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The Centre’s objectives are:
• Research – to produce high quality academic research publications for international and domestic audiences;
• Training – to foster the development of high quality research graduates; and
• Engagement – to contribute to public policy debate and public understanding on issues concerning contemporary Asia.

Through a nationally competitive process, the Asia Research Centre was established as a Special Research Centre of the Australian Research Council in 1991 to provide analysis of social, political and economic change in contemporary East and Southeast Asia. Since the conclusion of this funding in 1999, support has been limited and mainly from the University’s Schools. In 2013-15, support was from the Vice Chancellor’s Strategic Initiative Fund and the School of Management and Governance.

The implementation of the University’s Strategic Plan (2012-17) offers opportunities for the Centre. With research excellence and internationalisation as key strategies and the dynamism of the Asian region grounded, the Centre contributes strongly to the University, state, nation and region.

The Asia Research Centre is administratively located in the School of Management and Governance.

About the Centre

For more than two decades, the Asia Research Centre has been an international leader in the study of East and Southeast Asia. The Centre’s researchers and postgraduate students have undertaken fundamental disciplinary and interdisciplinary research that examines a range of social, political, economic and environmental developments within this dynamic and important region.

Thematic to Centre research is the analysis of conflicts in a range of situations. These include: political and economic regimes; environmental and natural resources; ethnic, religious and national identities; cultural and media systems; and the security of states, communities and individuals. This research spans national, sub-national, regional and international levels.

The Centre encompasses researchers from three of Murdoch University’s Schools and provides an intellectual community that supports them and their research. Centre Fellows regularly collaborate with other researchers from universities in the region and from around the world.

The Centre has a strong postgraduate training programme and an excellent reputation for graduating students who have completed exceptional doctoral theses. The Centre has a large cohort of domestic and international students supervised by its internationally acclaimed researchers.
Centre Researchers

- Professor Kevin Hewison, Director
- Dr Jacqui Baker
- Dr James Boyd
- Professor Ann Capling
- Dr Joseph Christensen
- Dr Yingchi Chu
- Alan Eggleston (Honorary Research Fellow)
- Dr Rajat Ganguly
- Professor Vedi Hadiz
- Dr Shahar Hameiri
- Professor David Hill
- Dr Jane Hutchison
- Professor Rikki Kersten
- Associate Professor Terence Lee
- Professor Neil Loneragan
- Dr Greg Lopez
- Professor Samuel Makinda
- Professor Peter McKiernan
- Dr Takeshi Moriyama
- Professor Benjamin Reilly
- Emeritus Professor Richard Robison
- Professor Garry Rodan
- Dr Fabio Scarpello
- Emeritus Professor Ian Scott
- Professor Diane Stone
- Dr Arjun Subrahmanyan
- Dr Ronald Taylor
- Professor Xiaowen Tian
- Professor Malcolm Tull
- Associate Professor Peter Waring
- Associate Professor Carol Warren
- Emeritus Professor James Warren
- Dr Ian Wilson
- Dr Jeffrey Wilson
- Professor Sandra Wilson
Centre Governance

Professor Kevin Hewison was Centre Director in 2015. The Director was supported by a Board and an International Advisory Panel of eminent scholars and research leaders. The Board and Panel provide advice and guidance in the pursuit of the Centre’s research agenda.

The Centre Board

- **Professor David Hill**, School of Arts (Chair, 1 January-September 2015)
- **Professor Neil Loneragan**, School of Veterinary and Life Sciences (Chair, October 2015-)
- **Professor Kevin Hewison**, Director, Asia Research Centre
- **Professor Vedi Hadiz**, School of Management & Governance
- **Dr Jane Hutchison**, School of Management & Governance
- **Professor Garry Rodan**, School of Management & Governance
- **Associate Professor Malcolm Tull**, School of Management & Governance
- **Associate Professor Carol Warren**, School of Arts
- **Michael Wood**, Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Western Australia State Office (January-April 2015)
- **Andrea Gleason**, Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Western Australia State Office (May 2015-)

The International Advisory Panel

- **Professor Amitav Acharya**, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance and Chair of the ASEAN Studies Center, American University, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
- **Professor Chua Beng Huat**, Chair, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore
- **Professor Jomo K.S.**, Assistant Director-General, Economic and Social Development, Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations, Rome, Italy
- **Professor Tessa Morris-Suzuki**, Professor of Japanese History, School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University, Canberra
- **Professor Yoon Hwan Shin**, Professor of Political Science and Director, Institute of East Asian Studies, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea
- **Professor Takashi Shiraishi**, President, IDE-JETRO and President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo, Japan
- **James T. H. Tang**, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Professor of Political Science, Singapore Management University
- **Emeritus Professor Lynn T. White**, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Emeritus, Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- **Professor Zang Xiaowei**, Chair Professor and Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong

Photo by Melissa Johnston, Boats in Kupang
The Centre in 2015

The past year was one of review, change and significant achievement. 2015 saw the first review of the Centre for more than a decade, and the outcome was a welcome acknowledgement of the Centre’s standing and achievements over the past five years. The Centre and University benefited greatly from the outstanding leadership and hard work of the Director, Professor Kevin Hewison. His departure leaves an important legacy for the Centre’s future development. Additional retirements and offers from other universities saw more senior colleagues also depart Murdoch, and some new appointments. Amidst the various dynamics and challenges, 2015 was another period of superior research productivity.

Research success

As this report indicates in considerable detail, facing multiple and often competing demands, Centre Fellows and postgraduate students have achieved remarkable research successes. In a tally of research outputs, Centre Fellows and postgraduate students published three sole-authored, co-authored and newly translated books, two edited collections, four journal special issues, 21 book chapters and 52 scholarly articles in the year. Many of the articles appeared in some of the most highly-ranked and peer-reviewed journals. Beyond publications, our researchers were highly visible in the international media and contributed significantly to public policy debate and public understanding on issues concerning Asia.

Our postgraduate students have been productive, producing several publications and presenting papers at national and international conferences. Fabio Scarpello completed his PhD studies in 2015 and was subsequently a postdoctoral fellow in an ARC Discovery Project awarded to Associate Professor Shahar Hameiri and his collaborator Professor Caroline Hughes. Several other students are expected to complete their studies in 2016.

Centre Fellows and students garnered more than $700,000 in research grants and other external funding during 2015. We were pleased to congratulate Professor James Warren and his team who continued their excellent track record, receiving an Australian Research Council Linkage Project grant valued at more than $374,000. Professor Neil Loneragan and Associate Professor Carol Warren gained a grant of $150,000 from the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research. The details of these and seven other grants are listed elsewhere in this report, as are the 14 ongoing grants valued at about $3.4 million.

