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UNDERSTANDING INDONESIA:

REVEALING THE MYSTERIES OF ASIA'S INSCRUTABLE GIANT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015
9:00AM - 5:30PM

EVENT PROGRAM

LOCATION:

Wiener Auditorium, Taubman Building
(Entrance on Eliot Street)
79 JFK St. Cambridge, MA 02138

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Conference Program

9:00-9:10 a.m.

Opening Remarks: Anthony Saich, Harvard University

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, Universitas Indonesia
2. Democratization and Decentralization: Thomas Pepinsky, Cornell University
3. Indonesia in a Regional and Global Context: Dwight Perkins, Harvard University

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, Australian National University
2. Creative Economy: Mari Pangestu, Universitas Indonesia
3. Doing Business in Indonesia: Louis Wells, Harvard University

12:45-2:00 p.m. Luncheon, Taubman 520 Room NYE A, B, C

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Session III: Research and Education

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

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, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2. Financial Inclusion: Jay Rosengard, Harvard University
3. What Difference do Presidents Make, and Why?: R. William Liddle, Ohio State University

5:15-5:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks: Jay Rosengard, Harvard University

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Speakers' Biographies

Muhammad Chatib Basri is a Senior Fellow at the Ash Center of the Harvard Kennedy School. He is Indonesia's former Minister of Finance, and, before that, was the Chairman of the Investment Coordinating Board of Indonesia. From 2010-2012, he served as a Vice Chairman of the National Economic Committee of the President of Indonesia. Dr. Basri was a special adviser to Indonesia's Minister of Finance 2006-2010 and Deputy of Minister of Finance for the G-20, 2006-2010. Dr. Basri teaches at the Department of Economics, University of Indonesia. He was a member of the Asia Pacific Regional Advisory Group of the International Monetary Fund. He was a member of the High Level Trade Experts Group, co-chaired by Jagdish Bhagwati and Peter Sutherland. Dr. Basri has acted as a consultant for the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, USAID, AUSAID, OECD, and UNCTAD. He is the author of a number of papers in international academic journals and actively writes for various leading newspapers and magazines in Indonesia. His expertise is in International Trade, Macroeconomics, and Political Economy.

Budi Bowoleksono is currently the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to the United States of America. He presented his letters of credence to the President on May 21, 2014. Prior to assuming his present assignment, Ambassador Bowoleksono was the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.

Previously, Ambassador Bowoleksono served as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Kenya in Nairobi (2008-2010), which also covers Seychelles, Mauritius, Uganda, UNEP, and UNHCR.

Ambassador Bowoleksono graduated from Krisnadwipayana University in Jakarta in 1984. He started his diplomatic career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1986 and since then he had been assigned to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations in New York, the Indonesian Permanent Mission in Geneva, and the Indonesian Permanent Mission in Vienna.

In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was assigned at various offices such as Directorate General of Foreign Economic Relations; Directorate General of ASEAN Cooperation; Directorate General of Multilateral Affairs; and the Secretariat General.

Ambassador Bowoleksono is married to Reshanty Bowoleksono who is also a career diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and blessed with a son, Lebdo Handaru Bowoleksono.

David Dapice joined Tufts University in 1973 after graduating from Williams College and Harvard University. He has worked extensively as a development economist in Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar and has also done significant work in Southeast Asia, Mongolia and several other nations. After serving as Chair of the Economics Department, he has worked since 1990 as the economist of the Vietnam and Myanmar Programs in the Kennedy School on a half-time basis. His work has included helping to establish the KUPEDS rural credit program in Indonesia, work at the World Bank and UN on nutrition issues, and work on energy issues in several nations. He continues to travel to Asia several times a year for work on development issues, now primarily in Myanmar. At Tufts he is on the external board of the Institute for Global Leadership and the executive board of Phi Beta Kappa.

