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2013 HIGHLIGHTS

Two core activities continued to be the main focus of the Indonesia Project (the Project) in 2013: the publication of the Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES), and the annual Indonesia Update conference and its related events, including the publication of the edited volume based on the Update. Other activities included the regular seminar series in Canberra and Jakarta, the annual Sadli Lecture, the High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) meetings (in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance in Jakarta and Canberra), a visitors program, staff research and supervision of PhD students working on Indonesia, and a range of outreach activities.

INDONESIA UPDATE CONFERENCE AND PUBLICATION

Regional dynamics in a decentralised Indonesia was the theme of the 2013 Indonesia Update conference. Papers were presented by speakers from Indonesia, Australia and several other countries, representing a range of institutions. The conference stimulated debate among an audience of over 450. The Update book Education in Indonesia, edited by Daniel Suryadarma and Gavin W. Jones, was published in May 2013 by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore, in cooperation with the Project. A series of book launches was held in Jakarta, Makassar and Canberra. The Update book for the 2013 Indonesia Update conference, Regional dynamics in a decentralised Indonesia, was published in 2014.

THE BULLETIN OF INDOONESIAN ECONOMIC STUDIES

The Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES) remains the Project’s flagship activity and continued as the focus of academic work in the Project. It sought to bring the results of analysis of economic developments and policy to the attention of Australian, Indonesian and wider international audiences. The economic policy challenges and performance of the Yudhoyono government were monitored closely in the regular ‘Survey of Recent Developments’. Articles published in BIES in 2013 covered a wide range of topics, including poverty dynamics, bias in the consumer price index, income inequality, migration, regional convergence, the rates of return to education, inflation targeting, the role of foreign direct investment in manufacturing exports, and the potential of branchless banking. (Details of the articles published in BIES in 2013 can be found in the appendix.) Around 140 individuals and institutions subscribe to the hard copy of the journal, and more than 1,700 institutions globally have access to it via Taylor & Francis Online. An additional 1,900 institutions in developing nations have access to BIES through philanthropic initiatives such as Research4Life.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A highlight in 2013 was The Australian National University (ANU) award of honorary doctorates to the Indonesian Vice President and the Minister of Tourism and Creative Industries.

The Indonesian Vice President, His Excellency Dr Boediono, was awarded an honorary doctorate from ANU on 13 November 2013. Dr Boediono was a junior staff member in what was formerly known as the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies (RSPAS) at ANU in the early 1970s. He also spent a year in the RSPAS economics department in 1978, writing up his doctoral dissertation. He has maintained a close working relationship with the Project for over forty years. He has served on the Editorial Board of BIES since 1984, contributed articles to BIES, and been a frequent speaker at the Project’s various activities, including the 2005 Indonesia Update.

Dr Boediono acknowledged that many Indonesian and Australian colleagues have worked at ANU to deepen mutual understanding and to strengthen links between Indonesia and Australia.

Dr Boediono also delivered the ST Lee Lecture on Asia and the Pacific on the same day. Attended by approximately 350 people, including various dignitaries, government officials, academics, students and media, the Lecture was chaired by Professor Andrew MacIntyre, Dean of ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. Professor MacIntyre outlined Dr Boediono’s long standing association with the Project in his introduction.

Dr Boediono presented a lecture on the political economy of governance and public policy in Indonesia, sharing his thoughts on three major issues: democracy, decentralisation and the anti-corruption drive, and how they have fundamentally transformed governance in Indonesia.

Her Excellency Dr Mari Pangestu, Indonesian Minister for Tourism and Creative Economy, received her honorary degree from ANU on 17 December 2013. She was awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters honoris causa on the grounds of her outstanding contributions to society. ANU Chancellor, Gareth Evans AC QC, awarded the degree during ANU College of Business and Economics’ Graduation Ceremony at the Llewellyn Hall.

In her acceptance speech, Dr Pangestu reminisced about her time spent at ANU, where she obtained her Bachelor and Masters degrees. Despite doing her PhD in the US, her closest ties are to ANU, especially with former professors who have now become close friends and colleagues. She commented,

“I can attest that a degree from this institution (ANU) and the networks built from being in this institution have lifelong benefits for me and other graduates. Living proof of this is the fact that three members of the current Indonesian cabinet are ANU graduates”.

Dr Pangestu spent most of her academic career doing research on deregulation, analysing first best policy options and the importance of removing distortions, undertaking empirical work to show the benefits as well as the costs, and investigating the political economy implications, using her research to advocate for good policy and as a basis for public discourse.

The conferring degree ceremony was followed by an informal roundtable meeting with selected ANU academics and PhD students, chaired by Hal Hill (ANU). Among those who attended were James Fox, Kathryn Robinson, Jacqui Baker, Anthony Reid, Budy Resosudarmo, Peter McCawley, Ross McLeod, Terry Hull, Greg Fealy, Adrian Hayes, Peter McDonald, Iwu Utomo and Ariane Utomo.

Dr Pangestu laid out the prospects for and challenges faced by Indonesian tourism and the creative economy. A lively discussion followed.
THE PROJECT

The Indonesia Project (the Project) is located in the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. It is managed by the Head of the Project, who is responsible to the Convenor of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, and the Director of the Crawford School of Public Policy. The main activities of the Project are pursued through three key sets of activities:

Conducting research. Academic staff of the Project conduct policy research and teach in their areas of interest in the Indonesian economy and society to improve understanding of various issues in Indonesia, and to sharpen thinking on relevant economic and development policies.

Dissemination of research findings. An important activity of the Project is the dissemination of research results through publications, conferences, seminars and briefings. BIES and the Update book represent the major channels for spreading research findings. Other channels include conferences and regular seminars held in Canberra, other Australian cities, Jakarta and other Indonesian cities, and briefings to DFAT – Australian Aid and other Australian government agencies, as well as the Indonesian Ministry of Finance and other Indonesia government agencies.

Capacity building and institutional networking. Capacity building and institutional networking for research are conducted through a range of channels: collaborative research activities on Indonesia with Indonesian and other international researchers, maintenance of close ties with key economic policy makers in Indonesia, and support for high quality publications by Indonesian researchers (through joint research, encouragement to publish in BIES, presentation at the Update conferences, the visitors program, and supervision of post-graduate students).

Through our main activities the Project aims to “contribute to stronger, research-based development policies in Indonesia, especially in the areas of economics, human capital, regional development, poverty, governance, environment and society”.

ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT 2013

The Project is administered by a Project Head, a part-time Outreach Officer, a part-time Administrator, a Editor and a Managing Editor of BIES, a Research Coordinator, a Policy Engagement Coordinator, an Education Coordinator and a part-time Project Liaison officer in Jakarta. In 2013:

• Budy P Resosudarmo was the Head of the Indonesia Project.

• Pierre van der Eng was the Editor of BIES, responsible for the overall operation of the Bulletin.

• Robert Sparrow was the Project’s Research Coordinator, responsible for coordinating research activities and networks involving Project academic staff and international researchers, particularly those in Indonesia.

