

**Understanding Indonesia:
Revealing the Mysteries of Asia's Inscrutable Giant**

21 November 2015
Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA

Conference Program

9:00-9:10 a.m.

Opening Remarks: Anthony Saich (Harvard Kennedy School)

9:10-9:30 a.m.

Keynote Address: Budi Bowoleksono (Indonesian Ambassador to U.S.)

9:30-11:00 a.m.

Session I: Economic and Political Trends in Indonesia

1. Economic Growth Prospects: M. Chatib Basri (UI)
2. Democratization and Decentralization: Thomas Pepinsky (Cornell)
3. Indonesia in a Regional and Global Context: Dwight Perkins (Harvard)

11:00-11:15 a.m. Coffee Break

11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Session II: The Business Ecosystem in Indonesia

1. Trade and Investment: Arianto Patunru (ANU)
2. Creative Economy: Mari Pangestu (UI)
3. Doing Business in Indonesia: Louis Wells (Harvard)

12:45–2:00 p.m. Luncheon

2:00–3:30 p.m.

Session III: Research and Education

1. The State of Indonesian Studies: Donald Emmerson (Stanford)
2. Studying Indonesia in Comparative Perspective: David Dapice (Harvard)
3. Primary and Secondary Education in Indonesia: Lant Pritchett (Harvard)

3:30-3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

3:45-5:15 p.m.

Session IV: Human Development in Indonesia

1. Social Protection: Benjamin Olken (MIT)
2. Financial Inclusion: Jay Rosengard (Harvard)
3. What Difference do Presidents Make, and Why?: R. William Liddle (OSU)

5:15-5:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks: Jay Rosengard (Harvard Kennedy School)