It is hard to overstate the reputation of the Centre. It has put Murdoch University on the national and international map. The Centre has gained a reputation as a respected centre of research excellence that holds its own against peer institutions at other universities, including many that are located within much larger and better-resourced universities.

-Centre Review
Review, recognition and rankings

The achievements of the Centre were recognised by the Centre Review, which determined that the Asia Research Centre “makes a highly significant contribution to the University and it has great utility for the School in which it is located.” More than this, the Review acknowledged that the Centre “has put Murdoch University on the national and international map.” On the research conducted in the Centre, the Review report stated that the “quality, volume and impact of its research outputs mean that the Centre stands as a ‘beacon of excellence’ within the University.” Details of the Review are set out elsewhere in this report.

The Review was followed by the release of rankings in the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2015 and the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015. Both showed that the Review findings on research quality were in line with these national and international benchmarks. Also on global rankings, the Journal of Contemporary Asia, a journal based in the Centre, was ranked second amongst Area Studies journals for impact over the past three years.

The Centre’s research environment was enlivened by a series of public seminars and academic conferences and workshops that are outlined in other parts of this report, together with a regular series of research seminars where our postgraduate students report on their progress and discoveries.

In 2015 the Centre co-convened two major international academic workshops and two significant international engagement workshops, each with prominent partner institutions. The academic workshops were with Chatham House, home of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, and Japan’s National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. Partnering with such internationally acclaimed and prestigious institutions says much about the quality and reputation of the Asia Research Centre. In terms of engagement, the Centre partnered with the Developmental Leadership Program, a major international initiative of the Australian government, and with Kompas, Indonesia’s most influential media group.

The Indonesia Research Programme was ably led by Professor Vedi Hadiz. Professor Hadiz worked exceptionally hard to develop and deepen Murdoch’s relationship with Indonesia, building on the Asia Research Centre’s credibility and profile in Indonesia.

In 2015, the pan-university Programme saw links made between Murdoch researchers and Indonesian businesses, researchers, universities and government institutions. Among its noteworthy achievements, Murdoch scholars worked intensively with Indonesian colleagues to enhance the capacity for research training. This training involved two of Indonesia’s top-ranked universities, the University of Indonesia and the Bogor Agricultural University. These projects should mean that candidates for postgraduate training at Murdoch have high-quality research skills when they begin their studies.

As in previous years, Centre Fellows received recognition from their colleagues and others. Dr Jacqui Baker was elected President of the Indonesia Council until 2020. As an early career scholar, such recognition is impressive. Dr Jeffrey Wilson, also an early career researcher with a bright future, had his already significant achievements recognised when he received the Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence in Research Award. Professor David Hill was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for his long and meritorious service as an advocate of Australia-Indonesia cross-cultural understanding and as an educator. Professor Peter McKiernan’s distinguished service to his profession was recognised by the British Academy of Management, with the Richard Whipp Lifetime Achievement Award.

Finally, Professor Xiaowen Tian received the Best Paper Award at the Australian Academy of Business and Social Sciences Asia Pacific Conference on Business and Social Science. We celebrate the accomplishments of these Centre Fellows.

For the second year in succession, the quality of our postgraduate students and their training has been acknowledged. With Dr Charanpal Bal having won the award in 2014, in 2015, Dr Stephanie Chok was runner-up for the Asian Studies Association of Australia Presidents’ Prize for the best thesis in Asian Studies in 2014. We congratulate Stepfi and her supervisors Associate Professor Carol Warren, Dr Jane Hutchison and Emeritus Associate Professor Jim Macbeth.

Research rankings

In December 2015, the outcomes of the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2015 evaluations were released. This assessment comprehensively details the quality of Australian university research benchmarked against world standards, examining publications over the last six years and research income and other measures over the past three years.

The majority of researchers associated with the Asia Research Centre are in the disciplines of Political Science and Historical Studies. Both disciplines received a ranking of 4. This ranking means that the discipline profile is characterised by evidence of performance above world standard presented by the suite of indicators used for evaluation. Political Science at Murdoch ranked in Australia’s top 10 and No. 1 in Western Australia.

Politics and International Studies at Murdoch was also one of only three of the University’s discipline groups to be ranked in the world’s top 200 in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015.
Departures and future opportunities

Among the departures by the end of 2015 was the retirement of Centre Director Professor Kevin Hewison, who is among the most distinguished graduates of Murdoch University to pursue an academic career. He played a major role in the early years of the Asia Research Centre before holding various senior positions at universities in Australia, Asia and North America — including most recently as Director of the Carolina Asia Centre at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was also the Weldon E. Thornton Distinguished Professor of Asian Studies. Such a prestigious award acknowledged Professor Hewison’s intellectual leadership in the political economy analysis of Southeast Asia and his preeminent contribution to the understanding of contemporary Thai society, polity and economy — as did his election to the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in 2012.

Professor Hewison was attracted back to his alma mater in early 2013 as part of a renewed Murdoch emphasis on high-quality research and teaching. He was a tireless champion of this cause. During his tenure, the Centre consolidated its reputation for combined achievements in research and teaching, as recognised by various rankings and the Centre Review. His departure is thus a major loss, but we thank him and wish him a rich and enjoyable ‘retirement’, which involves various continuing professional activities including as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Contemporary Asia.

In late 2015, Professor David Hill also retired from the University to become an Emeritus Professor in the Asia Research Centre. This retirement follows a distinguished career as a researcher, teacher and as one of the University’s most assiduous networkers. He secured multiple Australian Research Council (ARC) grants for his influential books on Indonesian media in particular. He was also the founder and Director of the Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies (ACICIS) for furthering study in Indonesia. ACICIS generated a high national profile and reputation for Murdoch. Professor Hill promoted Asian Studies and the study of Indonesia to business, politicians and in the media with an infectious enthusiasm that made him a recognised leader in his field.

On his retirement, Professor Hill also stepped down from his position as Chair of the Centre’s Board, a position he has held for several years. We are grateful to Professor Hill for all that he has done for the Centre and for the University.

We are fortunate that Professor Hill’s position as Chair of the Centre Board has been taken up by another long-time Murdoch identity and highly productive researcher, Professor Neil Loneragan, from Environmental and Conservation Sciences in the School of Veterinary and Life Sciences. Professor Loneragan brings a wealth of experience to the Centre’s management and is one of the pioneers, along with Dr Carol Warren, of research that spans the sciences, social sciences and humanities.

Two other researchers who have made substantial contributions to the Centre also accepted offers from other universities before the end of 2015: Professor Verdi Hadiz and Associate Professor Shahar Hameiri, respectively destined for the University of Melbourne and the University of Queensland in 2016.