• Arianto Patunru was the Project’s Policy Engagement Coordinator, coordinating Project participation in policy debates on Indonesia in Australia and Indonesia. He coordinated the Project’s blog and was in charge of the Project’s scholarship program.

• Nurkemala Muli was the Project’s Outreach Officer, coordinating Project efforts to better outreach Project activities. She was the main contact person for media related communication.

• Ben Wilson was the Managing Editor of BIES, providing support to the Editor and responsible for managing the day-to-day operation of the Bulletin.

• Cathy Haberle was the Project’s Administrator.

• Lydia Napitupulu was the Project’s Liaison Officer in Jakarta.

• Daniel Suryadarma left the Project in 2013 and is now a senior monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment scientist at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Bogor. Daniel had acted as the Project’s Education Coordinator, monitoring teaching, and PhD supervision activities of the Project’s academic staff. He was also in charge of the Project’s scholarship program and training activities in Indonesia. He co-edited the 2013 Indonesia Update book, Education in Indonesia, which has recently been published by ISEAS. We wish him well in his new position and hope he maintains ties with the Indonesia Project.

The Project also has a number of academic staff. The Project’s academic staff comprises a total of 10 researchers, including the Project Head, and Editor of BIES, (Attachment 1).

Decision-making on day-to-day issues is on a collaborative basis and academic staff are consulted on all major issues of general policy, and on issues related to research. During 2013, the Project Head sought the advice and support of the head of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, the Director of the Crawford School of Public Policy and the Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific with regard to longer term planning and reviews of the Project.
The Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies

The Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES) remains the Project's flagship activity and continues as the focus of academic work in the Project. Three times a year (in April, August and December), it brings the results of analysis of economic developments and policy to the attention of Australian, Indonesian and wider international audiences. The journal aims to inform readers worldwide of developments in the Indonesian economy within the context of debates on economic development in international literature. A principal goal of the editorial team is to make BIES accessible to a broad readership interested in economic policy issues.

Each issue offers up-to-date analysis of developments in the Indonesian economy through its ‘Survey of Recent Developments’. In 2013, ‘Survey’ instalments examined the decisions of the Constitutional Court, minimum wages, inequity, growing concern with HIV/AIDS, recent trade measures, social assistance programs, the government’s economic policy package, financial sector supervision, and mineral taxation and regulation (alongside analysis of political and macroeconomic developments). As in previous years, the ‘Survey’ was among the most frequently downloaded items in each issue. ‘Survey’ authors included two recent graduates of the ANU, who teamed up with more experienced authors.

Other recurring, popular features of the journal include the annual Indonesian politics update, the annual comparative paper on Indonesian economic policy in an international perspective (the subject of the annual Sadli Lecture in Jakarta), book reviews, and abstracts of PhD theses on the Indonesian economy. In 2013, the politics paper looked at the ‘Jokowi effect’ on Indonesian politics, and the comparative paper examined manufacturing in Indonesia and India. BIES published 13 PhD abstracts and 19 book reviews.

Regular articles published in BIES in 2013 covered a wide range of topics, including poverty dynamics, bias in the consumer price index, income inequality, migration, regional convergence, the rates of return to education, inflation targeting, the role of foreign direct investment in manufacturing exports, and the potential of branchless banking. (Details of the articles published in BIES in 2013 can be found in the appendix.)

BIES had a 2013 citation impact factor of 1.067 (down from 1.333 in 2012). It was ranked 119th out of 332 economics journals in 2012 (down from 91st of 332 in 2012 (Thomson ISI journal citation reports)). In Google Scholar’s latest metrics, released on 26 June 2014, BIES ranked as the equal 11th highest journal in Asian Studies & History.

Quantitative publishing data for BIES for 2013 will be released in late 2014. Data for 2012 are as follows:

- Full-text access to BIES has increased significantly in the last few years. In 2012, the journal was available online in more than 1,700 institutions globally and in an additional 1,900 institutions in developing nations through philanthropic initiatives such as Research4Life.
- BIES was also available for individual article purchases (via ‘document delivery’ or ‘pay per view’) through a variety of channels, including the publisher’s own platform, Taylor & Francis Online.
- Full-text article downloads on Taylor & Francis Online increased by 8.4% between 2011 and 2012, although the number of hard-copy subscriptions followed a wider trend in journal publishing and continued to fall.

BIES remains in the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) list of scholarly, peer-reviewed journals that publish original research and are eligible for consideration in the ERA evaluation of tertiary institutions. BIES continues to be the major international English-language journal on the Indonesian economy.

2013 Indonesia Update Conference and Publication

The 2013 Indonesia Update Conference based on the theme Regional dynamics in a decentralised Indonesia, was held on 20–21 September 2013 and was convened by Hal Hill (Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, ANU). The conference attracted approximately 450 participants from academia, government, NGOs and the business community, including many from Indonesia.

Andrew MacIntyre (Dean of ANU College of Asia and the Pacific) opened the conference and also chaired the Political Update. Dave McRae (Lowy Institute), presenter of the Political Update, explained at great length the likelihood of Jokowi or like-minded candidates winning next year’s election, as well as impediments in Indonesia’s political arena. The discussant Philips Vermonte (CSIS), explained what it would mean for Indonesia should Jokowi win the election.

In the Economic Update, Jason Alford (The Treasury) and Moekti Soejachmoen (SEADI-USAID) explained that the Indonesian economy was looking solid in 2013, although it faced several pressures, such as the withdrawal of quantitative easing, a worsening balance of payments and the combination of higher inflation and reduced fuel subsidies. Riyana Miranti (University of Canberra) was the discussant in the Economics Update. The full papers for the Political and Economic Updates was published in the December 2013 issue of BIES.

The second session focused on the historical and political perspectives of decentralisation. The third session covered decentralisation and governance, and the last session on the first day was on local governance and reform.

The Update’s second day was as busy as the first. It opened with a session on local-level perspectives, followed by one on migration, cities and connectivity. The concluding session considered the challenges on Indonesia’s periphery.

Hal Hills (ANU) op-ed, Power Shift in Indonesia was published in The Australian on 18 September. Tim Colebatch, Economics Editor at The Age, wrote Problems deferred become millstone for Indonesia, based on the Political and Economic Updates, quoting Jason Alford and Dave McRae. Christine McGrath, ABC’s Asia Editor and Political Editor of the Australia Network, conducted a television interview with Hal Hill, Philips Vermonte and Tommy Firman, from the Australian Financial Review, wrote two articles drawn largely from the Update, Tony’s Big Adventure and Time for Abbott to reverse on Jakarta (both only available to subscribers). Bernard Lane, from The Australian, reported on the Mini Update; Jokowi a wild card for Indonesia. ANYA also wrote about some of the highlights from the Update in their blogpost.

This year, for the first time, the Indonesia Update had its own social media hashtag. By using #IndoUpdate13, the public could follow live tweets from the Update. There were approximately 70 Twitter posts over the two days.
A Mini Update was held for the eighth time at the Lowy Institute, in Sydney, on 23 September. Approximately 70 people attended. It featured the Political and Economic Updates, as well as the theme of the Update itself, Regional dynamics in a decentralised Indonesia, with Dave McRae, Jason Alford, Moekti Soejachmoen, Cillian Nolan and Hal Hill as speakers.

