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Education

Ph.D., Economics – Australian National University July 2016- now
Thesis topic: Essays on local spending and service delivery in Indonesia, Primary Supervisor: Dr. Blane Lewis

M.Sc., Policy Economics – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Aug 2012- Dec 2013
GPA: 3.90 (max 4.00), Major in Public Economics and Regional Economics

B.A., Economics – Universitas Indonesia July 2007 – July 2011
GPA: 3.89 (max 4.00), Major in Public Economics and Regional Economics

Professional Experience

Long term positions:

Research Assistant— ANU Indonesia Project June 2018 — Oct 2019

Provide research supports from data collection and quantitative analysis. Manage weekly brown bag discussion for academics working on Indonesia, called ‘Indonesia Study Group’ seminar

Research Analyst – World Bank Office Jakarta Jan 2014 – June 2016

- Conducting sub-national inclusive growth diagnostic study in how regions can maximize the benefits and minimize the risks associated with the natural resources
- Lead the construction of first ready-to-use consolidated fiscal database for all level governments which currently is included at the World Bank Open Budget Portal that acknowledge Indonesia as the first big decentralised country that contribute to the platform
- Doing several Public Expenditure Analysis (PEA) together with capacity building for government staffs, e.g: analysing the health sector expenditure before and after the introduction of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC), analysing the budget posture in facing urban challenges in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia
- Support the development of macro fiscal projection model named Medium Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF), both at central level through technical assistance to Ministry of Finance (MoF), also at subnational level

Staff – Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia Nov 2011 – June 2012

Supporting Staff on Assistant to Deputy Minister for Macroeconomic Policy Analysis. Conducting data mining process and doing research that underpin the development of macroeconomic forecasting model also writing regular economic reports, both weekly and monthly

Research Assistant– Demographic Institute, Universitas Indonesia March 2011 – Oct 2011

Research Assistant, On Project Basis (OPB) to Prof. Sri Moertiningsih Adieotomo. Under the ADB (Asian Development Bank) supervision, part of team who calculate the Indonesian Social Protection Index (SPI) and write preliminary draft of Decent Work Program, Chapter “Child Labor”

Short term assignments:

- Consultant– Governance team, World Bank Office Jakarta Oct 2019 - now
Co-author the forthcoming “Decentralization Policy Review” flagship publication and contribute to the policy advice in decentralisation field, in particular bringing analytical approaches on assessing the impact of transfer mechanism on regional disparity
- Research Fellow – School of Business and Law, Central Queensland University Jan 2014 – June 2016
With Dr. Galina Williams, conduct research on whether the coal mining activities benefit the local community in the long run, taking the sustainability perspective on regional Queensland, using ABS census and Australian Social Health Atlas data.
- Supporting researcher – Indonesian Committee for Decentralization Policy Implementation (KPPOD) July 2012
Conduct research on reasons why larger proportion of infrastructure budget is not followed by a better quality

Teaching Experience

- Australian National University July 2017- June 2018
Tutor for Microeconomics 1 (ECON 1101), College of Business and Economics
Tutor for Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (SOCY 2038)
- Universitas Indonesia, Regular and International Class, Department Economics Jan 2011 – June 2014
Tutor for Advanced Microeconomics
Tutor for Microeconomics and Statistics class

Research Papers

“Village government form and local service access in Indonesia” - *complete version of the draft is available upon request*

The paper investigates if switching to the more bureaucratic government form (*kelurahan*) influences service access outcomes. Both village-level and pseudo village panel Difference in Difference (DID) are pursued. The results show that *kelurahan* status leads to an increase in property crime incidence and reduced access to safe birth and immunisation. These findings point to the importance of vertical accountability and village apparatus engagement

“Fiscal policy interdependence across local governments in Indonesia” - *complete version of the draft is available upon request*

This paper examines the degree of spatial interdependence in fiscal policy and service provision by local governments in Indonesia. A spatial Durbin model is estimated for a balanced panel of Indonesian districts for 2009-2013. The findings confirm the existence of positive spatial interdependence in both local government expenditure and access to services. Interdependence is stronger for capital-based spending and education access. The findings point to strategic competition between districts, a process that potentially boosts local government accountability and efficiency in providing service access for citizens

“Economic and social indicators between coal mining LGAs versus non-coal mining LGAs in regional Queensland” (with Galina Williams) - *revise and resubmit*

“Economic and social benefit of coal mining: Sustainability perspective on regional Queensland” (with Galina Williams) - *under review*

“Local Socioeconomic Indicators and Crime Rate in Indonesia (with Joseph Marshan)
Published in Online journal ASIRPA, vol.02 February 2014

“Impact of Intergovernmental Transfer on Local Tax Effort in Indonesia” – undergraduate thesis paper
Published in Jurnal Ekonomi dan Pembangunan Indonesia (JEPI), vol. 12/2, January 2012

Honors and Awards

Awardee of Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) Scholarship for PhD	Oct 2015
Graduate member Alpha Chapter of Illinois, Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society in Economics	Sept 2013
Support for Economics Analysis Development in Indonesia (SEADI)-USAID scholarship	Feb 2012
Highest GPA of Faculty of Economics Universitas Indonesia Graduates	Aug 2011

Skills

Software	Ms. Office (Word, Excel, and Power Point), STATA, ArcMap 10.3(basic), SAS
Language	Indonesia (native), English (Fluent, IELTS Overall Band Score 7.5-CEFR Level C1)

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