Donald K. Emmerson heads the Southeast Asia Program in the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University, where he is also a faculty associate in the Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies and the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, and a senior fellow emeritus in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. Relevant recent writings include “Obama Welcomes Jokowi: What For?” PacNet #71, 26 Oct. 2015; “Reading between the Lines: China & the South China Sea,” CogitASIA, 21 July 2015; “The Spectrum of Comparisons,” Pacific Affairs [special issue on Southeast Asian studies], (September 2014); “Facts, Minds, and Formats: Scholarship And Political Change In Indonesia” in Producing Indonesia: The State of the Field of Indonesian Studies (Cornell, 2014); “Minding the Gap between Democracy and Governance,” in Democracy in East Asia: A New Century (Johns Hopkins, 2013); “Is Indonesia Rising? It Depends” in Indonesia Rising (ISEAS, 2012); and “Beyond the Six Points: How Far Will Indonesia Go?” (East Asia Forum, July 2012). Earlier work includes 20+ authored/edited/co-edited books, monographs, and working papers and 200+ articles, chapters, and short essays including opinion pieces in Gatra, Majalah Islam Kiblat, and Tempo among other Indonesian-language venues.

Emmerson’s lectures 2014-15 on Indonesia, the South China Sea, and/or Southeast Asian studies have been hosted by organizations including the China Institute of International Studies (Beijing); the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (Jakarta); the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jakarta); the Royal Canadian Navy (Victoria); Sogang University (Seoul); the Southeast Asia Research Group (Chicago); the University of

British Columbia (Vancouver); and the US-Indonesia Society (Washington, DC). In 2010 the National Bureau of Asian Research and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars honored him with an award to “top scholars from across the United States” who “have successfully bridged the gap between the academy and policy.”

Before moving to Stanford in 1999, Emmerson was a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he co-administered the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and won a campus-wide teaching award. Places where he has held visiting positions include the Institute for Advanced Study, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Australian National University. He serves on the editorial boards of Contemporary Southeast Asia, the Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs, and the Journal of Democracy, and holds advisory positions with the International Indonesia Forum, the American Institute for Indonesian Studies, and the CIMB ASEAN Research Institute, among other journals and organizations. His degrees are from Yale (PhD) and Princeton (BA).

R. William Liddle is professor emeritus of political science at Ohio State University and a specialist on Southeast Asian, particularly Indonesian, politics. He has conducted research in Indonesia since the early 1960s, and has been a Fulbright researcher and lecturer in both Indonesia and Singapore. His current research focuses on voting behavior and presidential leadership in democratic Indonesia.

Professor Liddle has served as chair of the Indonesia Committee and Southeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies and as assistant editor for Southeast Asia of the Association's Journal of Asian Studies. He has been a frequent consultant to the United States Agency for International Development and other U.S. government agencies, and to the National Democratic Institute. Since 1975 he has lectured regularly at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute, which recently named him Distinguished Visiting Lecturer.

Professor Liddle writes for the international and Indonesian media, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, the Jakarta daily Kompas, and the national Indonesian newsweekly Tempo. He has appeared on the PBS News Hour and on many BBC, Voice of America, Australian, Canadian, Dutch and Indonesian television and radio programs.

Benjamin A. Olken is a Professor of Economics at MIT. His research focuses on political economy and public sector issues in developing countries, with a particular focus on Indonesia. He is a faculty Director of the Abdul

Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab at MIT, Co-Scientific Director of the Lab's Southeast Asia office in Jakarta, and Co-Chair of the Lab's Governance Initiative. He is a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, a Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, and a Fellow and Board Member of the Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development. He serves on the Board of Reviewing Editors of Science.

Olken received his BA summa cum laude as a double-major in Mathematics and Ethics, Politics, and Economics from Yale University in 1997, and his Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University in 2004. In 1997-1998 he was a Henry Luce Scholar, living in Jakarta, Indonesia. He joined the MIT faculty as a tenured faculty member in 2008, directly after a three-year term as a Junior Fellow of the Harvard Society of Fellows and a one-year post-doctoral fellowship at the NBER.

