-political landscape. This event will be followed in April 2017 with a roundtable analysis on the Jakarta election with speakers from ANU and Murdoch University.

Digital Indonesia Mini-Update. Photo by Robert Fyfe

Dr Jeffrey Wilson

Australia and the Asian trade architecture

2016 was a landmark year for Australia's trade relations with Asia. Free trade agreements (FTAs) with China, Japan and Korea enjoyed their first full year of operation, opening new trade and investment opportunities in the agriculture and services sectors. Bilateral negotiations with India and Indonesia – two of Australia's most important emerging trade partners – made steady progress. The shock election of Donald Trump as US President in November had led to the collapse of the controversial Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which saw attention shift to the ASEAN-led Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement.

Centre Fellow Jeffrey Wilson played a key role in policy debates over the future of Australia's trade policy. He consulted for the Australia-Indonesia Business Council, helping to devise negotiation strategies for the Australia-Indonesia FTA. He was called as an expert witness by two parliamentary inquiries into TPP: the *Joint Standing Committee on Treaties and Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade* – and his testimony was cited extensively in both inquiry reports. His work has appeared in many high-impact media outlets, including *The Australian, Sydney Morning Herald, 7:30 Report* and *New York Times*. In November, he was also the official Australian delegate to a conference on the future of the Asian trade system convened by the Korean government.

Wilson has argued Australia needs to adopt a more multilateral approach to its Asian trade relationships. Instead of pursuing bilateral FTAs with key partners, multilateral agreements such as the TPP and RCEP offer a much stronger platform for regional economic engagement. They open more opportunities in the services and agricultural sectors, enables businesses to participate in regional value chains in Asia, and give the Australian government a say in developing the rules for the regional economic architecture. As Australia's enmeshment in Asia deepens, it is now time we fully participate in the emerging multilateral architecture for regional economic integration.

The Politics of intolerance in Indonesia - Dr Ian Wilson, *Aljazeera*

Analysing the politics of 'intolerance' in Indonesia

2016 was a year marked by rising political tensions in Indonesia, much of it focused around Jakarta's governor elections. Mass mobilisations by Islamists, with the backing of some political elites, generated political pressure resulting in the laying of blasphemy charges against Jakarta's governor. Many analysts and the media interpreted this as indicative of the rising political strength of sectarianism and religious extremism, framing the elections as a test of the country's religious tolerance, with pluralism itself posed as under threat.

Drawing on his extensive field research in Jakarta, Centre Fellow Dr Ian Wilson made a significant and distinctive contribution to these debates over the forces driving the protests. In a widely-read piece in New Mandala on 3 November entitled 'Making Enemies out of Friends' he responded to the analysis of internationally respected security analyst and human rights advocate Dr Sidney Jones, arguing that the ostensive growth of sectarian sentiment, particularly among the urban poor, could be traced to the direct impacts of government policy and Indonesia's economic trajectory. With the abandonment of the plight of the poor by progressive and secular groups, religious hardliners had captured broader discontents at rising inequality, with populist Islamist sentiment fuelled by deeper structural tensions. He also argued that alliances between the urban poor and Islamists were largely tactical, rather than ideologically driven.

Dr Wilson's New Mandala article was read directly by over 12,500 people but then extensively circulated and debated across various traditional and social media, including among activist and academic circles within and beyond Indonesia. The article's analysis was even the topic of several academic seminars in Indonesia widely reported on in the Indonesian press. The Indonesian version of the article has also been included in a free edited ebook, Bela Islam atau bela Oligarchy? (Defending Islam or Defending Oligarchy?). Wilson contributed additional related commentary and analysis in many high-impact national and international media outlets such as Fairfax publications, Wall Street Journal, Reuters, Voice of America, AAP, BBC, Vice News and Deutsche Welle.

Eviction victims demonstrating outside Presidential Palace, Jakarta. Photo by Dr Ian Wilson

Consultancies in 2016 – Jane Hutchison

In April, Dr Jane Hutchison was invited as a resource person for a two-day Asian Development Bank(ADB)/ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) workshop, New Ideas in Governance – Do They Work in Practice?, held at the ADB in Manila. The workshop drew on themes in the OECD/DAC Network on Governance (GOVNET) Governance Practitioner's Notebook: Alternative Ideas and Approaches (2015). This publication featured a chapter by Professor Wil Hout, summarising the arguments of the book, Political Economy and the Aid Industry (2014), which he and Jane Hutchison co-wrote with Caroline Hughes and Richard Robison.

In 2016, Dr Jane Hutchison also undertook a Political Economy Analysis Consultancy for Oxfam in Myanmar. The consultancy involved running a workshop on political economy analysis for Oxfam and partner NGO staff involved in an EU-funded Social Accountability Project covering local governance in four states/regions in Myanmar. The workshop generated a series of research questions which guided subsequent field work to shape the design of the project.

Vice Chancellor Professor Eeva Leinonen with Centre PhD graduate Luki Djani at the Alumni Dinner in Jakarta. Luky graduated in 2013. The Vice Chancellor was in Jakarta for a Ministerial Briefing.