The Update book based on the 2012 Update Conference, entitled Education in Indonesia, (edited by Daniel Suryadarma and Gavin Jones) was published in May 2013 by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore. Comprising twelve chapters, the book discussed how in Indonesia, as elsewhere in Asia, education will inevitably play a key role in the national development experience as the twenty-first century unfolds. Not much international attention is paid to how the education sector is faring in Indonesia, but that is not because nothing is happening. The past decade has seen major changes in the structure of the education system and in the schooling trajectories of Indonesian children and adolescents. The administration of primary and secondary education has been decentralised to the regions. A new paradigm of school-based management has been introduced. Public spending on education has finally reached one-fifth of total government spending, as required by law. But although enrolment rates at all levels continue to increase, the quality of education remains low and has not improved, and the tertiary sector continues to experience problems of autonomy and unsatisfactory performance.

The book delved into the major developments in education in Indonesia. Drawing on the expertise of some of the most knowledgeable people in the field, it identified the challenges facing the sector and offered recommendations on how these challenges could be overcome. (See Attachment 5 for the contents of the book.)

In conjunction with the book launch in Jakarta (see the section on the Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum), the Update book, Education in Indonesia, was also launched at the Economics Faculty, Hasanuddin University (UnHas) in Makassar, South Sulawesi on 29 May 2013. Around 60 people, mostly graduate students and academics, attended the event. Professor Halide and Professor Imade Benyamin, both senior lecturers from Unhas, discussed the contents of the book, Daniel Suryadarma (ANU) as one of the book’s editors presented an overview, and Hal Hill (ANU) talked about his chapter. Gavin Jones, the book’s co-editor, and Budy Resosudarmo from the Project also attended the Book Launch.

On the previous day, Hal Hill (ANU) delivered a Public Lecture ‘Is There a Southeast Asian Model of Economic Development?’ to an audience of approximately 100 people consisting of academics and graduate students in Makassar. A lively discussion on the topic followed the Lecture.

Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum

The Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum is a new initiative to honour the late Hadi Soesastro, one of Indonesia’s foremost economists. The late Hadi Soesastro was also the former executive director of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Jakarta. He sat on the Project board of advisors and was a long-time supporter and friend of the Project. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree by the ANU at a graduation ceremony on 17 July 2009. The Forum consists of a Hadi Soesastro Lecture, Update book launch and Mini Indonesia Update.

The first Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum was held in the new CSIS building on 30 May 2013. This Forum is a one-day conference held jointly by CSIS and the Project. There were approximately 200 attendees, including government officials, academics, students, researchers and various others. H. E. Mari Pangestu opened the Forum and spoke about Hadi Soesastro’s role and contributions to the nation, the region, and to many individuals.

To mark the inaugural year of the Forum, Hal Hill (ANU) gave a Public Lecture, ‘Does East Asia have a Financial Safety Net?’, based on a paper co-authored with Dr Jayant Menon (ADB). The choice
of topic reflected Hadi Soesastro’s research interests, namely how to forge a vibrant and effective East Asian economic community. One aspect of this regional economic cooperation concerns the creation of a viable financial safety net. In this Lecture, Hal Hill concluded that efforts to establish effective regional financial safety nets in Asia continue and that the IMF is still unpopular, deeply so in some countries. The most popular approach is still self-insurance, even though it is costly and risky.

The Public Lecture was followed by the ever important annual Indonesian economic and political updates delivered by Yose Rizal Damuri (CSIS) and Sandra Hamid (Asia Foundation) respectively. A lively question and answer session followed.

The Update book: Education in Indonesia (editors Daniel Suryadarma and Gavin Jones) was launched by H. E. Armida Alisjahbana, Indonesia’s State Minister for National Development Planning/Head of BAPPENAS. This was followed by book chapter presentations by Thee Kian Wie (LPII), Samer al-Samarrai (World Bank), and Daniel Suryadarma (ANU).

The one day forum concluded with a discussion on education in Indonesia between a panel consisting of Gavin Jones (NUS), Thee Kian Wie (LPII), Pratikno (Rector, UGM), Fr Baskoro Pudijunugroho (Kanisius) and the audience. Marissa Anita, a TV anchor from Metro TV chaired the session.

High Level Policy Dialogue

The Project, in collaboration with the Fiscal Policy Office of the Indonesian Ministry of Finance and Australian Treasury, conducted the 8th High Level Policy Dialogue Meeting on 19-20 March 2013 at the Borobudur Hotel, Jakarta. The principal theme was ‘inclusive growth’, and focused on six topics selected by the Ministry of Finance for discussion: social security, rising inequality, education priorities, food security, labour regulation and productivity, and revitalising manufacturing.

On 19 March, the Australian Ambassador, Greg Moriarty, and the Minister of Finance RI, H. E. Agus Martowardijono, made introductory speeches to open the event, followed by an Overview of Macroeconomic Conditions & Challenges Ahead by the Chairman of the Fiscal Policy Agency, Bambang Brodjonegoro. Robert Sparrow (ANU), Yves Guerard (ADB) and René Hanna (J-PAL / Harvard Kennedy School) then spoke about The Social Security System. Vivي Alatas (World Bank), Budy Resosudarmo (ANU) and Sua Hasil Nazara (TNPK) talked about Income Distribution: is rising income inequality a problem in Indonesia? Chris Manning (ANU), Peter van ROOIJ (ILO) and Ir Abdul Wahab Bangkona, MSc (Kemnakertrans) discussed Labour Market Productivity & Regulation and the topic Revitalising the Manufacturing Sector was addressed by Hal Hill (ANU), Dionisius Narjoko (ERIA), Haryo Aswicahyono (CSIS) and Aryanto Sagala (Kemenperin).

On Wednesday 20 April, ANU staff prepared the draft communiqué. Hal Hill (ANU) and Bambang Brodjonegoro (Vice Minister of Finance) finalised the communiqué and then presented it to H.E. Agus Martowardijono with representatives of DFAT – Australian Aid and The Treasury.

On 14 November 2013, the Project held the preparatory meeting for the High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) 2014, at the ANU. Representatives from DFAT – Australian Aid, the Australian Treasury, Indonesia's Ministry of Finance, Bappenas, Bank Indonesia and ANU economics researchers attended the meeting. Representatives from the Ministry of Finance were Bambang Brodjonegoro (Vice Minister of Finance), and the following members of its Fiscal Policy Agency, Decy Arifinsjah (Director of Regional and Bilateral Policy), Luky Affirmann (Director of Macroeconomic Policy), Daryono (Division Head, Bilateral Policy), Subkhan (Division Head, Real Sector Analysis), and Bhayu Purnomo (Sub-Division Head, Investor Relation Unit); from Bank Indonesia, Yudha Agung (Director, Monetary Policy Group), Perry Warjiyo (Deputy Governor, Bank Indonesia); and from the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas, Prasetijono Widjoko (Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs).