Professor Hadiz completed his PhD at the Centre in 1996 before working at the National University of Singapore. He returned to the Centre through the award of an ARC Future Fellowship in 2010 to analyse Islamic populism in Indonesia and the Middle East and was appointed a Professor of Asian Societies and Politics at Murdoch. His publications on Indonesia – both his sole authored and co-authored with Emeritus Professor Richard Robison – have fundamentally shaped debate over political change in that country. Not only did Professor Hadiz significantly boost the Centre’s intake of PhD candidates and completions from Indonesia, but, as mentioned above, he was pivotal to opening up wider Murdoch University research links with Indonesian universities.

Overall, the Centre runs on an extremely lean operating model: all major staffing costs are carried by the fellows’ respective Schools, which in turn benefit from the teaching, service and research successes of the Centre fellows and the postgraduate students they supervise.

- Centre Review

Following the award of his PhD in 2009, Associate Professor Hameiri quickly established an international reputation for innovative political economy work on the evolving forms and underlying dynamics of state and trans-state governance regimes, including non-traditional security threats and risks. Prodigiously productive, through sole authored publications and international collaborations, Associate Professor Hameiri attracted ARC funding from the outset of his career. He also played a critical role as coordinator of postgraduate studies within the Centre.

While we will miss the direct contributions of these colleagues to the Centre, research collaborations are continuing, including through prospective future grant applications nationally and internationally.

In 2015, we also farewelled other more recent colleagues of the Centre – Professor Ann Capling who returned to Melbourne, Professor Diane Stone who took up a prestigious professorial position at the University of Canberra, and Professor Peter McKiernan who returned to Europe. These were all respected and productive colleagues and we wish them well in their new endeavours.

Against this background, in late 2015 the University supported the appointment of several new replacement positions to be ushered in at different times from 2016. An especially important such appointment was that of Kanishka Jayasuriya, the Director of the Indo-Pacific Governance Research Centre and Professor of Politics at the University of Adelaide. As Professor of Politics and International Studies at Murdoch, he will head the Politics discipline and add considerable intellectual, strategic and mentoring capacity to the Centre.
He has been appointed to the Centre’s Board of Management. Dr Vicki Mason is coming to Murdoch from the Australian National University in mid-2016 and has expertise in the areas of critical and human security, particularly in relation to West Asia – notably Middle-East. She will be followed in early 2017 by Dr Kim Maloney who works on global public administration and she has considerable experience working for international organisations and agencies.

Finally, we bade a sad goodbye to postgraduate student Yanti Muchtar, who passed away after a long struggle with illness. Yanti was a dynamic figure in the Centre and is greatly missed. We celebrate her life and work in an edited version of a tribute to Yanti by her fellow students on this page. In recognition of Yanti, the Asia Research Centre will purchase a plaque to be placed on a tree located on the Murdoch campus near the Centre building.

**Support**

Support for the Centre during 2015 included the Director’s salary paid by the Vice Chancellor’s Strategic Initiative Fund together with limited budget support and seed funds. Apart from this, the School of Management and Governance paid for all of the Centre’s basic activities, supplies and space. It also provided salary for a Centre administrator. We are exceptionally grateful for this support. At the same time, as budgets have tightened, funding to the Centre has been reduced and remains tenuous. The Centre Review, however, contains constructive suggestions on this matter.

Special thanks are due to Professor Peter McKiernan as the outgoing Dean of the School of Management and Governance for his support of the Centre. His unsurpassed ability to understand the Centre’s research endeavours always informed his advice to Director Kevin Hewison. Sia Kozlowski, the Centre Manager, worked long, hard and effectively for the Centre, its Fellows and the postgraduate students.

**Garry Rodan**

Incoming Director from 1 January 2016

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**Yanti Muchtar**

16 June 1962 – 17 November 2015

We at the Asia Research Centre lost a friend and a scholar in November. We were privileged to have been Yanti Muchtar’s friends and colleagues. Yanti was an incredibly popular person with a positive influence on all those around her.

Yanti began her PhD in 2011 and developed deep friendships with her cohort and colleagues at the Asia Research Centre. She was already well-known in Indonesia as an activist. She stood up for justice and helped her fellows as a feminist, a human rights activist, a scholar, a mentor and a friend.

She was a founding member of the Women’s Solidarity for Human Rights group during the 1980s, which represented a reinvigoration of the Indonesian women’s movement that had been crushed by the Suharto dictatorship. In 2002, Yanti founded Kapal Perempuan (The Women’s Ship Institute) with a group of like-minded colleagues. Kapal Perempuan provides education and mentorship for disadvantaged and marginalised communities and promotes gender empowerment across Indonesia.

As a scholar Yanti sought to blend her activist conviction about the possibility of transformative politics with her scholarly inquiry about the conditions under which such transformation can occur. Undertaking a PhD at Murdoch allowed her the opportunity to deepen her thinking around her activist work in Indonesia.

Yanti’s approach to her feminist work has been a lesson to all those who would promote social justice. We spent hours discussing gender, pluralism, identity politics and the theoretical, practical and personal aspects of how to be a good person, a good feminist. Her compassion and courage as an activist reflected inner well-spring of empathy with others.

Yanti gave her colleagues support and encouragement. She was an active member of the Murdoch University Indonesian Student Association and the Association of Indonesian Postgraduate Students and Scholars in Australia. All of the Indonesian postgraduate students at Murdoch got to know Yanti, often because she would take newly arrived students into her home. For new students, meeting Yanti was as important as going to Orientation.

Yanti was a true friend. Her compassion, sensibility, candour, brightness and laughter touched the hearts of many. She is greatly missed and fondly remembered.
For the first time in many years, the Asia Research Centre was reviewed in 2015. Assessed using broadly the same criteria as those used for the review of University Centres and Institutes, the Asia Research Centre was the first – and, so far, only – School Centre to be reviewed. The key findings and recommendations are listed below.

The review team was led by Professor Natasha Hamilton-Hart of the University of Auckland Business School and Professor Paul Cammack, recently retired as the Head of the Department of Asian and International Studies at the City University of Hong Kong. They were joined by Professor David Morrison (Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development), Professor Giles Hardy (School of Veterinary and Life Sciences), Professor Chris Hutchison (Director of Research and Development) and Professor Vijay Mishra (School of Arts).