Ohara, North Kyoto. Photo by Emeritus Prof. Kevin Hewison

Professor James Warren admiring 18th century Swatow trade ceramic with a fellow participant of the international conference on the History of the Maritime Silk Road. The Maritime Silk Road Exhibition was was held at the conference venue, the Hong Kong Museum of History.

Grants

New Grants in 2016

Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
Malcolm Tull and Neil Loneragan (with J Tweedley, M Hughes)
Golden fish: evaluating and optimising the biological, social and economic returns of small-scale fisheries
2016, $398,000

Independent Commission Against Corruption, Hong Kong
Ian Scott (with T Gong)
Success Factors in Corruption Prevention
2016, HK$498,885 (AUD $86,800)

Endeavour Postgraduate Award
Lian Sinclair
Awarded in December 2016, this scholarship covers fieldwork in Indonesia
2016, $52,000

City University of Hong Kong
Ian Scott (with T Gong)
Understanding Public Attitudes towards Corruption: A Tale of Three Cities
2016, HK$200,000 (AUD $34,800)

Singapore Tote Board
Azad Singh Bali (with H Douglas, C Vas and P Waring)
Ageing and Long-term care in Singapore
2016, S$33,000 (A$33,000)

Competitive Collaborative Research Fund, Department of Social and Political Science, University of Gadjah Mada
Ian Wilson (with M Hapsari, Krisdyatmiko, E Susanto, A R Akbar, N L Suparlan and A M Taek,
Against deforestation: the formation of environmental movements in ASEAN
2016, $18,500

City University of Hong Kong
Ian Scott (with T Gong)
The Quest for Joined-up Government: Structural Relationships and the Problem of the 'Silos' in Hong Kong
2016, HK$100,000 (AUD $17,400)

Australian Academy of the Social Sciences Workshop Grant
Melissa Johnston (with M McIntyre, S Niner and M Dyer)
Women's empowerment, microfinance and aid in the Asia Pacific: a workshop of policy-relevant findings and innovative methods
$9,000, awarded in 2016 for 2017 Workshop

Australian Academy of the Humanities Travelling Fellowship.
Dean Aszkielowicz
Archival Research at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington DC
2016, $2,000

Bursary - Sydney Southeast Asia Centre's Postgraduate Research Workshop on Engaging with policy in Southeast Asia
Anabelle Ragsag
28-29 July 2016, $1,000

International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS)
Agung Wardana
Presented paper at the International Conference on Heritage as Aid and Diplomacy in Leiden, the Netherlands.
2016, A$1,300

Research Consultancy Activities

Jeffrey Wilson
Research Fellow
Perth USAsia Centre

Jane Hutchison
Governance Thematic Group Learning Event: New Ideas in Governance – Do They Work in Practice?, Philippines
Asia Development Bank
US$5,898 (AUD $7,960)

Political Economy Analysis Consultancy for Social Accountability Project, Myanmar
Oxfam
US$5,600 (AUD $7,560)

Benjamin Reilly
Electoral system redesign for development
DFAT and the Asia Foundation
The Philippines
$7,500

Internal Grants

School of Arts Research Grant for Early Career Researchers
Dean Aszkielowicz
This grant was combined with the funds from the Travelling Fellowship for a longer stay in Washington
2016, $2,300

School of Arts Research Grant for Early Career Researchers
Arjun Subrahmanyan
Presented paper at the Association for Asian Studies conference in Canberra
2016, $1,900

School of Arts Research Grant for Early Career Researchers
Arjun Subrahmanyan
Presented paper at the Thailand Studies symposium in Sydney
2016, $2,000

Murdoch University Graduate Office's Conference Travel Awards
Agung Wardana
This grant was combined with the IIAS' travel grant to attend and present a paper at the Workshop on the Indonesian Village Law in Leiden, the Netherlands.
2016, $2,050

Murdoch University Graduate Office's Conference Travel Awards
Melissa Johnston
Presented paper at the International Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, United States
2016, $2,000

Continuing Grants

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Sandra Wilson (with R Cribb)
War Crimes and the Japanese Military, 1941-45
2015-2017, $140,600

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Jeffrey Wilson (with M Beeson)
The Political Economy of Australia-China Economic Relations
2015-17, $154,418

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Jane Hutchison and Ian Wilson (with C Hughes and A Rosser)
Remaking the Poor: Poor people's responses to donors' market citizenship programs in Southeast Asia.
2013-15, $193,088

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
James Warren (with Joseph Christensen) and a multi-country team
Pearls, People and Power: Global Commodity History and Material Culture in the Transformation of the Indian Ocean World, 16th-20th Centuries
2015-18, $438,058

Australian Research Council Linkage Project
James Warren
Hazards, Tipping Points, Adaptation and Collapse in the Indo-Pacific World, Post-1000 CE
2015– 2018, $374,516

Hong Kong Research Council
Ian Scott (with T Gong, J Bacon-Shone)
Public Perceptions of Corruption in Hong Kong
2014 – 2017, HK$669,500

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Carol Warren (with C Antons, W Logan and J Chen)
Intangible Cultural Heritage across Borders: Laws, structures and strategies in China and its ASEAN neighbours
2013-15, $300,000

