



Politics in Action: Updates from Southeast Asia

Friday 17 May 2019

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Program

Friday 17 May 2010, 10am – 3:15pm

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Time	Topic	Presenter	Institution
9.45		<i>Registration</i>	
10.00	Welcome and opening remarks	Prof Michele Ford	Sydney Southeast Asia Centre
10.15	Malaysia	Ms Tricia Yeoh	University of Nottingham Malaysia
10.45	Timor-Leste	Prof Clinton Fernandes	UNSW Canberra
11.15		<i>Morning tea</i>	
11.45	Singapore	Mr Hoe-Yeong Loke	Independent
12.15	Thailand	Dr Aim Sinpeng	University of Sydney
12.45	<i>Lunch</i>	(Book launch: <i>Human Rights and Participatory Politics in Southeast Asia</i> by Assoc Prof Catherine Renshaw, Australian Catholic University)	
14.00	Indonesia	Prof Edward Aspinall	Australian National University
14.45	Wrap-up	Dr Eve Warburton	National University of Singapore
15.15	<i>End of event</i>		

Welcome and opening remarks

Professor Michele Ford

*Director of the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre
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Michele is Director of the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre. Her research focuses on Southeast Asian labour movements, labour migration and trade union aid. Michele's work has been supported by a number of Australian Research Council Discovery Project grants related to these and other topics. She has also been involved in extensive consultancy work for the International Labour Organisation, the international labour movement and the Australian Government.

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Malaysia

Ms Tricia Yeoh

University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus



Tricia is currently on study leave from her position as Chief Operating Officer of the independent think-tank IDEAS (Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs) to undertake her PhD in Political Science at the University of Nottingham, Malaysia.

Tricia has actively contributed to making national and state reforms within the public policy areas of anti-corruption, governance and accountability, natural resource transparency, economic freedom, public administration and education. Tricia has previously worked for the Selangor State Government and was the Director of the ASLI Centre for Public Policy Studies.

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Timor-Leste

Professor Clinton Fernandes

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Clinton is Professor of International and Political Studies. He holds dual appointments at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Australian Centre for Cyber Security.

His research agenda is linked to the Australian Research Council's strategic priority area of "Securing Australia's place in a changing world." He is the author of *Island off the Coast of Asia: Instruments of Statecraft in Australian Foreign Policy* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018).

Singapore

Mr Hoe-Yeong Loke

Independent Researcher and Writer



Hoe-Yeong is a researcher and writer on politics and international affairs. He serves as a consultant with UK advisory firm Global Counsel, and has previously worked at the European Union Centre in Singapore, National University of Singapore, and Singapore Institute of International Affairs. He is a regular media commentator on Southeast Asian politics.

He is the author of *Let The People Have Him – Chiam See Tong: The Early Years* (Epigram Books, 2014), which was shortlisted for the 2016 Singapore Literature Prize. He is currently working on a book on the Singapore opposition from 1981 to 2011, and is the editor of a World Scientific book series on key Singaporean figures in politics, the civil service and business.

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Thailand

Dr Aim Sinpeng

The University of Sydney



Aim is a Lecturer in Comparative Politics. An award-winning educator, her research interests centre on the relationships between digital media, political participation and political regimes in Southeast Asia. Aim is particularly interested in the role of social media in shaping state-society relations and inducing political and social change. Her other scholarly works examine popular movements against democracy in democratising states, particularly in Thailand. Aim is the co-founder of the Sydney Cyber Security Network and has served as the Expert Contributor for Varieties of Democracy and Bertelsmann Transformation Index, which measure degrees and types of democracy.

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Indonesia

Professor Edward Aspinall

The Australian National University



Edward is a Professor in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University. He researches politics in Southeast Asia, especially Indonesia, with interests in democratisation, ethnicity, and clientelism, among other topics. Edward is a prolific writer and editor of books and journal articles on Indonesian politics, and is the co-series editor of the Asian Studies Association of Australia's Southeast Asia Publications book series with National University of Singapore Press, and of the Southeast Asian Politics and Society Elements series published by Cambridge University Press.

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Closing remarks

Dr Eve Warburton

National University of Singapore



Eve received her PhD in 2018 from the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University. Her doctoral research examined the political economy of resource nationalism in Indonesia. From July 2019 Eve will take up a postdoctoral fellowship with the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore under the Identities Cluster. Her current research interests include nationalism, identity politics, and the political consequences of inequality. Eve's work has been published in many prestigious academic journals, media, and in several edited book volumes.

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Book launch: Human Rights and Participatory Politics in Southeast Asia

Associate Professor Catherine Renshaw

Australian Catholic University



Catherine is Deputy Head of the Thomas More Law School, based at the Australian Catholic University. Her research focuses on human rights and democracy in Southeast Asia and she has recently carried out fieldwork in Myanmar and Thailand. She is the author of numerous journal articles and book chapters and a founding member of the Australia Myanmar Constitutional Democracy Project. She is an Honorary Fellow in the Law School at the University of New South Wales.

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