Key Findings
1. The Asia Research Centre makes a highly significant contribution to the University and it has great utility for the School in which it is located. It has put Murdoch University on the national and international map.
2. The quality, volume and impact of its research outputs mean that the Centre stands as a ‘beacon of excellence’ within the University.
3. The positive externalities generated by the Centre are of great value. Its success in developing a strong research culture, providing mentoring and intellectual support to faculty and research students, and attracting outside research grants have been outstanding. It is a major factor driving the ability of the Schools to recruit high performing faculty and quality research students.
4. The Centre is well-aligned with the University’s strategic direction for research. The core strengths of the Asia Research Centre in areas of political economy and environmental issues lie at the heart of the Murdoch Mandala. These topics speak strongly to the radial dimension of sustainable development, with strong potential complementarities along the other spokes as well.
5. There is scope to develop fruitful cross-faculty collaborations with colleagues outside the traditional Social Science and Humanities disciplinary areas.
6. This is a critical juncture for the Centre, with the recent or impending loss of seven senior scholars who have played vital roles in developing and upholding the Centre’s research performance, visibility, ability to attract postgraduate students and ability to lead major collaborative research programmes. At the same time, the Centre does retain several high performing scholars at both senior and more junior levels, representing a considerable amount of human capital.

Summary Recommendations
1. The reputation of the Asia Research Centre represents an enormous amount of capital that the University should seek to protect and develop.
2. The Asia Research Centre’s value-added services to the School and the University arise from its catalytic role in generating a strong research culture through knowledge sharing, mentoring and collaborative research. The conditions that have fostered this record need to be preserved by ensuring that the University maintains a critical mass of Asia-focused scholars with the potential to be part of the scholarly community that the Centre has fostered.
3. Providing immediate assurances that there is strong commitment to the Centre at the University level should be a priority.
4. The Centre should be included as a prominent University Research Centre under the proposed Policy on Institutes and Centres.
5. The Centre should be adequately resourced in terms of administrative support. Implementation of the new university Policy should seek to reduce the administrative load; if additional administrative requirements are unavoidable, the Centre needs to be provided with the resources to meet them.
6. The staffing issue is urgent and on-going. In view of the loss of senior fellows, there needs to be a mechanism in place to ensure that high performing Asia-focused researchers are recruited and retained.
7. To this end, there is a need to embed the Centre’s voice more formally at upper levels within the University and its hiring units. There needs to be an institutionalised mechanism of consultation between the Centre and the Schools to ensure sufficient Asia expertise is hired at the School level, as well as to ensure coordination with postgraduate programmes and other teaching matters. The Centre should be engaged with planning to develop the strategic directions for University research.
8. The governance structure of the Asia Research Centre has scope for some alteration in line with changing circumstances. The panel proposes a two-tier structure consisting of an outward-looking Advisory Board and an internal Management Committee.
Public Lectures

Dr Toh Kin Woon, The Penang Institute, Malaysia, From Electoral Reforms to Good Governance - The Broadening of Bersih’s Agenda

Professor Gavin Jones, National University of Singapore, Urbanisation Issues in Two Large Asian Countries: Indonesia and Bangladesh

Assistant Professor Veerayooth Kanchoochat, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo, Japan, From Rent-seeking to Reign-seeking: The New Old Politics of Accountability in Thailand

Associate Professor Michael Barr, Flinders University, Stay Close to Power; Close to Money: Singapore’s Foreign Policy Made Simple

Associate Professor Bilveer Singh, National University of Singapore, ASEAN and ISIS - Where Are We Now and What’s Ahead?

Associate Professor Allen Hicken, University of Michigan, USA, Thailand's Containment Constitution: Back to the Drawing Board ... Again

Dr Jiw Hee Jhee, Australian Endeavour Award Visiting Fellow, Singapore’s Cybercrime Regulation Based on Lessig’s Modalities of Constraint

Professor Jason Sharman, Griffith University, Another Cayman Islands? Australia as a Haven for Corruption Proceeds from China and the South Pacific

Dr Todung Mulya Lubis, Human rights lawyer, Indonesia, The Anatomy of Electoral Corruption in Indonesia
Workshops

The Political Economy of Poor People’s Politics in Southeast Asia
30 September
Birmingham, UK

Jane Hutchison was co-convenor of this Workshop, held at the University of Birmingham. Her co-convenors were former Centre Director, Caroline Hughes (Bradford University) and Wil Hout (ISS, Erasmus University). Joined by Centre Fellow Ian Wilson, Netra Eng (CDRI, Cambodia) and Anggun Susilo (ISS), the group presented papers and received feedback on research funded by an ARC Discovery Grant from UK-based scholars associated with the Developmental Leadership Program (DLP) – an international research initiative that explores how leadership, power and political processes drive or block successful development. The DLP is co-funded by DFAT and DFAT funded the workshop.

GRIPS-JCA Thailand Workshop II
15-16 June
Tokyo, Japan

Centre Director Kevin Hewison and Dr Veerayooth Kanchoochat co-convened a Second Workshop on Thailand since the 2014 military coup. Funded by the National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies (GRIPS) and the Journal of Contemporary Asia, the Workshop was hosted by GRIPS. Researchers from Australia, France, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, and the United States came together to discuss and refine papers on the military, the constitutional court, civil society, violence, inequality and authoritarianism. The papers will be published as a special issue of the Journal of Contemporary Asia in 2016.

Chatham House Workshop on Populism in World Politics
28-29 May
London, UK

Vedi Hadiz was the co-convenor of this Workshop at Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. He and Centre Director Kevin Hewison joined with colleagues from Chatham House, the London School of Economics, University of Limerick, the School of Oriental and African Studies and University College London to examine the rise of populism in the late 20th and early 21st Centuries. Since the end of the Cold War the reaction to what was perceived as Western economic and cultural dominance took the form of cultural, religious and fundamentalist movements espousing a conflicted attitude towards modernity. However the last decade has also witnessed a uniform type of political reaction to the dislocation of globalisation in multiple world regions: populism. The workshop brought together experts in the politics and societies of all major world regions seeking to explore the common systemic, historical and social roots of populist phenomena in world politics. Papers from the Workshop are being prepared for a journal special issue.