Professor Bambang Brodjonegoro, Indonesia’s Vice Finance Minister, explained at great length how Indonesia dealt with recent economic developments, policy responses, challenges and the outlook. He made several key points. Indonesia has continued to demonstrate strong and stable macroeconomic performance, shown by strong and consistent real GDP growth, moderate and sustainable inflation, comfortable foreign exchange reserves with a long run overall healthy balance of payments, continued improvement in bank financial soundness indicators, a favourable debt position and a sustainable fiscal deficit. Indonesia has also continued to demonstrate strong economic fundamentals, as is demonstrated by the yearly level of GDP growth, household consumption and total investment. Indonesia's economic growth is much more stable than that of other countries in the region.

Sadli Lecture

The seventh lecture in the series to date, held on 25 April at the Hotel Borobudur Jakarta was delivered by Vikram Nehru, Bakrie Chair in Southeast Asian Studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC, and was entitled ‘Manufacturing in India and Indonesia: Performance and Policies’.

115 participants attended the event, including Indonesian and Australian government officials, staff from research institutions and non-governmental organisations, students, and academics. The event was organised jointly by the Institute for Economic and Social Research of the Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia (LPEM-FEUI), and the Project. As in previous years, Nehru’s address was based on the comparative development paper published in BIES in the same year. The event was opened by the Deputy Head of BAPPENAS, Dr Lukita Dinarsyah Tuwo, followed by a discussion of Nehru’s paper by Professor Ari Kuncoro from the University of Indonesia, and Dr Dionisius Ardiyanto from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

In his address, Nehru observed that since the global financial crisis of 2008, the focus has been on China’s rapid growth and its contribution to global recovery, with less attention being paid to India and Indonesia – Asia’s two other giants – although they also displayed resilience during the crisis and show promise of sustaining this performance. He argued that these two countries are alike in many respects and face similar challenges, as reflected in their emerging policy priorities. He concluded that a comparative approach to the issues that both countries face could yield interesting insights and provide potential solutions to their development challenges.

Nehru was interviewed by Bisnis Indonesia, Investor Daily, Neraca and Bloomberg TV.
Professor Bambang Brodjonegoro (Vice Finance Minister) also outlined the summary of reforms and policies undertaken by the government that included phasing in structural reforms through targeted fiscal policies, preserving monetary and foreign exchange stability, policies to curb inflation and stabilisation of currency and the current account deficit. The presentation ended with the macroeconomics outlook, prospects, challenges and strategies for 2014. This was followed by a roundtable discussion.

**BIES Economic Dialogue & Forum**

The BIES Economic Dialogue and Forum is a seminar to promote BIES in Indonesia: i.e. encouraging Indonesian academics and policy-makers to read, subscribe and submit articles to BIES. The Dialogue/Forum is a half day seminar (2-3 hours) where an article chosen from the last 3 publications of BIES is discussed, together with the author.

The first BIES Economic Forum in Jakarta was held on 30 June 2013 at the new CSIS building. The event was attended by more than 30 people, the majority of whom were researchers from various universities and think tanks in the Greater Jakarta area, while the rest comprised representatives of government, international agencies and other institutions. Arianto Patunru (ANU) and Jose Rizal (Head of the Economics Department, CSIS) provided a brief overview of their views on keeping trade policy open in Indonesia, noting that the trade regime in Indonesia has always fluctuated, but new measures ‘behind the border’ (i.e. discriminatory domestic treatment of foreign products and entities) are increasingly popular closer to elections. These presentations were followed by a lively discussion on specific trade policies, ASEAN policy, policy prescriptions and other issues. Several undergraduate students from various universities attended the event, and contributed their findings from their respective trade-related theses. Regarding the possible origins of recent protectionist policies, participants agreed linkages between sectoral trade policies and the affiliation of ministry leaders to political organisations should be assessed.

On 1 July 2013, the BIES Forum in Padang was hosted by the Faculty of Economics, Unand, and was opened by Dean Professor Taufik Husni. More than 50 faculty members and students attended. In addition to Arianto Patunru’s (ANU) presentation, Professor Syafruddin Karimi (Unand) reviewed the paper and also observed that a more open trade policy would result in gains from trade, but there would be losers in the economy, so a careful policy should be in place to develop compensation schemes, notably to ensure that the poor are not further impoverished, thereby lessening the resistance to a more open trade policy.

During the BIES Forum, copies of BIES were distributed free to participants. Arianto Patunru (ANU) also provided a brief review of the submission policy at BIES, and encouraging researchers to submit their papers to the journal. One of the strongest features of BIES is the supportive editing process by editors and other specialists, mean Indonesian researchers can enjoy the twofold benefit of having a paper published and a possibly instructive process that prepares them for future submissions. This message seems to have been well received by researchers in Jakarta and Padang, so hopefully we will soon see some submissions from researchers who attended the BIES Forum.

The second seminar series was held at three universities (Bandung-Malang-Denpasar). It centered on an article by Chris Manning (ANU) and Devanto Pratomo (Brawijaya University or Unibraw, Malang). Do migrants get stuck in the informal sector? Findings from a household survey in four Indonesian cities.

On 2 December, Padjajaran University (Unpad), Bandung, was the first of the three universities to host this round entitled **BIES Economic Dialogue – Urbanisasi: Pengharapan atau Pemiskinan?** (Urbanisation: Hope or Impoverishment?). The panelists were Devanto Pratomo (Unibraw) and Chris Manning (ANU), Tommy Firman (ITB), Kodrat Wibowo (Unpad), and Indrasari Tjandraingsih (AKATIGA), chaired by Natasha Ardiani (UKP4). The Dialogue was attended by approximately 80 people, students and lecturers from universities in Bandung including Unisba, Unpar, undergraduate, graduate and post graduate students. The Dialogue provoked many questions via twitter, text messages, and phone calls to the radio from as far away as Pattimura University in Ambon. The Dialogue was streamed live (through Unpad Channel) and broadcast live by PR-FM Radio 107.5FM, so it was simultaneously watched by audiences in Australia and Indonesia. The Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) Unpad, Nury Effendi, gave the welcoming remarks, and Budy Resosudarmo from the Project gave an introduction on BIES and how to publish in BIES.

The second university to host the Forum was Brawijaya University in Malang. Sitting on the panel were Devanto Pratomo (Unibraw) and Chris Manning (ANU), Wildan Syafitri (Unibraw), and Nurhaena Bakhtiar (Hasanuddin University). It was opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business, Candra Fajri Ananda, and was attended by approximately 80 people, mostly post graduate, graduate and undergraduate students, and lecturers from Unibraw and Muhammadiyah University Malang.

The final BIES Economic Forum was held on 4 December at Udayana University in Denpasar. Chris Manning (ANU) and Devanto Pratomo (Unibraw) were joined on the panel by IKG Bandesa (Udayana University) and Arief Yusuf (Unpad). The Forum was attended by approximately 40 undergraduate students and lecturers. It was opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Economics, I Gusti Bagus Wiksuana.

**Indonesia Study Group**

The Indonesia Study Group (ISG) is the most regular and well attended of all country-specific seminar series at the ANU. The fortnightly and sometimes weekly seminars attract 20–50 participants from the university, government departments and agencies such as DFAT – Australian Aid, DFAT and ODA, the Indonesia Embassy, as well as members of the general public. Policy makers, students, researchers and other experts are invited to talk on aspects of Indonesian politics, economics and society.