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Carol Warren (with J McCarthy and A McWilliam)
Household Vulnerability and the Politics of Social Protection in Indonesia: Towards an Integrated Approach
2014-16, $385,000

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
Neil Loneragan and Carol Warren (with N Stacey)
Small-scale Fisheries in Indonesia: Benefits to Households, the Roles of Women and Opportunities for Improving Livelihoods
2015-2016, $150,000

Australian Research Council Discovery Project and Australian Professorial Fellowship
Garry Rodan
Representation and Political Regimes in Southeast Asia
2010-15, $613,182

Developing aquaculture near Pulau Osi, Ceram.
Photo by Professor Neil Loneragan

Photo Left to right clockwise Trainers and participants at the Crawford Master Class on "Methods for assessing data-poor fisheries" held at the Institut Pertanian Bogor International Convention Center , Emeritus Prof. Richard Robison, PhD student Vanessa Jaiteh with shark fishers and shark fins, Eviction site in North Jakarta

Awards and Honours

Muhammad Faris Al Fadhat
Elected President, Association of Indonesian Postgraduate Students and Scholars in Australia (AIPSSA)

Jacqui Baker
Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs Teaching Award

Malcolm Tull
Appointed first non-European President of the International Martime History Association

Jeffrey Wilson
Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs Teaching Award

Sandra Wilson
Elected to the position of Secretary of the Asian Studies Association of Australia

Jeffrey Wilson
Appointed as Editor-in-Chief of Contemporary Politics journal. (APSA 'A' ranked (2016).

Current Postgraduate Students

Sait Abdulah
Topic: Post Conflict Reconstruction: Elites, welfare and women ex-combatants in Aceh Region, Indonesia
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison, Jacqui Baker and Kevin Hewison)

Nurul Aini
Topic: Challenging the Local State: Subaltern resistance in post decentralised Yogyakarta, Indonesia
(Supervisors: Ian Wilson, Jacqui Baker and Jane Hutchison)

Muhammad Al Fadhat
Topic: The Rise of Internationalized Capital: ASEAN Economic Governance and Indonesian Conglomerates
(Supervisors: Jeffrey Wilson and Kanishka Jayasuriya)

Nicole Andres
Topic: Media-elite interactions in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia (Submitted)
(Supervisors: David Hill and Garry Rodan)

Patricia Dacudao
Topic: Abaca: the creation of a transpacific, transnational and transcultural Davao, 1898-1941
(Supervisors: James Warren and Carol Warren)

Rendro Dhani
Topic: Political Public Relations in Indonesia During the Yudhoyono Presidency 2004-2014
(Supervisors: Kate Fitch and Terence Lee)

Diswandi Diswandi
Topic: Sustainable Community Forestry Management in Lombok, Indonesia
(Supervisors: Malcolm Tull, Carol Warren and Ranald Taylor)

Tianyi Du (Tony)
Topic: China's search for food security and its implications for China-Australia grain trade
(Supervisors: Malcolm Tull and Anne Garnett)

Max Findley
Topic: Rationalizing Disaster: Early Modern Spanish-Filipino Dialogues on Hazard
(Supervisors: James Warren, Carol Warren and Joseph Christensen)

Jely Galang
Topic: Chinese Vagrants in the Late-Nineteenth Century Manila
(Supervisors: James Warren and Arjun Subramanyan)

Kazi Haque
Topic: The Political Economy of NGOs: Transcending of Civil Society into Market
(Supervisors: Kanishka Jayasuriya and Jane Hutchison)

Li Yi Huang
Topic: Importing Ideas: The function of policy transfer network - whale-watching ecolabel in Taiwan
(Supervisors: Yvonne Haigh, Ian Cook and Diane Lee)

Asep Iqbal
Topic: Islamic Cyberactivism: Internet and the Salafi Movement in Indonesia (Submitted)
(Supervisors: David Hill and Garry Rodan)

Irwansyah Irwansyah
Topic: Political Economy of Local Labour Conflict during Decentralization Period in Indonesia
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison and Ian Wilson)

Asia Research Centre PhD students

Vanessa Jaiteh
Topic: "Sharks are important, but so is rice": Opportunities and challenges for shark fisheries management and livelihoods in eastern Indonesia
(Supervisors: Neil Loneragan and Carol Warren)

Melissa Johnston
Topic: The 'Local Turn' in International Development: Implications for women and resource distribution in Timor-Leste and West Timor
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison, Carol Warren and Ian Wilson)

Jasmine Kaur
Topic: Evaluating Port Reform in Indonesia using the Matching Framework: A case study of the ports of Tanjung Priok and Tanjung Emas
(Supervisors: Malcolm Tull and Ranald Taylor)

Elaine Llarena
Topic: Crisis and Risk Communication in Response to Zoonotic Emerging Infectious Diseases in Southeast Asia
(Supervisors: Anne Surma, Garry Rodan, Kate Fitch, John Edwards)

Rebecca Meckelburg
Topic: Fragmented activism: Understanding lower class political agency in rural post-Suharto Indonesia
(Supervisors: Carol Warren and Ian Wilson)