Populist Politics in Southeast Asia: Transforming or Impending Democracy?
27 April
Jakarta, Indonesia

The Asia Research Centre held its third annual workshop with Kompas, Indonesia’s largest daily newspaper, with the workshop returning to Jakarta to be convened at the Kompas offices. Speakers from the Asia Research Centre were Jane Hutchison, Kevin Hewison, Richard Robison and Vedi Hadiz. Kompas selected well-known Indonesian academic speakers including Daniel Dhakidae, Hilmar Farid and Ignas Kleden, and the moderator, Riwanto Tirtosudarmo. A series of articles about the workshop were printed in Kompas on 9 June 2015.
New Grants Awarded in 2015

Australian Research Council Linkage Project
James Warren
Hazards, Tipping Points, Adaptation and Collapse in the Indo-Pacific World, Post-1000 CE 2015-2018, $374,516

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
Neil Loneragan and Carol Warren (with N Stacey)
Small-scale Fisheries in Indonesia: Benefits to Households, the Roles of Women and Opportunities for Improving Livelihoods 2015-2016, $150,000

Endeavour Postgraduate Award
Rebecca Meckelburg
Awarded in November 2015, this scholarship covers fieldwork and an internship in Indonesia 2016, $69,000

Southern Cross Care Victoria
Peter McKiernan
Scenarios for the Future of Aged Care in Australia 2015, $60,000

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation
Ian Scott (with T Gong)
Controlling Corruption: China in Comparative Perspective 2015, US$24,770

Crawford Fund Master Class
Neil Loneragan
Training for Assessing Data-Poor Fisheries in Indonesia Crawford Fund Master Class, Bogor International Convention Centre, August 24 to 28, 2015 $20,000

Australian Centre of International Agricultural Research
Neil Loneragan (with M Rimmer)
Enhancing Fisheries and Aquaculture Research in Indonesia for Policy and Management of Fisheries 2015-2016, $10,000

School of Management and Governance Small Grants Scheme 2015
Jeffrey Wilson
International resource politics in the Asia-Pacific 2015, $7,500

Murdoch University/Perth Convention Bureau Aspire Program
Greg Lopez
Professional Development Award 2015, $5,000

School of Arts Research Grant for Early Career Researchers
Arjun Subrahmanyan
Archival Research in Bangkok 2015, $2,800
**Continuing Grants**

**Australian Research Council**

**Discovery Project**
- James Warren (with Joseph Christensen and a multi-country team)
  - Pearls, People and Power: Global Commodity History and Material Culture in the Transformation of the Indian Ocean World, 16th-20th Centuries
  - 2015-18, $438,058

**Australian Research Council**

**Discovery Project**
- Jeffrey Wilson (with M. Beeson)
  - The Political Economy of Australia-China Economic Relations
  - 2015-17, $154,418

**Australian Research Council**

**Discovery Project**
- Sandra Wilson (with R Cribb)
  - War Crimes and the Japanese Military, 1941-45
  - 2015-2017, $140,600

**Hong Kong Research Council**

**Ian Scott (with T Gong, J Bacon-Shone)**

**Public Perceptions of Corruption in Hong Kong**
- 2014-2017 HK$669,500

**Australian Research Council**

**Discovery Project**
- Carol Warren (with J McCarthy, A McWilliam)
  - Household Vulnerability and the Politics of Social Protection in Indonesia: Towards an integrated approach
  - 2014-2016, $385,000

**Singapore Innovation and Productivity Institute**

**Peter Waring (with P McKiernan and C Vas)**

**Benchmarking Study on Innovation and Productivity of the Local Manufacturing Sector and Development of Online Benchmarking Analytics Portal**
- 2014-2015, $SS$529,000

**Australian Research Council**

**Discovery Project**
- Carol Warren (with C Antons, W Logan, J Chen)
  - Intangible Cultural Heritage across Borders: Laws, structures and strategies in China and its ASEAN neighbours
  - 2013-15, $300,000

**Australian Research Council**

**Discovery Project**
- Shahar Hameiri (with C Hughes)
  - The Politics of Public Administration Reform: Capacity development and ideological contestation in international state-building
  - 2013-15, $262,472

**Australian Research Council**

**Discovery Project**
- Jane Hutchison and Ian Wilson (with C Hughes and A Rosser)
  - Remaking the Poor: Poor people’s responses to donors’ market citizenship programs in Southeast Asia
  - 2013-15, $193,088

**Australian Development Research Award**

**Richard Robison, Jane Hutchison and Ian Wilson (with W Hout and C Hughes)**

**Achieving Sustainable Demand for Governance**
- Extension for workshop at University of Birmingham
- 2015, $20,000

**Australian Research Council**

**Discovery Project and Australian Professorial Fellowship**
- Garry Rodan
  - Representation and Political Regimes in Southeast Asia
  - 2010-15, $613,182

**Global Development Network**

**Vedi Hadiz (with I Rakhmani and team)**

**Reforming Research in Indonesia: Policies and Practices**
- 2015-16, US$42,669

**Japan Study Grant**

**Sandra Wilson**

**National Library of Australia**
- 2015, $5,000

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Associate Professor Carol Warren, Lombok
Awards and Honours

Jacqui Baker
Elected President, Indonesia Council, 2015-20.

Stephanie Chok
Runner up, Asian Studies Association of Australia Presidents' Prize for the best thesis in Asian Studies areas and submitted in 2014. The award was for her thesis, ‘Labour justice and political responsibility: An ethics-centred approach to low-paid labour migration in Singapore’. Her supervisors were Carol Warren, Jane Hutchison and Jim McBeth.

David Hill
Appointed a Member of the Order of Australia. The citation specified that the award was ‘for significant service to international relations, as an advocate of Australia-Indonesia cross-cultural understanding, and as an educator’.

Peter McKiernan
British Academy of Management, Richard Whipp Lifetime Achievement Award, September 2015

Xiaowen Tian

Jeffrey Wilson
Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence in Research Award 2015 (Early Career Researcher Achievement).

Awarded by Murdoch University to an Early Career Researcher who has demonstrated a rapidly advancing research profile ahead of what is considered normal for the stage of their career.
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Topic: The ‘Local Turn’ in International Development: Implications for women and resource distribution in Timor-Leste and West Timor
(Supervisors: Carol Warren, Shahar Hameiri and Ian Wilson)

Airlangga Pribadi Kusman
(Submitted November 2015)
Topic: Local Power and Good Governance in Post Authoritarian Indonesia: The case of Surabaya
(Supervisors: Vedi Hadiz and Shahar Hameiri)

Elaine Llarena
Topic: Crisis and Risk Communication in Response to Zoonotic Emerging Infectious Diseases in Southeast Asia
(Supervisors: Anne Surma, Garry Rodan, Kate Fitch, John Edwards)

Abdil Mughis
Topic: Islamism from Below: The Role of Islamic Militias in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia
(Supervisors: Vedi Hadiz and Ian Wilson)

Charlotte Minh Ha Pham
Topic: Boat Building Traditions in the Maritime Landscape of Central Vietnam, 17th–19th Centuries
(Supervisors: Jim Warren, Jeremy Green and Wendy Van Duivenvoorde)

Anabelle Ragsag
Topic: Discourses on Democratic Space in Majority Non-democratic Communities: An ASEAN Perspective
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison and Shahar Hameiri)