During 2013, 24 ISG presentations were delivered with an average of two to three presentations each month. Speakers included ANU researchers, visiting scholars and well-known public figures from Indonesia.

There were 10 Indonesia Study Group seminars held in the first half of 2013. The topics varied from economics and politics to media and anthropology studies. Out of 11 speakers, three were from Canberra (ANU), five were international speakers, one was from Flinders University, and one from Monash. There were three female
presenters. For the first time, during one of the seminars, namely the Survey of Recent Developments in Indonesia, a teleconference was held between the audience and one of the speakers from Indonesia. There was also a new record of more than 80 people attending Marcus Mietzner’s ISG on Jokowi: Indonesia’s next president, with almost equal numbers of government officials, academics, and students attending. The first half of 2013 continued to show an increase in the number of people attending ISG seminars compared with the last couple of years. This could well be attributed to the use of social media in promoting the seminars. For example, the increase in the number of students attending is due to regular announcements via the Indonesian students’ mailing list.

Fifteen ISG seminars were held in the second half of 2013. Out of 15 speakers, six were from Canberra (ANU), five were international speakers, one was from UNSW, one was from Sydney University, one from La Trobe University and one from ADFA.

The topics presented ranged from Indonesian history, arts and humanities, poverty and resource-based industrialisation to multiculturalism, witchcraft provision, electoral politics, Islam, and religious intolerance in Indonesia. These seminars were attended mostly by academics, students and government officials in Canberra, with 30 people on average attending each seminar, in accordance with the numbers for the previous semester. The numbers of female attendees were approximately a third of the total.

Regular meetings were organised by the ISG Committee throughout 2013. Jacqui Baker and Arianto Patunru were welcomed to the ISG committee board as of the second semester.

(See Attachment 7 for a complete list of ISG speakers, topics in 2013 and committee meetings.)

**Jakarta Seminar Series**

The Jakarta Seminar Series, Forum Kajian Pembangunan (FKP), organised jointly by the Project and various institutions in Indonesia, has become a regular contributor to the current discourse on Indonesian development. Usually held in Jakarta the FKP has also been held in other cities in Indonesia (namely Yogyakarta and Padang). Between January and June 2013, the FKP held 23 meetings (including special events such as the Sadli Lecture, the Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum, and the Bulletin of Indonesian Studies (BIES) Forum), hosted by nine institutions and featuring more than 35 speakers. Ten of the speakers were from foreign institutions.

The host institutions were the PPM School of Management in Jakarta, the World Bank, the Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), the Asian Development Bank Indonesia Resident Mission, the Institute of Economic and Social Research, the Faculty of Economics-University of Indonesia (LPEM FEUI), the Project, the Research Institute and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

Topics discussed were: organisational management issues; the greening of the Indonesian electric power generation system; targeting experiments to update the registry of the poor; the impact of services reform on the Indonesian manufacturing sector; demand side incentives for health care providers in Indonesia; spatial and urban planning related to Greater Jakarta; energy policy challenges; measuring the impact of economic shocks with an endogenous poverty line; the export-led strategy of South Korea; the effectiveness of public service delivery in the form of roads in Indonesia; quality measurement and assurance for insurance programs; life in a time of food price volatility; the political economy of post-conflict violence in Indonesia; the evolution of poverty in Indonesia during the last 20 years and projections for the next twenty years; child poverty and welfare disparity in Indonesia; productivity and employment in the manufacturing sector; the impact of FTAs on business in Indonesia; whether ASEAN is really committed to a more open services sector, and whether a declining public debt ratio in Indonesia is a reason for complacency.

Overall, at least 622 attendances were recorded for the FKP during January – June 2013. Most attendees were university researchers and staff of research organisations; the rest comprised staff of international agencies and donor-funded projects, Indonesian and foreign government officials, NGOs, the private sector and the media (Kompas, ANTARA, Bisnis Indonesia, Bloomberg TV, etc). The chief editor of Tempo requested slides from an FKP presentation, indicating that the FKP is starting to gain the attention of the Indonesian media.

In July, Bank Indonesia hosted five rounds of discussions which, as in previous years, were very well attended, including by the Bank’s internal staff and management, which allowed for intensive discussion on the state of the Indonesian economy up to the second quarter of 2013. Topics covered were transportation and development lessons for Indonesia; regional inflation and decentralisation; the financial crisis from the Islamic economics lens; the direction of Indonesian payment system development; and how trade liberalisation has affected poverty and labour markets in Indonesia.

In August, the State Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas) hosted two sessions, both focused on national-scale planning issues. The first concerned developing a multi-regional econometric model; this meeting was also one of the initial efforts for collaboration and technical discussions on econometric modeling amongst institutions in Indonesia. The second meeting hosted by Bappenas discussed regional development planning for 2015-2019.

The Indonesia Institute of Sciences (LIPI) hosted five speakers at three events in September. Topics covered were whether electrification had affected fertility in Indonesia (short answer: yes!); the role of local officials in Indonesia as a new democracy; the impact of universal healthcare coverage and preferences in South Sumatra; the Indonesia cash transfer program (BLSM); and access to energy amongst the rural poor in NTT.

The Graduate School of Paramadina University hosted the FKP in October, featuring internal as well as external speakers. Topics covered some paradoxes in Indonesian democracy; techniques for separating-out the multi-dimensional poverty of children using associate methods; and a forecast of the political trajectory in Indonesia post-2014.

In November 2013, the Center for Agricultural Socio Economic and Policy Studies of the Ministry of Agriculture (PSE) hosted three FKP discussions, one on the recently-completed ‘Survey of Recent Developments’ in Indonesia, published in the December 2013 issue of BIES; another a study of price fluctuations and food security, a recent hot topic which consequently generated some press coverage; and lastly a CGE-model analysing the impact of the ASEAN Economic Community on regional agriculture in

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Indonesian Development Research Workshop

On 3 April 2013 The Project and SMERU Research Institute organised the first Indonesian Development Research Workshop at the IPB Convention Centre in Bogor, as part of the Project’s new research network activities. The aim is to support and strengthen the rigour of social science research conducted by Indonesian researchers through establishing an active network of Indonesian research institutes.

Subsequent workshops will be organised annually in combination with short training courses on research methods.

The aim of the first research workshop was to provide Indonesian research institutes with a platform to present their current research and to discuss challenges faced by Indonesian academics in conducting research and publishing in international journals.

The workshop included presentations by Arief Anshory Yusuf (Padjadjaran University), Maxensius Sambodo (LIPI), Abdul Madjid Sallatu (Eastern Indonesia Researchers Network), Saiful Mahdi (International Center for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies), M. Handry Imansyah (Lambung Mangkurat University), Susan Olivia and Katy Cornwell (Monash University), and Petra Karetji and Diastika Rahwidiati (DFAT – Australian Aid).

In addition to individual presentations, the editorial staff of regional academic journals engaged with Indonesian academics in a panel discussion session on academic publishing, focusing on experiences with – and barriers to – publishing in peer reviewed journals. The panel consisted of Arianto Patunru (ANU) representing BIES, Thee Kian Wie (LIPI) for Economics and Finance in Indonesia and Maria Wihardja (CSI) for the Indonesian Quarterly.