Ma. Theresa R. Milallos
Topic: The Political Ecology of Disaster and the Problematique of Social Transformation: The case of the 1991 Ormoc tragedy in the Philippines (Submitted)
(Supervisors: Jim Warren and Carol Warren)

Charlotte Minh Ha Pham
Topic: A Maritime Cultural Landscape of Cochinchina: The South China Sea, maritime routes, navigation and boats in pre-colonial central Vietnam (Submitted)
(Supervisors: Jim Warren, Wendy Van Duivenvoorde and Jeremy Green)

Anabelle Ragsag
Topic: Exploring the Directions of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program in the Philippines
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison and Garry Rodan)

Vivianti Rambe
Topic: Reinventing the Keys to a Sustainable Rural Development: Diversity and complexity in mainstreaming natural resources management within community driven development programs in Sulawesi, Indonesia
(Supervisor: Carol Warren)

Sapporo. Photo by Emeritus Prof. Kevin Hewison

Hikmawan Saefullah
Topic: Underground music scene and Islamic Politics in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia
(Supervisors: Ian Wilson and Jacqui Baker)

Muningar Saraswati
Topic: Social Network Sites and Election Campaigns in Contemporary Indonesia (Submitted)
(Supervisors: David Hill and Vedi Hadiz)

Lian Sinclair
Topic: Undermining Conflict: mining and participatory conflict management in Indonesia
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison, Garry Rodan and *Shahar Hameiri)*

Tri Rainny Syafarani
Topic: Policy Entrepreneurship in Indonesia
(Supervisors: Yvonne Haigh, Jacqui Baker and Carol Warren)

Chu Minh Thao
Topic: Vietnam's International Trade Policymaking
(Supervisors: Jeffrey Wilson and Garry Rodan)

Vitti Valenzuela
Topic: The Politics of Reform in Socialized Housing: The Kaantabay sa Kauswagan Program of Naga City, the Philippines
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison and Carol Warren)

Agung Wardana
Topic: "Law, Space and Development: Contested Space and Governance in Contemporary Bali" (Submitted)
Supervisors: Carol Warren, Jacqui Baker and Jo Goodie)

Lisa Woodward
Topic: Understanding the impacts of vulnerability and social protection policies on the lives and future directions of young people in rural households in Indonesia
(Supervisors: Carol Warren and Anja Reid)

MPhil student

Paul van Nimwegen

PhD Completions

Airlangga Pribadi Kusman
Topic: Local Power and Good Governance in Post Authoritarian Indonesia: The case of Surabaya (conferred 11 May)
(Supervisors: Vedi Hadiz and Shahar Hameiri)

Punk kids in Jakarta. Photo by Dr Ian Wilson

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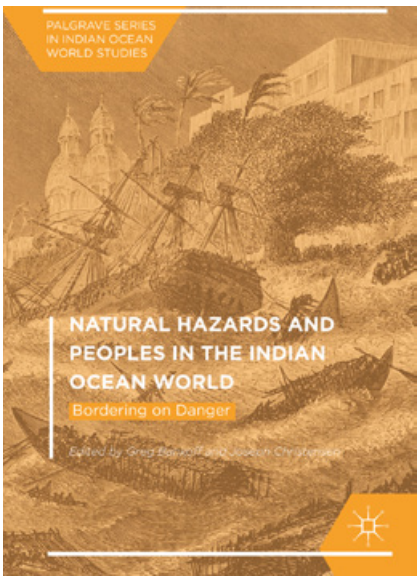
Managing International Business in China, 2nd Edition,
Cambridge University Press.



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(with J Lim) *Singapore: Negotiating State and Society, 1965-2015*,
Routledge.

Terence Lee
(with K YL Tan) *Change in Voting: Singapore's 2015 General Election*,
Ethos Books.

Ian Scott
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Routledge.

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Dean Aszkielowicz
'Changing direction', in T McCormack, N E Morris and G Fitzpatrick (eds) *Australia's class B and C war crimes trials*, Martinus Nijhoff, pp. 732-754.

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(with P McKiernan, C Vas and P Waring) 'Competition Law, Regulation and Trade: Implications for Productivity and Innovation in Singapore', in C Lee and M Schaper (eds) *Competition Law, Regulation and SMEs: Understanding the Small Business Perspective*, Institute of South East Asian Studies, pp. 211 – 229.

Yingchi Chu
'Chinese Documentary: towards commercialization' in M Keane (ed.) *Handbook of Cultural and Creative Industries in China*, Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 245-258

Joseph Christensen
(with G Bankoff) 'Bordering on Danger: An Introduction', in G Bankoff and J Christensen (eds) *Bordering on Danger: Natural Disasters and People in the Indian Ocean World* , Palgrave Macmillan, pp.1-30.

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'Negotiating state and society in Singapore: Rethinking historical narratives', in J Lim and T Lee (eds) *Singapore: Negotiating State and Society,* 1965-2015, Routledge, pp. 1-14.