Vivianti Rambe
Topic: Reinventing the Keys to a Sustainable Rural Development: Diversity and Complexity in Mainstreaming Natural Resources Management Within Community Driven Development Programmes in Sulawesi, Indonesia
(Supervisor: Carol Warren)

Hikmawan Saefullah
Topic: Underground Music and Islamic Politics in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia
(Supervisors: Ian Wilson, Jacqui Baker and David Hill)

Muninggar Saraswati
Topic: Social Network Sites and Election Campaigns in Contemporary Indonesia
(Supervisors: David Hill and Vedi Hadiz)

Lian Sinclair
Topic: Undermining Stability: Mining and Conflict Management in Indonesia
(Supervisors: Shahar Hameiri and Jane Hutchison)

Tri Rainny Syafarani
Topic: Policy Entrepreneurship in Indonesia
(Supervisors: Diane Stone and Yvonne Haigh)

Vitti Valenzuela
Topic: The Kaantabay sa Kauswagan Program of Naga City, the Philippines
(Supervisors: Diane Stone and Yvonne Haigh)

Agung Wardana
Topic: Law, Space and Development: ‘The Production of Space’ Within the Pluralistic Legal Setting of Contemporary Bali
(Supervisors: Carol Warren, Vedi Hadiz and Jo Goodie)

Lisa Woodward
Topic: Household Vulnerability and the Politics of Social Protection in Indonesia: An Integrated Approach to Preventing and Alleviating Poverty
(Supervisors: Carol Warren and Anja Reid)

PhD Completions

Fabio Scarpello
Topic: Politics, Power, Resources and the Political Economy of Plural Policing
(Supervisors: Ian Wilson and Garry Rodan)

MPhil Completions

Tarek Chamkhi
Topic: Neo-Islamism after the Arab Spring: A Case Study of the Tunisian Ennahda Party
(Supervisors: Vedi Hadiz and Garry Rodan)
The Indonesia Research Programme was officially launched in January 2014 to raise the visibility of Murdoch University with Indonesian universities and institutions in order to encourage collaboration; to broaden, intensify and coordinate Indonesia-related engagement across Murdoch’s disciplines and schools; and to increase Indonesian postgraduate enrolments. The budget has been $100,000 per year. The Programme Director is Professor Vedi Hadiz.

Prior to the establishment of the IRP, Professor Hadiz worked informally towards these aims for some 18 months, under the auspices of the Asia Research Centre. The IRP builds and expands upon long-existing Indonesia expertise and experience at Murdoch, including those located at the Asia Research Centre.

The Indonesian higher education environment offers considerable opportunities as its government intends to produce 40,000 new PhD scholars by 2025 and to increase the international research output of academics. There are currently 180,000 full-time and 70,000 part-time lecturers across more than 3,000 Indonesian tertiary education institutions – of which only a small fraction have PhDs.

The Programme has successfully obtained for Murdoch University the designation of “priority destination” for holders of Indonesian Directorate of Higher Education (DIKTI) scholarships. DIKTI has been the major source of scholarships, although it will be superseded by the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP), run under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance, conservatively estimated at $1.5 billion.

In 2015, there was a range of initiatives with our Indonesian associates, including support by the Programme for a number of visits to Murdoch by Indonesian academics, business persons and government officials. Such visits were meant to strengthen relations and explore opportunities for collaboration. This was further enhanced with Murdoch academics visiting partners in Indonesia for staff exchanges, training programmes and joint research.

The Indonesia Research Programme has been successful in assisting the University to increase its enrolments from Indonesia. The number of Indonesian postgraduate enrolments at Murdoch continued to grow in 2015, with 53 such students compared to just over 20 in 2011. Of these, the Asia Research Centre supervised 15 in 2015, compared with four in 2010.

Kompas, the largest circulation daily newspaper in Indonesia and Southeast Asia, remained an important partner for Murdoch University. The Asia Research Centre’s third workshop with Kompas was held on 27 April 2015, on the theme of ‘Populist Politics in Southeast Asia: Transforming or Impending Democracy?’ A series of articles about the workshop were printed in Kompas on 9 June 2015, providing further publicity in Indonesia about Murdoch’s Indonesia expertise.

The Programme supported academics from Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) to attend a Singapore workshop and conduct joint research with Dr Navid Moheimani on high-value algae products. Assistance was also given for the implementation of a Master Class in Fisheries and animal science and agriculture production experts met with Indonesian businesses in Jakarta producing pesticides, seeds, fertilisers and palm oil, as facilitated by Austrade, to explore collaboration on research and development. Some of those businesses subsequently visited Murdoch to discuss further strategic partnership.

With Programme support, Murdoch academics conducted a pilot project on international academic writing at University of Indonesia’s Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, with sessions held in January, April and August 2015. Such programmes provide impetus for research co-funding, collaboration and joint publications. The Indonesian government scholarship provider Lembaga Pengelolaan Dana Pendidikan (LPDP) is interested in the programme as a model, and the pilot project could be expanded to other Indonesian universities with possible funding from LPDP or the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and with the co-operation of other Australian universities with notable Indonesia expertise.

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The Indonesia Research Programme’s continued support of the connection between Murdoch University’s School of Management and Governance and Gadjah Mada University’s Faculty of Social and Political Sciences in 2015 produced the launch of an official student exchange programme in Politics and International Studies, saw the start of a joint degree development scheduled to be finalised in 2016, and ongoing staff exchange.
Publications

**Authored Books**

Shahar Hameiri and Lee Jones


Jim Warren


Ian Wilson


**Edited Books**

Shahar Hameiri and Jeffrey Wilson

*The Contested Rescaling of Economic Governance in East Asia*, Routledge.

Kevin Hewison


Sandra Wilson


**Journal Special Issues**

Jacqui Baker


Shahar Hameiri


Shahar Hameiri and Jeffrey Wilson


Ian Scott


Associate Professor Shahar Hameiri and Dr Lee Jones’ book launch
Journal Articles

Jacqui Baker


James Boyd


Yingchi Chu


Patricia Irene Dacudao

Rajat Ganguly

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Book Chapters
Jacqui Baker

James Boyd

Joseph Christensen

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Jane Hutchison

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Malcolm Tull

Peter Waring

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Carol Warren

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Public Lectures, Conference, Seminar and Workshop Presentations

James Boyd

Joseph Christensen
‘Natural Disasters in Indo-Pacific Fisheries History: Examples from the Pearlimg Industry’, Oceans Past V: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the History of Human Interactions with Life in the Ocean, Tallinn University, 18-20 May.