35 people attended the workshop, with academics from various Indonesian and Australian universities and research institutes participating, as well as representatives from DFAT – Australian Aid and the World Bank.

The Visitors Program

The Project hosts a visitors program which provides an opportunity to support research by both established and early career Indonesian researchers. The Project has always been aware of the importance of fostering informal and on-going contact and cooperation with Indonesian institutions, as well as other centres that focus both on the study of the Indonesian economy and society and on broader developments in the East Asian region. The visitors usually come to Canberra for periods of one to four weeks to present seminars and write up on-going projects for publication, both on an individual basis and in collaboration with Project and other ANU staff.

As part of the Project’s Visitor Program, Katy Cornwell (Monash University) visited the Project from 29 January to 9 February to write the Survey of Recent Developments in Indonesia for the April issue of BIES (her co-author who did not visit the Project was Titik Anas (Centre for Strategic and International Studies)).

Katy presented an ISG on the Survey on 5 February 2013. A podcast of her talk is available on the ISG webpage.

Vikram Nehru (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington) visited the Project from 5 to 10 May. He presented his Survey of Recent Developments in Indonesia at an ISG on 8 May. On 9 May he gave a talk at DFAT – Australian Aid on ‘Manufacturing in India and Indonesia: Performance and Policies’, the same topic he presented for the Seventh Sadli Lecture in Jakarta on the 25th April. The talk was chaired by Nick Cumpston, the chief economist at the Indonesia East Timor Group, DFAT – Australian Aid.

During the second half of 2013, the Project hosted four academic visitors. Julius Mollett (Faculty of Economics, University of Cenderawasih) visited the Project from 15 July to 15 August 2013.

In collaboration with Budy Resosudarmo, Julius spent his time at the Project preparing a paper to present at the 2013 Indonesia Update. During his visit, Julius also had a chance to participate in the DFAT – Australian Aid workshop by presenting a paper on recent developments in Papua.

He also returned in September to present at the Indonesia Update Conference (with Budy Resosudarmo).

Moekti P. Soejachmoen (Senior Economist at USAID and now TNP 2K) visited the Project from 14 to 29 September 2013. A former PhD student at ANU, Moekti returned to the Project as co-author, with Jason Alfird (The Treasury), of the December 2013 Survey of Recent Developments, for BIES. She and Jason also presented their Survey findings during the Economics Update of the 2013 Indonesia Update conference, alongside discussant Riyana Miranti.

Guenther Schulze (University of Freiburg, Germany) was a joint visitor with the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, ANU from 18 September to 30 October. He spoke at the Indonesia Update (with Bambang Sjahri), and will contribute to the Update volume currently being edited by Hal Hill (ANU). He also examined a PhD thesis, and engaged in various other collaborative research projects in progress. He is also an adjunct professor in the department.

Guenther gave a Trade & Development Seminar, on 24 September, on ‘On the Heterogeneity of Terror’
Bambang Brodjonegoro (Vice Minister of Finance) presented a fiscal policy paper at the High Level Policy Dialogue Preparatory Meeting at the ANU on 14 November.

Indonesia Project and SMERU Research Institute Research Grants 2013 – 2014

To stimulate research cooperation between Indonesian and Australian research institutes, the Project with SMERU Research Institute established a research grant scheme in 2013. The small research grants fund research projects in any of the main research themes of the Project: (i) Trade and Industry, (ii) Politics and Governance, (iii) Agriculture, Resources and the Environment, (iv) Social Policy and Human Capital.

The research grants provide funding of up to A$15,000 per grant and intends to cover the cost of initiating new research activities, such as travel costs, field work, data collection or research assistance. The grants are not meant to cover salary costs of applicants or overhead costs by the applicant institutes. A maximum of four research grants were available for the 2013/2014 application round.

In May 2013 the Project and SMERU Research Institute made a call for proposals for Research Grants 2013-2014. There were quite a number of applications and in July, after an extensive selection process, the following recipients were selected:

Ronnie S Natawidjaja (Padjajaran University) and Anoma Ariyawardana (University of Queensland), with the research topic: Horticulture commercial firm development in Indonesia.

Haryo Aswicahyono (CSIS), Dionisius Ardiyanto (ERIA) and Hal Hill (ANU), with the research topic: Life and death in a dynamic emerging economy: Firm level evidence from Indonesia.

Nulwita Maliati (Malikulsaleh University) and John McCarthy (ANU), with the research topic: Understanding vulnerability post tsunami and conflict in Aceh.

Nunung Nuryartono (Bogor Agricultural University) and Risti Permanji (University of Adelaide), with the research topic: Local milk for local schools? Promoting food security by linking school milk programs (SMPs) with dairy industry development in Indonesia.

Aidah A A Husain (Hasanuddin University) and Naomi M Gardiner (James Cook University), with the research topic: Ecological assessment of coral reef fish assemblages across the Spermonde archipelago (Southern Sulawesi) to inform locally sustainable reef management initiatives.

Poppy Ismalina (Gadjah Mada University) and Minako Sakai (UNSW in Canberra), with the research topic: Building community resilience after the Merapi volcano disaster: A case study of state and private schemes for economic livelihood recovery initiatives in Central Java.

Sudi Mungkasi (Sanata Dharma University) and Gwyn Roberts (ANU), with the research topic: Flood modelling and simulations involving rainfall: Case studies in Indonesia.

Joko Mariyono (Pancasakti University) and Tom Kompas (ANU), with the research topic: Social efficiency through internalisation of endogenous external costs in intensive vegetable production.

Research Travel Grants

In 2013 the Project established Research Travel Grants to assist students who plan to undertake research or are currently undertaking research for which they will benefit from travel to Indonesia. The grant will be awarded to outstanding applicants who can demonstrate that travelling to Indonesia will contribute to their research on Indonesia. This grant is on offer for the first time in the 2014 academic year. The recipients are Leighton Gallagher (ANU), Edryan Hakim Ja’afar (RMIT) and Elizabeth Roberts (University of the Sunshine Coast). The grant will be reviewed in 2015 and may be continued subject to the availability of funding.
Post Doctoral Fellowships

In 2013 DFAT – Australian Aid continued to provide support for the appointment of three postdoctoral fellows – Daniel Suryadarma (ANU), and Susan Olivia and Katy Cornwell (Monash University) – to work on Indonesian economics at any Australian university. The objective is to help build up the stock of economists working on Indonesia in Australia.

Daniel Suryadarma started on three new research projects in 2013. The first looked at the impact of deforestation on natural disasters. The second involved a field experiment to estimate the impact of money politics on voting behaviour, and the third project was on further simulations on the feasibility of an income contingent loan for higher education. He also managed the Project call for field research grant applications. Daniel also won an ARC Discovery Project grant, together with Xin Meng and Timothy J. Hatton, to investigate the relationship between demographic changes, height and body mass index in Indonesia, India and China. Daniel left the Project at the end of his contract in October 2013.