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Greg Lopez
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Samuel Makinda
'Professor Ali A. Mazrui: The pioneer of analytic eclecticism', in S Adem, J Adibe, A Bangura and A Bemath (eds) A *Giant Tree Has Fallen: Tributes to Ali Al-Amin Mazrui*, African Perspectives Publishing, pp. 90-95.

Victoria Mason
(with S Poynting) 'The resistible rise of Islamophobia: Anti-Muslim racism in the UK and Australia before 11 September 2001' in T Abbas (ed.) *Muslim Diasporas in the West: Critical Readings in Sociology*, Routledge.

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'Philippine Typhoons Since the Seventeenth Century' in G Bankoff and J Christensen (eds) *Natural Hazards and Peoples in the Indian Ocean World*, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 105-142.

Jeffrey Wilson
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Azad Bali
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Joseph Christensen
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Neil Loneragan
Meeting of Council of the Asian Fisheries Society, April 2016, Bangkok, Thailand.

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Fabio Scarpello
Quasi Venti Anni dopo Reformasi, Problemi Persistono per Aceh e Papua (Almost Twenty Years since Reformasi, Indonesia's Aceh and Papua still Troubled), RISE - Relazioni Internazionali e International political economy del Sud-Est asiatico, February 2017.

Publications included *New Mandala* and *World Politics Review*. Interviewed by SBS-Italian Radio, The Wire radio and ABC Triple J Hack.

Malcolm Tull
Editorial, Report on the 7th IMEHA International Congress', *International Journal of Maritime History*, November, 28, 4: 638-39.

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'Making enemies out of friends', *New Mandala*, 3 November.

Out of the rubble', Indonesia at Melbourne, 4 October.

Publications included *WSJ, Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, Vice News, Voice of America, The Straits Times, BBC Indonesia, Rappler, Liputan6, The Wire* (radio) among others.

Jeffrey Wilson
The changing architecture of the Asia-Pacific trading system: Implications for the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA). Technical Report for the Australia-Indonesia Business Partnership Group (IA-BPG), June 2016.

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Jeffrey Wilson
Appointed as Editor-in-Chief of Contemporary Politics journal. (APSA 'A' ranked (2016); JCR: 5-yr IF 0.993, Rank 70/161 in Political Science (2015); SCImago: SJR 0.544, Rank 94/404 in Political Science and International Affairs (2015).

Dr Jacqui Baker gives the politics update on Indonesia at Sydney Southeast Asia's Policy Roundtable: Democratic Updates from Southeast Asia held on July 29th at the University of Sydney

Public Lectures, Conference, Seminar and Workshop Presentations

Sait Abdullah
'Hegemonic masculinity and the rise of a new local political and economic elite in Post conflict Aceh', Oceanic Conference on International Studies, University of Queensland, Brisbane, 6 - 8 July.

Muhammad Faris Al Fadhat
'The Politics of Indonesian Conglomerates: Capital resurgence and regional alliance in in Southeast Asia', Southeast Asian Studies Symposium: Human and Environmental Welfare in Southeast Asia, University of Oxford, Oxford, 14-16 April.

Dean Aszkielowicz
'The trial of Katayama Hideo', The Politics of International Law, Fourth Annual International Criminal Law Workshop, University of Western Australia, Perth, 15 September.

'Katayama Hideo', 30th annual Murdoch address to the Melville Historical Society, Melville Historical Society, Perth, 19 September.

Jacqui Baker
Digital Indonesia: Indonesia Update Workshop, held with Indonesia Research Program and Australian National University, Murdoch University, 19 September.

(with R Tapsell) Co-organised a double panel on "Re-thinking oligarchy in Contemporary Indonesia" for the Asian Studies Association of Australia. Presented a paper on the Moral Economy of the Indonesian Police, 5-7 July.

'Indonesia Update', Politics in Action: Democracy Update from Southeast Asia, Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, 29 July.

'Setting up an election role play', Innovative Teaching on Southeast Asia Workshop, Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, 13 May.

Azad Bali
(with M Ramesh) 'Dimensions of Policy Effectiveness', International Workshop on Governing With Uncertainty, Istituto di Scienze Umane e Sociali, Scuola Normale Superiore, Palazzo Strozzi, Italy, 25-26 November.

(with M Ramesh) 'The Governance of Healthcare', 24th World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Poland, 23-28 July.

(with M Ramesh) 'First, Do No Harm: A Diagnostic Approach to Policy Formulation', 24th World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Poznan, Poland, 23-28 July.

(with M Asher) 'Creating Fiscal Space to Pay for Pension Expenditure: A Framework', 4th EPS International Workshop at Renmin University, China, 2 July.

Joseph Christensen
'The Pearler's Problem: Government, Markets and the Marine Environment in the Shark Bay Pearling Industry', Seventh International Congress of Maritime History, Murdoch University, Perth, 27 June-1 July.

'Extreme weather and European settlement in Northwest Australia: revisiting the cyclone of April 1887', Building Consilience of the Natural and Social Sciences: Hazards, Tipping Points, Adaptation and Collapse in the Indo-Pacific World. Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 25-27 May.

Yingchi Chu
'Self-hybridization: Going out with Chinese Characteristics', China Road, University of Newcastle, 13-15 August.