Patricia Irene Dacudao

Diswandi

‘Valuing Ecosystem Services Workshop’, Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA), Kuala Lumpur, 5-8 January.
Rajat Ganguly
‘Sino-Indian Naval Competition in the Indian Ocean Region’, International Conference on India as a Global Power in the Twenty-First Century, New Zealand India Research Institute, Wellington, August.

‘Identity Politics and Ethnic Conflicts in India’, Conference on Public Policy, Global Governance and Security jointly organized by the Jindal School of Government and Public Policy and Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, and the Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs, Murdoch University, Sonipat, February.

‘Elites, Spillovers and Outcomes of Peace Negotiations to end Ethnic Civil Wars’, Department of Political Science, Delhi University, Delhi, February.

Vedi Hadiz
The Australian Sociological Association Annual Conference, Keynote, James Cook University, Cairns, 23-26 November.

Workshop on Populism in World Politics, University College London, UCL Institute of Americas, 9 November.

Panel on Interrogating Populism 1, Historical Materialism 12th Annual Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 5 November.


Workshop on Populism in World Politics, Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), London, 28-29 May.

Shahar Hameiri
‘Beyond Hybridity to the Politics of Scale’, Australian Political Studies Association conference, University of Canberra, 28-30 September.

‘From Hybridity to the Politics of Scale’, Hybridity in Global Governance: New Research Directions Workshop, University College London, 30 April.


‘Public Administration Reform and the Politics of Scale: the Case of Solomon Islands’, International Studies Association Global South Caucus Conference, Singapore, 8-10 January.


Kevin Hewison
‘Writing for a journal, Writing for the right journal, Writing for JCA’, Academic Icon Presentation, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, 8 December.


‘The Struggle for Civil Society’, Keynote, Conference on Political Participation in Asia: Defining and Deploying Political Space, Stockholm University and State University of New York, 22-24 November.


‘Love, hate and learning populism in Thailand’, Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, Warwick University, Coventry, 2 June.


David Hill
‘New Colombo Plan and Beyond: Best Practice for Sustainable Student Mobility to Indonesia’, panel presentation, Australian International Education Conference, Adelaide, 7-9 October.

‘Pembelajaran bahasa Indonesia di Universitas Australia: Apa peran ACICIS?’ [Studying Indonesian in Australian Universities: What is the role of ACICIS?], Plenary presentation, KIPBIPA (International Conference of Teachers of Indonesian Language to Foreigners) IX, Denpasar, Bali 30 September.

‘Solutions to Sustaining Languages: Collaboration or Online?’, panel presentation to the Conference of Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (DASSH), Adelaide, 24 September.

‘What are the Challenges in Sending Students to SE Asia?’, University of Sydney South East Asia Centre Study Abroad Roundtable, Sydney, 14 August.


Jane Hutchison

‘Poor People’s Politics : Implication for Politically-informed Programing’, ACFID-Universities Network Conference: Evidence and Practice in an Age of Inequality, Monash University, 4-5 June.

‘Populism in the Philippines’, Populist Politics in Southeast Asia: Transforming or Impeding Democracy? Joint Workshop, Kompass and Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Jakarta, 27 April.

Melissa Johnston  

Greg Lopez  
‘1MDB Scandal and the Future of Malaysia’s political economy landscape’, Discussion Forum, Malaysian Progressives in Australia, Murdoch University, 22 August.

Peter McKiernan  

Rebecca Meckelburg  
‘Contestation and Continuities: Remembering 1965 after the New Order’, Indonesia Council Open Conference, Deakin University, 2-3 July.

Takeshi Moriyama  

Benjamin Reilly  
‘Philippines electoral system design for development’, DFAT, Manila, October.

‘Democracy and Development in Southeast Asia: China’s Long Shadow’, Southeast Asia Research Centre Seminar, City University of Hong Kong, 31 August.

‘Myanmar Pre-electoral Assessment’, National Democratic Institute, Yangon, July.

Richard Robison  

Garry Rodan  
‘Cold War Legacies, Capitalism and Political Representation in Southeast Asia’, Keynote, Geopolitical Economies of Development and Democratization in East Asia, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies International Roundtable, University of British Columbia, 26-29 May.

Hikmawan Saefullah  
‘From Left to Right: Underground Music Scene, Politics, and Islam in Indonesia’, Conference on Political Participation in Asia: Defining and Deploying Political Space, Stockholm University, 22-24 November.

Professor Peter McKiernan receives British Academy of Management, Richard Whipp Lifetime Achievement Award

Fabio Scarpello  
‘The Struggles for the Spoils of Tourism and the Securitization of Politics in Bali’, Political Participation in Asia: Defining and Deploying Political Space, Stockholm University, 22-24 November.


Ian Scott  
‘Institutional Corruption and the State in Asia’, Controlling Corruption: China in Comparative Perspective, City University of Hong Kong, 30 October.

‘Current Challenges in Corruption Prevention … and Some Possible Remedies’, Yonsei University Law School, Seoul, Korea, 16 April.


Diane Stone  
‘De-politicisation and the “Hollowing” of Transnational Governance’, Democracy and its Discontents, Central European University, Budapest, 9-10 October.

‘Advance Diplomacy and Smarter “Soft Power”’, Symposium on Australian Diplomacy, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, 28 August.


‘Science Diplomacy and Transnational Policy Networks’ United Nations University Institute for Comparative Regional and International Studies Workshop on Science Diplomacy, Brussels, 26 February.
Arjun Subrahmanyan
‘Cosmopolitan Buddhism and Political Promise in 1930’s Thailand’, Murdoch University History Seminar Series, 12 October.

Xiaowen Tian
‘Learning breakdown in latecomer multinational enterprises’, Asia Pacific Journal of Management Special Issue Conference on A Decade of Dragon Multinationals, Macquarie University, 11-12 December.


Malcolm Tull
‘Closing the Blue Hole: Maritime History as a Core Discipline of Global Historical Research’, Round Table, International Committee of Historical Sciences, Jinan, China, 23-29 August.


(j with J Pyvis) ‘Institutions and Port Performance: A Case Study of the Port of Tauranga, New Zealand’, WCIRS Special Interest Group A2, Department of Transport & Regional Economics, University of Auckland, 11-12 May.

Agung Wardana


Carol Warren

James Warren
‘Storm Surge and its Impacts on Human Affairs and Human History in the Philippines since the Seventeenth Century’, Euroseas Conference, University of Vienna, 11-14, August.

‘Iea, Guns and Slaves: The Sulu Zone Arms Trade, China and the West, 1768-1898’, XVII World Economic History Congress, Kyoto University, 3-7 August.


‘Southeast Asia’s History and Climate Change’, University Malaysia Sabah, East Malaysia, March 11.