Susan Olivia’s main research focus for 2013 was in the area of using night light (luminosity) data to model socio-economic activity at subnational levels. She presented her night light research at the Australasian Development Economics Workshop (ADEW) in Canberra and at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The manuscript is currently under preparation for submission to a journal.

During 2013, Susan also started a new research project looking at whether social capital enhances the effectiveness of a community-led sanitation program in rural Indonesia (with Lisa Cameron, Monash University and Manisha Shah, University of California at Los Angeles) and continued her work on sanitation and health. In July, she presented ‘Early life exposure to Indonesian toilet construction program and health’ at the 9th World Congress on Health Economics in Sydney. Susan also travelled to Indonesia in April, and presented her research at the first Indonesian Development Research Workshop held at the IPB Convention Centre in Bogor.

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PhD Student Supervision

Educating PhD students is a crucial aspect of Project efforts to strengthen research on Indonesia by Indonesian, Australian and other foreign researchers. Project academic staff members have been involved intensively in supervising and advising PhD students in the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics and in the Department of Political and Social Change as well as in other areas of the ANU. Among those in the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics in 2013 were, Fadliya (topic: Budgetary transfers under decentralisation in Indonesia), Sitta Izza Rosdaniah (topic: Economic policy-making in Indonesia (the roles of the government in the economy: dealing with market failures and income redistribution)), Umbu Raya (topic: Social returns to education), and Yessy Vadila (to be confirmed).

Demography of Indonesia

The Project is providing some support for Professor Peter McDonald’s (ANU) ARC Linkage Research Project on the Demography of Indonesia. The first step in the project has been to obtain the 2010 Census from Statistics Indonesia. Appointments were made to the positions of Research Associate (Full-time) and Research Assistant (20 hours per week) from the beginning of November 2013.

Peter McDonald has prepared the following papers related to the project. Both are to be published in BIES. The first paper was the basis for the 2014 Sadli Lecture delivered in Jakarta and Yogyakarta by McDonald on 22 and 24 April, respectively. The second derives from an address given by McDonald at the National Planning Board (BAPPENAS) at the launch of the official Indonesian population projections (29 January 2014).

DFAT – Australian Aid Workshop

On 1 August 2013, the Project conducted a day workshop for DFAT – Australian Aid staff working on issues related to Indonesia. The topic was ‘Australia’s Aid to Indonesia: Understanding the Context’. The workshop was conducted at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Canberra. Approximately 40 DFAT staff attended this workshop.

The workshop was opened by Rod Brazier (DFAT – Australian Aid), Jacqui De Lacy discussed the role of Aid in Indonesia in the first session of the workshop. Arianto Patunru (ANU) and Edward Aspinal (ANU) then provided overviews of the Indonesian economic and political condition.

In the second session, Greg Fealy (ANU) discussed the issue of religious intolerance, Jacqui Baker (ANU) talked about the Indonesian police, Chris Manning (ANU) spoke about migration and urbanisation and Michele Ford (USyd) explored labour markets and unions.

Marcus Mietzner (ANU) began the third session by presenting issues related to preparations for the 2014 Indonesian legislative and presidential elections. Marcus’s presentation was followed by Ross Tapsell (ANU) who discussed issues related to media freedom. The session was ended by the presentation by Julius Ari Mollet (Cendrawasih University) on development in Papua.

The final session of the workshop comprised Robert Sparrow’s (ANU) presentation on universal health insurance, John McCarthy’s (ANU) on food security and Fitiran Ardiansyah’s (ANU) on climate change. Andrew MacIntyre (ANU) closed the workshop.

Other Policy Workshops

On 3 April 2013, Hal Hill (ANU) delivered the welcoming address at the launch of the Hadi Soesastro Prize at the Four Season Hotel in Jakarta, and Foreign Minister Bob Carr launched the Prize,
declaring that “Professor Hadi Soesastro fostered warm relations between Australians and Indonesians,” and adding that, “He made major contributions in several fields including economics, Asia-Pacific cooperation, and development in Indonesia and Timor-Leste.”

The Hadi Soesastro Prize, established by the Australian government, is to be awarded annually to one female and one male Australia Awards PhD scholar. Applicants will be required to submit a proposal on how they will use the Prize to honour Professor Soesastro’s legacy. The successful applicant will be awarded up to $25,000 for further study, field work, conference attendance, and research or community projects. (There are 831 Indonesian Australia Award scholars currently studying in Australia).

The event was attended by members of Hadi Soesastro’s family, friends, colleagues, and representatives from the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.

On 18 April, Budy Resosudarmo (ANU) also gave a public lecture entitled ‘Principles of Quantitative Modelling in Economics’ to approximately 40 economics and public policy postgraduate students and lecturers at Gedung Program Pasca Ilmu Ekonomi, New Campus, Cendrawasih University (Uncen), Jayapura, Papua. This visit was also intended to develop a stronger relationship between the Project and Uncen’s Faculty of Economics, as well as to encourage Uncen to be more involved with the Project’s Development Research Network.

On 28 May 2013 at the Swiss Belhotel, Banjarmasin, Budy Resosudarmo from the Project and Muhammad Handry Imansyah (Faculty of Economics, Lambung Mangkurat University), held a workshop to brief local governments in Kalimantan on recent local economic developments, particularly with regard to changes in the economic structure. Logging activities have long been the driving force behind Kalimantan’s economy. However, in the last 10 years, coal mining and palm oil production have become the main drivers, which have altered the migration pattern to the island, and will affect other social indicators such as poverty, health outcomes, conflicts and the environment. The aim of the workshop was to advise local Kalimantan governments of these changes so they will be ready to mitigate any negative impacts that might occur.

Approximately 50 economics department heads (Kepala Dinas Ekonomi) and approximately 10 local government members from various Kalimantan districts attended the meeting. It was opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Lambung Mangkurat University and by a representative of the Governor of South Kalimantan. USAID – SEADI project funded this activity.

The meeting concluded with a lengthy discussion of several policy options worth applying to sustain development in Kalimantan and to decrease its negative social and economic implications.

**INDONESIA PROJECT**

**BLOG AND NEWSLETTER**

The Indonesia Project News and Commentary blog is managed by Nurkemala Muliani and Arianto Patunru (ANU): http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/blogs/indonesiaproject/. The objective is to encourage discussion of the Indonesian economy and the economic policies and events that influence its performance. It does so by publishing short essays relating to recently released economic data, government policy announcements, reports and analyses, or simply by presenting new ideas on Indonesian economics for consideration, or inviting comments. Most essays are contributed by Project staff and their colleagues in Indonesia and around the world. However, readers are invited to propose essays for publication or comment on published essays.

Since January 2013 a ‘News Summary’ has been posted on the blog every week. This new series is intended to provide newsflash updates to blog visitors, specifically on the economic and development highlights of the week. The news is summarised by Agnes Samosir from Jakarta, covering the major media outlets such as KOMPAS, Bissis Indonesia, KONTAN, Jakarta Post, Jakarta Globe, and ANTARA news. The summaries are provided in a concise and brief format, with a disclaimer that they do not necessarily reflect the views of the Project and its members. There were 50 News Summary posts in 2013 with an average of 111 page views per posting.