Jely Galang
'Chinese in the Late-Nineteenth Century Manila', Chinese in the Philippines: New Studies Conference, Current Issues, Future Directions Conference, Ricardo and Dr. Rosita Leong Hall, Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, 12-13 January.

Jane Hutchison
'Power, Politics and Positive Deviance: Developmental Leadership Program Annual Conference', Invited Panelist, La Trobe University, Victoria, 8 February.

David Hill
'A Model of "Collaborating for success": Internationalisation, Indonesia and the New Colombo Plan', presentation (by invitation) to the Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (DASSH) Conference, Hobart, 1 September.

Vanessa Jaiteh
(with S Lindfield, S Mangubhai, C Warren, B Fitzpatrick and N Loneragan)' More sharks, less fins: Eoclogical successes and socio-economic challenges of spatial protection within the world's biggest shark fishery', International Coral Reef Symposium, Honolulu, Hawai, 19-24 June.

Kanishka Jayasuriya
Convened and coordinated a panel on the 'Politics of the New Right' IPSA, Poznan. Presented paper on The Rise of the New Right in Asia's Democracies: Authoritarianism and Neoliberalism, Poznan, Poland, 23-28 July.

Melissa Johnston
'Banking on Women: Microfinance in in the Liberal Peace', Oceanic Conference for International Studies, University of Queensland, Queensland, 4-6 July.

'Microcredit in Timor-Leste and Indonesian West Timor: Social hierarchy after intervention', Paper given at the International Studies Association, Exploring Peace, Atlanta, Georgia, 16-19 March.

Neil Loneragan
(with A Hordyk, V Jaiteh and C Warren) 'Assessing fisheries when data are scarce: a case study of sharks in eastern Indonesia', Presentation to Masters and PhD students at Bogor Agriculture University, Java, Indonesia, 28 November.

(with M Braccini, A Hordyk, V Jaiteh and C Warren) 'The sustainability of shark finning: assessing eastern Indonesia's data-poor fisheries', Presentation at the 11th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum, Bangkok, Thailand, 7 August.

(with A Hordyk, V Jaiteh and C Warren) 'Assessing fisheries when data are scarce: a case study of sharks in eastern Indonesia', Invited presentation to researchers and students at the Research Institute for Marine Fisheries, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Muara Baru, Jakarta, Indonesia, 20 July.

Livelihoods and gender in small scale fisheries of Indonesia', ACIAR project workshop, Sengiggi, Lombok, Indonesia, 20 to 24 November.

Samuel Makinda
'Eclecticism as a theoretical approach: The pillar of Ali A. Mazrui's intellectual legacy', Symposium on "Critical Perspectives on Culture and Globalization: The Intellectual Legacy of Ali A. Mazrui", Nairobi, Kenya, 15-17 July.

'Re-Evaluating Eclecticism in International Relations Theory', 7th Oceanic Conference on International Studies, Brisbane, 4-6 July.

'The impact of armed conflict on children and families', Keynote, International Conference on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children, Nairobi, Kenya, 7-10 February.

Takeshi Moriyama
'19-seiki zenhan no shakai henka to henkyo eno chi no nagare: Sadojin Shibata Shuzo no dokusho to yugaku, chizu seisaku' (Social changes and knowledge flow to peripheries in the early 19th century: Reading, learning and mapmaking of Shibata Shuzo, Sado; in Japanese), 23rd Nichibunken (International Research Center for Japanese Studies) International Symposium, University of Otago, Dunedin, 24 November.

'Hibonna sei o ikita Tokugawa-ki no heinintachi: Chirigakusha Shibata Shuzo (1820-59) no baai o chushinni' (Uncommon lives of Tokugawa-period commoners: Geographer Shibata Shuzo 1820-59 and others; in Japanese), Gakushuin University International Hall, Tokyo, 16 November.

'Chihominzoku no kijutsu: "chushin" to "shuen" no inta akushon toshite no Suzuki Bokushi "Hokuetsu seppu" to "Akiyamakiko"' (Writing about rural culture: Analysing Suzuki Bokushi's Hokuetsu seppu and 'Akiyama kiko' as interaction between "centre" and "periphery"; in Japanese), 2016 Collaborative Workshop of La Maison Franco Japonaise, Kokugakuin University and Toyo Bunko Oriental Library, Tokyo, 10 November .

Charlotte Minh Ha Pham
'A Maritime Cultural Landscape of Vietnam: Boats in context', 6th Internationaler Kongreß für Unterwasserarchäologie (IKUWA6), Celebrating our shared heritage, Western Australian Maritime Museum, Fremantle, 28 November–2 December.

Benjamin Reilly
'An Elephant's Graveyard? Democracy and Development in East Asia', Australian Political Studies Association Annual Conference presentation, Sydney, 28 September.

'Electoral System Design for Development: Comparative Experience in Southeast Asia', DFAT/Asia Foundation workshop on Electoral System Redesign for Development, Manila, 14 July.

'Political parties and elections', Making Democracy Work Conference, Central European University, Budapest, 23 June.