Mari Pangestu is Professor of International Economics at University of Indonesia and the George Ball Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. She served as Indonesia's Minister of Trade from 2004 to 2011, and as Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy from 2011 until 2014. Pangestu also served on the Board of Trustees, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta; the Leadership Council of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network; the Equal Access Initiative at the World Health Organization; and the Women International Council on Women's Business Leadership. Pangestu is also a distinguished fellow at the Asia Global Institute, University of Hong Kong; board member of the Australia Indonesia Council; and editorial board member of the Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies, Australian National University. She also serves on the Board of Astra International; the International Advisory Board of Sumitro Mitsui Banking Corporation; McLarty Associates, Washington DC; and the International Chamber of Commerce. Pangestu worked with Jeffrey Sachs on the UN Secretary General Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Review (2003-2005), was the WTO Group-33 Chairperson (2005-2011), and was nominated as a candidate for the WTO Director General (2013). In December 2014, she was awarded the "lifetime achievement in leadership" award during the World Chinese Enterprise Forum in Chongqing China. She obtained her Bachelor and Master degrees in Economics and Doctor HC degrees from Australian National University, and her PhD from University of California, Davis, in 1986 where she specialized in macroeconomics, and international trade. In 2013 she was awarded a Doctor of Letters honoris causa, College of Business and Economics, Australian National University on the grounds of outstanding contributions in the service of society, and the Bintang Mahaputra, the highest public service award by the President of Indonesia.

Arianto A. Patunru joined the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics at the Australian National University (ANU) in 2012. Prior to that he was a faculty member at the Department of Economics, University of Indonesia and was the head of the Institute for Economic and Social Research (LPEM-FEUI). Dr. Patunru's interests include trade, environment, and development economics. He holds a PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a member of ANU Indonesia Project and serves as the Policy Engagement Coordinator.

Thomas Pepinsky is Associate Professor in the Department of Government at Cornell University. He specializes in comparative politics and international political economy, with a focus on emerging markets in Southeast Asia. Among other works, he is the author of *Economic Crises and the Breakdown of Authoritarian Regimes: Indonesia and Malaysia in Comparative Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2009) and articles such as "The Institutional Turn in Comparative Authoritarianism;" "Trade Competition and American Decolonization," and "Context and Method in Southeast Asian Politics." With Michele Ford, he recently edited the volume *Beyond Oligarchy: Wealth, Power, and Indonesian Politics* (Cornell Southeast Asia Publications, 2014).

He serves as a member of the steering committee for the Association for Analytical Learning on Islam and Muslim Societies (aalims.org), and recently helped to found a new organization called the Southeast Asian Research Group (seareg.org) to highlight the best new contemporary research on Southeast Asian politics. At Cornell, he is the Associate Director of the Cornell Modern Indonesia Project.

He regularly teaches the Southeast Asian Politics course at Cornell, as well as general courses on comparative politics and political economy.

Dwight H. Perkins is the Harold Hitchings Burbank Professor of Political Economy, Emeritus in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Previous positions at Harvard include Director of the Harvard University Asia Center, Associate Director of the East Asian (now Fairbank) Research Center, Chair of the Department of Economics, and Director of the Harvard Institute for International Development. Perkins has authored, coauthored, or edited 20 books and numerous articles on economic history and economic development, with special references to the economies of East and Southeast Asia. Topics include the transition from central planning to the market, long-term agricultural development, industry policy, the underlying sources of growth in East Asia, and the role of economic and legal institutions in East Asian growth. He has served as an advisor or consultant to the governments

of Korea, China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea. He has also been a long-term consultant to the World Bank, the Ford Foundation, and various U.S. government agencies, including the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Perkins is a member of the American Philosophical Society. He received his BA from Cornell and his MA and PhD in economics from Harvard.

Lant Pritchett is Professor of the Practice of International Development and Faculty Chair of the MPA/ID Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In addition, he works as a consultant to Google.org, is a Senior Fellow of the Center for Global Development, and is a senior fellow of BREAD. He is also co-editor of the Journal of Development Economics. Lant has authored (alone or with co-authors) over 50 papers published in journals, books, or as articles. Before coming to the Kennedy School, he held a number of positions at the World Bank's research complex, working in Indonesia and India. Lant graduated from Brigham Young University in 1983 with a B.S. in Economics and in 1988 from MIT with a PhD in Economics.