Ian Wilson

‘Jakarta’s Urban Politics and the Place of the Poor: The Drive Towards Market Citizenship’, Kapal Perempuan Institute, Jakarta, 4 December.

‘The Politics of Protection Rackets in Indonesia’, Department of International Relations, Bina Nusantara University, Jakarta, 30 November.


‘Negotiating Precariousness: Opportunity Circulation and Changing Patterns of Patron-Clientelism in an Indonesian Megacity’, Keynote, Demographic changes in Southeast Asia: Regional and International Ramifications: Gender and Generational Transformations Workshop, University of Copenhagen, 16 April.


Jeffrey Wilson

‘TPP vs RCEP: Choosing Between the ‘Mega-regional’ Trade Deals in the Asia-Pacific’, Speech at Perth USAsia Centre, University of Western Australia, 6 August.

‘China, the US and Australia’s “Asian Triangle”: Do Economic Relations Depend on Security Ties?’, Workshop on Geopolitics versus Geoeconomics in the Asia-Pacific: Choosing between China and the US, China Foreign Affairs University, 21 May.


Sandra Wilson

‘Did Siberia Make a Difference? War Crimes, the Japanese Military, and the Siberian Intervention, 1918-1922’, Staff Seminar, School of Arts, Murdoch University, 4 September.

‘Interpreters as War Criminals’, UWA War Studies Seminar Series, University of Western Australia, 8 May.
**Other Publications, including Op-eds and Other Media Publications**

**Jacqui Baker**

‘Jakowi’s Police Go Unpoliced’, East Asia Forum, 4 May.


**James Boyd**

‘Missing Links in Japan’s Studies of Inner Mongolia Muslims’, Asian Currents, 1 November.

**Patricia Irene Dacudao**

‘Finding Davao in Ann Arbor’, University of Michigan Centre for Southeast Asian Studies Newsletter, Fall.

**Vedi Hadiz**


‘Ben Anderson: Sang Pembangkang’, Kompas, 16 December.


**Shahar Hameiri**


‘Governing Borderless Threats’, New Mandala, 10 July.


Kevin Hewison

“Fear Rules the Junta in Thailand,” Asia Sentinel, 14 September.

“Inequality and Politics in Thailand,” in Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia, No. 17, March.

“Yingluck Impeachment is an Execution of Thai Democracy,” The Conversation, 27 January.

David Hill


‘Media Indonesia Dalam MEA’, Kompas, 11 June.

‘Pionir Gesit yang Pintar Bertahan’, Kompas, 28 June.

Vanessa Jaiteh


Greg Lopez

‘Violence and Social Order’, The Malay Mail Online, 30 November.

‘The Plot to Topple Malaysia’s Prime Minister’, Asian Currents, 27 November.

‘Genuine Dialogue, the Logical Option’, The Malay Mail Online, 6 November.


‘Malaysia’s Mr. Clean,” New Mandala, 19 October.

‘The Futility of Collective Values’, The Malay Mail Online, 19 October.


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‘Anticorruption Reform in A Setting of Widespread Corruption – The Case of Malaysia’, Forbes, 2 September.

‘The Unfortunate Case of Malaysia’s Prime Minister’, Forbes, 25 August.

‘Malaysia’s Prime Minister: A Dead Man Walking?’, Forbes, 8 August.

‘Can Malaysia’s Prime Minister Survive?’, Forbes, 29 July.

‘Low Yat Riot In Malaysia – Racial or Something Else?’, Forbes, 17 July.


**Ben Reilly**

Democracy and Development in Southeast Asia: China’s Long Shadow, Southeast Asia Research Centre Working Paper No. 169, City University of Hong Kong.

Garry Rodan


Agung Wardana

‘Perkembangan Kapitalisme Industri Pariwisata Bali’, Bali Post, 7 December.

‘Neoliberalisasi Ruang-Ruang Kehidupan di Bali’,Bali Post, 27 August.

**Carol Warren**


James Warren

‘Haiyan’s Lingering Aftermath’, Asian Currents, 15 February.

Ian Wilson


Jeffrey Wilson

‘China-Australia Trade Agreement a Compromised Victory’, The Conversation, 18 June.

‘China-Australia Trade Agreement a Compromised Victory’, The Drum, 19 June.
The Asia Research Centre and the Global Media

With the global mediascape undergoing substantial change, so the Centre has made increased use of social media such as Twitter and YouTube. In addition, Centre researchers have become more active with media blogs and as commentators and experts for wire services and local, regional and international media that have both print and digital platforms.

Several Fellows have contributed lively opinion pieces for many of Australia’s and the world’s leading media outlets, contributing to informed public discussion of the important events in the region. These researchers were sought out by the media for their informed opinions on events in Australia and in Asia. Jacqui Baker, Greg Lopez and Shahar Hameiri contributed to New Mandala, while James Boyd, James Warren and Lopez wrote for Asian Currents. Kevin Hewison and Jeffrey Wilson each contributed to The Conversation, and Wilson also wrote for the ABC’s The Drum. David Hill wrote for the Australian Financial Review and Vedi Hadiz had his views at the Policy Forum. Baker contributed an opinion piece to East Asia Forum.

Further afield, Hewison wrote for Asia Sentinel, Lopez for the Malay Mail Online, and Ian Wilson for the Jakarta Post. Hadiz and Hill separately wrote in Bahasa Indonesia for Kompas. In the United States, Lopez contributed a number of commentaries for the business magazine Forbes, while Garry Rodan wrote for the highly influential Wall Street Journal.

Jeffrey Wilson and Hewison made regular television appearances. Both were guests on Channel NewsAsia, a Singapore-based broadcaster that has a wide footprint in the region. Wilson appeared twice on the ABC’s national current affairs programme, The 7.30 Report, while Hewison was also interviewed by Sky News Australia. Radio interviews with Fellows were heard locally and nationally, mostly with the ABC.

Several of our researchers were regularly sought out by the major global news agencies, such as Associated Press, AFP, Reuters and Yahoo News. As a result of being quoted by these global news agencies mean that their views are carried by hundreds of newspapers and media sites in thousands of stories, across the globe.

Some of the local news outlets quoting Asia Research Centre Fellows have been the Sydney Morning Herald, The Australian, ABC News and The Land. In the region, Fellows were quoted in: Bangkok Post, Krungthep Thurakit, Chiangrai Times, Kompas, Sumatera Ekspres, Jakarta Post, Vietnam Plus, Kabari News, and Inquirer. Internationally, the outlets seeking commentary from Centre researchers included: Deutsche Welle, Financial Times, International Business Times, The Guardian, Wall Street Journal, Voice of America, the Wall Street Journal and World Finance.