'Democratic design and democratic reform', Sir Samuel Griffith Conference on A People's Federation for the 21st Century, Griffith University, Brisbane, 18 June.

'The Region that Ate Theory: Modernization and Democratization in East Asia', Asia Research Centre public lecture, Murdoch University, 8 March.

'Democratic institutions in a settler society: the case of Australia', Workshop on Democratic Ideas and Institutions in Settler Societies, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, 22 January.

Richard Robison
'How Economic Policy has been shaped by Conflicts over Power and Wealth in Post-Soeharto Indonesia', Conference Plenary Session, Reflections on Two Decades of Governance and Economic Reform in Indonesia, University of Melbourne Asia Institute, 3-4 November.

'Why Indonesia Will Not be Asia's Next Giant', Seminar Presentation, University of Melbourne Asia Institute, 5 July.

Garry Rodan
'New Modes of Participation in Singapore, the Philippines and Malaysia', American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 31 August – 4 September.

Ian Scott
'Bottom-up approaches to corruption in Asia', Fourth International Asian Studies Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, 11 June.

Lian Sinclair
'Undermining Conflict: Australian Miners in Indonesia', Presentation to Institute for International Studies, Discussion Series, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, 15 September.

'Ideology vs. Scale in Resource Politics', Oceanic Conference on International Studies, University of Queensland, Brisbane, 6 - 8 July.

'Resource Nationalism and Neoliberalism, the Case of Indonesia's Mineral and Coal Mining Laws', Australian International Political Economy Network, University of Tasmania, Hobart, 2 February.

Arjun Subrahmanyan
'History and Historiography in the 1932 Thai Revolution', 2016 Thailand in Comparative Perspective: An International Symposium, Sydney University, Sydney, 26 – 27 September.

'The Captive Market? Economic Planning and State Reform in 1930s Thailand', Biannual Association for Asian Studies Association of Australia conference, Canberra, 5-7 July.

Xiaowen Tian
'Employee involvement in decision-making: The more the better?', Symposium of Social Identity in the Workplace and Employee Engagement, Australian Catholic University, Sydney, 3-4 November.

'What led to the success of Asian dragon multinationals? An institution-based explanation', ASAA 2016 Conference, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University, 5-7 July.

Agung Wardana
'Neoliberalising Bali's Cultural Landscape', Seminaire de Recherche AUSser/ISP "Du Paysage Cultural au Paysage Urbain Historique Quand les Territoires Deviennent Patrimoine, Ecole Nationale Superieure d'Architecture de Paris-Belleville, Paris, 15 December. Teleconference from Perth, Western Australia.

'The Politics of Heritage Conservation in Indonesia: Subak and Everyday Forms of Resistance', Heritage and Social Movements Workshop: Heritage Activism, Politics and Practices in Asia-Ocenia, Faculty of Humanities, Curtin University, Perth, 17 October.

'Conserving Cultural Heritage in the Neoliberal Times of Bali', International Conference on Heritage as Aid and Diplomacy, IIAS (The Netherlands), ISEAS (Singapore), and Institute of Sociology Academia Sinica (Taiwan), in Leiden, the Netherlands, 26-28 May.

(with C Warren) 'Adat and Dinas: Balinese Village and State-Society Relations under the 2014 Village Law', Workshop on "New Law, New Villages? Changing Rural Indonesia", KITLV, Van Vallenhoven Institute (Leiden University), Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (University of Olso), in Leiden, the Netherlands, 19-20 May.

Carol Warren
'LINI - Case study of a Conservation and Livelihood Enhancement intervention in a Coastal Community in Bali', 3rd ACIAR Workshop onSmall Scale Fisheries - Gender and Household Livelihoods projects, Lombok, Indonesia, 21- 25 November.

(with N Stacey and N Loneragan) 'Small-scale fisheries in Indonesia: benefits to households, the roles of women, and opportunities for improving livelihoods', 6th Gender and Fisheries Symposium, AFAF, Bangkok, 6 August.

(with A Wardana) 'Adat and Dinas: Balinese villages and state-society relations under the 2014 Village Law', KITLV Workshop - New Law New Villages: Changing Rural Indonesia, Leiden University, 19-20 May.

'Coastal Community Environmental Issues in Bali - Perancak Case Study', 1st ACIAR workshop on Small Scale Fisheries - Gender and Household Livelihoods projects, Denpasar, Bali 16 - 19 February.

James Warren
'The Weather Factor: China Sea Typhoons and Tales by Joseph Conrad', Keynote, To the Seas and Beyond: An International Conference on the History of the Maritime Silk Road', Hong Kong Museum of History and Hong Kong Baptist University, 16-18 December.

'Typhoons and Droughts: Food Shortages and Famine', Disastrous Pasts: New Directions in Asian Disaster History, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 21-22 November.

'Climate , Weather and Pestilence in the Philippines since the 16th Century', Disease Dispersion and Impact in the Indian Ocean World, Indian Ocean World Cntre (IOWC), Mc Gill University, 23-24 September.

'Tea, Pearls, and Pearl Shell: Cross Cultural Trade, Slave Raiding and the Transformation of Material Worlds- The Sulu Zone , China and the West, 1768-1898', International Maritime Hsitory Conference, Murdoch University, 27-30 June.