The blog also regularly disseminates news of Project activities. It acts as a news depository, which includes our newsletter (published twice a year), and activities in Indonesia and Australia, such as large ISG seminars, the FKP seminar series, Indonesia Updates, public lectures, Sadli Lectures, the Hadi Soesastro Policy Forum, and the High Level Policy Dialogue. It also features news about grants, scholarships and research networks, and also other activities involving Project academic staff, such as the Indonesian Regional Science Association's conferences and workshops.

The blog crossposts publications by Project staff in other media including media-prints (newspaper, magazine etc.) and other blogs. In 2013 the blog posted 10 essays and comments written by Project staff and associates.

The bi-annual newsletter, Indonesia Project News, compiled by Trish van der Hoek, is posted on the Blog to provide information regarding Project activities and related events: http://crawford.anu.edu.au/acde/ip/publications/news.php

Most posts in the blog are announced through the Project’s Facebook page, and whenever available, links to podcasts in YouTube are included.
This report describes the Indonesia Project (the Project) outputs during the 2013 period. Producing and promoting high quality research, the wide dissemination of that research and capacity building have continued to be key features of the Project's output during this period. Under the Indonesia Project-Phase II and III Agreements between the ANU and DFAT – Australian Aid, the Project will continue to produce research outputs on Indonesian economic policy, and disseminate the results of this research, and related analysis of developments in Indonesia, to a target audience in Australia, Indonesia and internationally. Through mentoring and collaborative work with Indonesian researchers, and support for the training of postgraduate students, the Project will continue to foster the development of the capacity for sound research on the Indonesian economy. Appropriate indicators of the Project's performance will be monitored and evaluated to measure progress towards meeting these objectives.
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Manufacturing in India and Indonesia: performance and policies
Vikram Nehru
The determinants of poverty dynamics in Indonesia: evidence from panel data
Teguh Dartanto and Nurkholis
Using Engel curves to measure CPI bias for Indonesia
Susan Olivia and John Gibson
Towards a better measure of income inequality in Indonesia
Kunta Nugraha and Phil Lewis

VOLUME 49 NO 2 (AUGUST 2013)
Survey of Recent Developments
Vikram Nehru
Do migrants get stuck in the informal sector? Findings from a household survey in four Indonesian cities
Chris Manning and Devanto S. Pratomo
Regional convergence and the role of the neighbourhood effect in decentralised Indonesia
Yogi Vidyattama
Economic growth and poverty reduction in Indonesia before and after the Asian financial crisis
Asep Suryahadi, Gracia Hadiwidjaja and Sudarno Sumarto

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Survey of Recent Developments
Jason Alford and Moekti P. Soejachmoen
Indonesian politics in 2013: the emergence of new leadership?
Dave McRae
Inflation targeting in Indonesia, 1999–2012: an ex-post review
Lloyd R. Kenward
The role of foreign direct investment in Indonesia’s manufacturing exports
Rudy Rahmaddi and Masaru Ichihashi
Unlocking the transformative potential of branchless banking in Indonesia
Tim Stapleton
Regional Dynamics in a Decentralised Indonesia

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Andrew MacIntyre (ANU)

Political Update
Chair: Andrew MacIntyre (ANU)
Dave McRae (Lowy Institute)
Discussant: Philips Vermonte (CSIS, Jakarta)

Economics Update
Chair: Peter McCawley (ANU)
Jason Alford (The Treasury)
Moekti Soejachmoen (USAID – SEADI Project)
Discussant: Riyana Miranti (University of Canberra)

Regional Dynamics

HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES
Chair: Greg Fealy (ANU)
Before the Big Bang: Decentralisation debates and practice in Indonesia: 1949-1999
Anne Booth (SOAS)
Indonesia’s decentralisation: The rise of local identities and the survival of the nation state
Marcus Mietzner (ANU)

Socio – Economic Dimensions
Chair: Rod Brazier (DFAT – Australian Aid)
Hares and tortoises: A regional kaleidoscope
Hal Hill (ANU) and Yogi Vidyattama (U of Canberra)
Uneven progress: Regional welfare and poverty
Matthew Wai-Poi (World Bank)

Decentralisation and Governance
Chair: Ross McLeod (ANU)
Twelve years of decentralisation: A balance sheet
Blane Lewis (World Bank)
Local level governance outcomes and issues
Arianto Paturu (ANU) and Erman Rahman (TAF)
The impact of decentralisation on local public service delivery
Günther G Schulze and Bambang Suharnoko Sjahri (U of Freiburg)

LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND REFORM
Chair: Kathryn Robinson (ANU)
What determines the quality of local economic governance – comparing Indonesia and Vietnam
Neil McCulloch (DFAT – Australian Aid)
Sacks of potatoes or drivers of change: Village Indonesia in the era of hyperactive development
Scott Guggenheim (DFAT – Australian Aid)

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Chair: Kate McLinton (DFAT – Australian Aid)
Managing fragile ecologies: A regional perspective
Daju Resosudarmo and Ngakan Putu Oka (CIFOR)
Explaining regional heterogeneity of poverty and social indicators: Evidence from decentralised Indonesia
Sudarno Sumarto (TNP2K)

Migration, Cities and Connectivity
Chair: Robert Sparrow (ANU)
Migration patterns: People on the move
Salut Muhidin (Macquarie U)
The dynamics of Jabodetabek mega-city development: A challenge of urban governance
Tommy Firman (ITB)
Master plans and blueprints: The challenges of regional connectivity
Henry Sandee (World Bank)

Challenges in the Periphery
Chair: Neil McCulloch (DFAT – Australian Aid)
PAPUA
Pemekaran as a source of conflict in Papua
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VISITORS TO THE INDONESIA PROJECT 2013

Katy Cornwell
Monash University, Melbourne
(29 January – 9 February)
Speaker at the Indonesia Study Group; topic: Survey of Recent Developments in Indonesia

Vikram Nehru
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington
(4 May – 10 May)
Speaker at the Indonesia Study Group; topic: Survey of Recent Developments in Indonesia

Julius Mollett
Faculty of Economics, University of Cenderawasih
(15 July – 15 August)
In collaboration with Budy Resosudarmo, Julius spent his time at the Project preparing a paper to present at the 2013 Indonesia Update. During his visit, Julius also had a chance to participate in the DFAT – Australian Aid workshop by presenting a paper on recent developments in Papua. He also returned in September to present at the Indonesia Update Conference (with Budy Resosudarmo).

Moekti P. Soejachmoen
Senior Economist at USAID and now TNP 2K
(14 – 29 September)
Presented at the Indonesia Update Conference with Jason Alford on the Survey of Recent Developments

Guenther Schulze
University of Freiburg, Germany
(18 September – 30 October)
(Joint visitor with ACDE)
Presented at the Indonesia Update with Bambang Sjahirir on The Impact of decentralisation on local public service delivery

Bambang Brodjonegoro
Ministry of Finance, Republic of Indonesia
(November)
Presented a fiscal policy paper at the High Level Policy Dialogue Preparatory Meeting at the ANU on 14 November
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