



How Jokowi changed Indonesia



Conference Program
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Lecture Theatre, ANU)
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ANU Indonesia Project

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During a decade of governing Indonesia, President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) has emerged as one of the most popular, but also most polarising, political figures in the post-Reformasi period. Jokowi's supporters have lauded his remarkable evolution from an outsider with little clout among the country's political elite to a formidable powerbroker, pushing through hard-hitting and often controversial reforms. Jokowi's critics, on the other hand, have assailed his government's coercive approach to political opponents, and his pursuit of a grand economic vision at the cost of democratic freedoms and institutional integrity. Regardless of which side of the debate one is on, however, there is no denying Jokowi's enduring popularity with a public that sees their president as a hardworking man of the people.

The 2024 Indonesia Update Conference will take a broad view of Jokowi's legacy. To tell this story, we need to first recall the Indonesia that President Yudhoyono left behind: a stable democracy and economy, but one in which governance was characterised by policy inertia and stagnation. The Jokowi years, on the other hand, have been anything but stagnant. Instead, to hit policy targets across a range of sectors, the president and his team have pushed institutions to their limits, revealing both the weaknesses and strengths of Indonesia's democratic rules, regulations and norms. But how far has Jokowi truly transformed Indonesia? To answer this question, the Conference will bring together experts from Australia, Indonesia, and around the world. We will examine the mark that Jokowi has left on the country's economy, welfare, politics, security, environment, and international relations.

About the Indonesia Update

The Indonesia Update has been conducted annually since 1983. It is organised by The Australian National University (ANU) Indonesia Project, and receives support from **ANU's Department of Political and Social Change**, and the **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**.

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Contributing to public policy reform in Indonesia since 1965 through leading research, capacity building and networking

The ANU Indonesia Project is a leading international centre of research and graduate training on the economy and society of Indonesia. Since its inception in 1965 by H.W. Arndt, the ANU Indonesia Project has been at the forefront of Indonesian studies in Australia and internationally. The ANU Indonesia Project is part of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, Crawford School of Public Policy at The Australian National University.

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Day 1. Friday 13 September

Time (WIB)	Time (AEST)	
	8.30am	Registration (for in-person attendance)
6.00am	9.00am	OPENING ADDRESS Genevieve Bell Vice-Chancellor and President, The Australian National University with Helen Sullivan Dean, College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University
6.10am	9.10am	POLITICAL UPDATE Chair: <i>Edward Aspinall (The Australian National University)</i> Sana Jaffrey The Australian National University Eve Warburton The Australian National University Discussant Inaya Rakhmani Universitas Indonesia Q&A
7.20am	10.20am	<i>Tea break</i>
7.40am	10.40am	ECONOMIC UPDATE Chair: <i>Paul Burke (The Australian National University)</i> Cosimo Thawley Australian Treasury Masyita Crystallin Systemiq Kiki Verico Universitas Indonesia (non-presenting author) Discussant Riandy Laksono The Australian National University Q&A
8.50am	11.50pm	<i>Lunch break</i>
9.50am	12.50pm	SESSION 1. KEYNOTE ADDRESS Chair: <i>Lauren Bain (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)</i> Jokowi's world: power, democracy and international contestation in Indonesia Marcus Mietzner The Australian National University Q&A

Day 1. Friday 13 September (Continued)

Time (WIB)	Time (AEST)	
10.35am	1.35pm	SESSION 2. GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT <i>Chair: Janine O'Flynn (The Australian National University)</i> The political economy of development during the Jokowi era Arianto Patunru The Australian National University Faisal Basri Universitas Indonesia (non-presenting author) Land rights and agrarian reform during the Jokowi era Suraya Afiff Universitas Indonesia How Jokowi became the infrastructure president James Guild S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies and Monash University, Indonesia Q&A
12.05pm	3.05pm	<i>Tea break</i>
12.25pm	3.25pm	SESSION 3. SECURITY <i>Chair: Björn Dressel (The Australian National University)</i> Politicization of security forces under Jokowi Sidney Jones Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC) Islamism and state control in the Jokowi era Nava Nuraniyah The Australian National University Q&A
1.25pm	4.25pm	SESSION 4. THE STATE OF WELFARE <i>Chair: Firman Witoelar (The Australian National University)</i> Rebranding and expanding: social assistance during the Jokowi presidency Nurina Merdikawati The Australian National University Asep Suryahadi The SMERU Research Institute (non-presenting author) Ridho Al Izzati The SMERU Research Institute (non-presenting author) Transforming health under Jokowi: forced innovation and lessons for democratic health governance I Nyoman Sutarsa The Australian National University Q&A
2.25pm	5.25pm	END OF DAY 1

Day 2. Saturday 14 September

Time (WIB)	Time (AEST)	
	8:30am	Registration (for in-person attendance)
6.00am	9.00am	SESSION 5. LOCAL POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE <i>Chair: Eva Nisa (The Australian National University)</i> Jokowi and his dynasty: an organizational analysis of dynastic succession Yoes Kenawas Atma Jaya Catholic University Jakarta Jakarta and the rest: center-region relations under Jokowi Hana Satriyo The Asia Foundation Papua's conflict under Jokowi's administration: superficial development amidst increasing violent escalation Hipolitus Wangge Universiti Sains Malaysia Q&A
7.30am	10.30am	<i>Tea break</i>
7.50am	10.50am	SESSION 6. DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND INSTITUTIONS <i>Chair: Elly Kent (The Australian National University)</i> Jokowi and the dismantling of the constitutional court Simon Butt The University of Sydney Tim Lindsey The University of Melbourne A dark legacy: the Jokowi administration's record on corruption Laode M Syarif The Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia (KEMITRAAN) Civic space, political activism and protest under Jokowi Fauziah Mayangsari Independent researcher Edward Aspinall The Australian National University (non-presenting author) Q&A
9.20am	12.20pm	CLOSING ADDRESS <i>Chair: Julien Barbara (The Australian National University)</i> Indonesia's foreign policy under Jokowi (2014-2024): retreat, return, and the problem of reputational cost Rizal Sukma Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia
9.50am	12.50pm	FINAL REMARKS Sana Jaffrey The Australian National University Eve Warburton The Australian National University
10.00am	1.00pm	END OF CONFERENCE



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