'Typhoon: Climate, Society and History in the Philippines', Building Consilience of the Natural and Social Sciences: Hazards , Tipping Points and Adaptation and Collapse in the Indo – Pacific World, Earth Observatory Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, 25-27 May.

Ian Wilson
'The politics of protection rackets', Politics and Governance Department, University of Gadjah Mada, 9 December.

'Proxy wars' and Moral Panics: the Moral Economy of Street Politics in Indonesia', Understanding Indonesia conference, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, 17-18 June.

Jeffrey Wilson
'Negotiating pathways for multilateralising the Asia-Pacific trade architecture: Options in a post-TPP world', Speech to the Seoul Conference on Trade and Industry, Ministry of Trade Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea, 30 November.

'Resource Nationalism after the Boom: The Future of Business-Government Interactions in the Energy Sector', Presentation to Energy and Minerals Institute of Western Australia, 27 September.

'The Future of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the 2016 US Presidential Election', Speech at Australian Institute of International Affairs Public Seminar, Deloitte Perth, 10 August.

'The contentious politics of the Trans-Pacific Partnership', Speech at Envoy Group Public roundtable on the TPP, 25 May.

The 'new bilateralism' in the Asia-Pacific trade system: Economic and security drivers. Seminar for the National Asian Security Studies Program (NASSP), UNSW ADFA, 10 November.

Sandra Wilson
'War Crimes and Executive Prerogative', 35th Annual Australia and New Zealand Law and History Society Conference, Curtin University, Perth, 5-6 December.

'Indian Prisoners and the Japanese Military in Southeast Asia', Sixth Japanese History Workshop, University of Auckland, Auckland, 2-4 December

'What Difference Did the War Make to Japanese Nationalism?', Nichibunken Symposium, 'Japanese Studies Down Under: History, Politics, Literature, Art', University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, 24-25 November .

'Why Were There No War Crimes Trials After the Korean War?', Murdoch University History Seminar Series, Perth, 12 October.

'War Crimes Trials and the Politics of Justice: the Case of Kinoshita Eiichi, 1945-1957', Fourth Annual International Criminal Law Workshop: "The Politics of International Criminal Law", University of Western Australia, Perth, 15-16 September.

'The Siberian Intervention and the Japanese Military, 1918-1922', Asian Studies Association of Australia Biennial Conference, ANU, Canberra, 5-7 July.

'Clemency for Japanese War Criminals, 1945-1958 ', International Symposium: 'Conflict, Justice, Memory and Healing', School of International Studies, Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan, 9-10 June.

'Japanese Military Authorities and the Value of Prisoners of War, 1941-1945', (U.S.) Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, 31 March.

'Did Siberia Make a Difference? War Crimes, the Japanese Military, and the Siberian Intervention, 1918-1922', Russian History Reading Group, University of WA, Perth, 18 March.

George Aditjondro

27 May 1946 – 10 December 2016

On Saturday 10 December 2016, former Murdoch University colleague George Aditjondro passed away at age 70, four years after having suffered a stroke. Following the completion of his PhD at Cornell University, George wrote at least ten books and over one hundred articles and book chapters. He consistently spoke truth to power, which earned him widespread respect. It also brought him under pressure in Indonesia from very powerful people in government, business and the military at different stages of his life. Throughout his career, George was especially significant in exposing and challenging corruption, not least as it involved environmental destruction, and was an early supporter of Timorese independence.

George taught at Satya Wacana Christian University in Salatiga, Central Java but came to Australia after concerns about his safety in Indonesia. This move was made possible by the pooling of funds from the Asia Research Centre and various researchers holding grants within it at Murdoch University. His brief time at Murdoch in the mid-1990s was hugely stimulating for colleagues and students alike. His lectures combined deep intellectual insights on Indonesian politics and suitably illustrative empirical material with a charismatic delivery style. Meanwhile, George continued significant academic work and media contributions on Indonesian politics. This included his observations in 1994 about the death toll in East Timor after Indonesian troops landed there, first published in *The West Australian*.

While at Murdoch, George wrote an Asia Research Centre Working Paper (no. 58, 1995), '*Bali, Jakarta's Colony: Social and ecological impacts of Jakarta-based conglomerates in Bali's tourism industry*'. He also wrote Large Dam Victims and their Defenders: the emergence of an anti-dam movement in Indonesia', analysing one of the most notorious cases under the Suharto regime of displacement of rural villagers. This was published in *The Politics of Environment in Southeast Asia* (1998), jointly edited by Centre colleagues at the time Carol Warren and Phil Hirsch. George subsequently took up a post at the University of Newcastle before returning to Indonesia, having spent a total of seven years in Australia. Among his subsequent books was *Dissecting Cikeas Octupus: Behind the Scene of the Bank Century Scandal.*

Former colleagues at Murdoch are saddened by George's passing and grateful that his talent, courage and endearing personality made such a contribution to the understanding of Indonesian politics and causes of social justice. We were privileged to have had him in our midst. Vale George Aditjondro.

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