Jay K. Rosengard, Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, has forty years of international experience designing, implementing, and evaluating development policies in public finance and fiscal strategy, tax and budget reform, municipal finance and management, intergovernmental fiscal relations, banking and financial institutions development, financial inclusion, micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) finance, mobile banking, and public administration. He has worked for a wide variety of multilateral and bilateral donors, as well as directly for host governments and private sector clients. Rosengard is Director of the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government's Financial Sector Program, which focuses on the development of bank and nonbank financial institutions and alternative financing instruments. This includes microfinance (small-scale lending and local savings mobilization), mainstream commercial banking (general and special-purpose banks), and wholesale financial intermediation (municipal development funds, venture capital funds, pooled financing, secondary mortgage facilities, and securitization). In addition, Rosengard is a Faculty Affiliate of both the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation and the Center for International Development. At the Ash Center, he is Academic Director of the Rajawali Foundation Institute for Asia and Faculty Chair of the HKS Indonesia Program. He also serves as Faculty Chair of four executive programs: FIPED (Financial Institutions for Private Enterprise Development), which focuses on sustainable and effective MSME finance; ComTax (Comparative Tax Policy and Administration), which addresses key strategic and tactical issues in tax design and implementation; VELP (Vietnam Executive Leadership Program), which is an innovative policy

dialogue with senior Vietnamese leadership; and Transformasi (Leadership Transformation in Indonesia), which is designed to assist Indonesia in its decentralization initiatives.

Anthony Saich is the director of the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation and Daewoo Professor of International Affairs, teaching courses on comparative political institutions, democratic governance, and transitional economies with a focus on China. In his capacity as Ash Center Director, Saich also serves as the director of the Rajawali Foundation Institute for Asia and the faculty chair of the China Programs, the Asia Energy Leaders Program and the Leadership Transformation in Indonesia Program, which provide training programs for national and local Chinese and Indonesian officials.

Saich first visited China as a student in 1976 and continues to visit each year. Currently, he is a guest professor at the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University, China. He also advises a wide range of government, private, and nonprofit organizations on work in China and elsewhere in Asia.

Saich is a trustee member of the National Committee on US-China Relations (2014-), AMC Entertainment Inc., the chair of the China Medical Board, and International Bridges to Justice. He is also the US Secretary-General of the China United States Strategic Philanthropy. He sits on the executive committees of the John King Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Council on Asia Studies, South Asia Initiative and the Asia Center, all at Harvard University. He serves as the Harvard representative of the Kennedy Memorial Trust and previously was the representative for the Ford Foundation's China Office from 1994 to 1999. Prior to this, he was director of the Sinological Institute at Leiden University in the Netherlands.

His current research focuses on politics and governance in post-Mao China, China's urbanization and rural-urban inequality in China; and the interplay between state and society in Asia and the respective roles they play in the provision of public goods and services at the local level. His most recent books include *Governance and Politics of China* (Fourth Edition, 2015); *Chinese Village, Global Market* (2012); *Providing Public Goods in Transitional China* (2008); *Revolutionary Discourse in Mao's Republic* (with David Apter, 1998); *The Rise to Power of the Chinese Communist Party* (1996); and *China's Science Policy in the 80s* (1989); He has edited books on *Political Governance in China*, 2015, *Philanthropy for Health in China* (with Jennifer Ryan and Lincoln Chen, 2014), *China's urbanization* (with Shahid Yusuf, 2008), *HIV/AIDS* (with Joan Kaufman and Arthur Kleinman,

2006), and the Reform of China's Financial Sector (with Yasheng Huang and Edward Steinfeld., 2005).

He holds a Ph.D. from the Faculty of Letters, University of Leiden, the Netherlands. He received his master's degree in politics with special reference to China from the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, and his bachelor's degree in politics and geography from the University of Newcastle, UK. Away from the office, he enjoys time with his two children, movies, and soccer.

Louis T. Wells is the Herbert F. Johnson Professor of International Management, Emeritus, at the Harvard Business School. He has served as consultant to governments of a number of developing countries, as well as to international organizations and private firms. His principal consulting activities have been concerned with foreign investment policy, negotiations between foreign investors and host governments, and arbitrations of disputes between foreign investors and host governments.

His research interests include multinational enterprises; international business-government relations; foreign investment in developing countries; and foreign investment by firms from developing countries. He was the Coordinator for Indonesia Projects, Harvard Institute for International Development, Jakarta, Indonesia, in 1994-5. His associations include: Fellow -Academy of International Business, member - Foreign Advisory Board - Lahore Business School, and member - Council on Foreign Relations.

In 2007, he co-authored *Making Foreign Investment Safe: Property Rights and National Sovereignty* with Rafiq Ahmed, available from Oxford University Press.

Professor Wells received a BS in Physics from Georgia Tech and his MBA and DBA from the Harvard Business School.

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