RESEARCH CLUSTERS

The Asia Research Centre comprises four core research clusters: The Political Economy of Governance Reform; History, Politics and Regional Intersections; Resources, Environment and Conflict; and Security. Each cluster involves a critical mass of researchers with an established record of, and further potential for, attracting external research grants, productivity in quality academic publications and successful PhD supervision. All researchers currently meet or significantly exceed Murdoch University’s ‘research active’ criteria.

Cluster 1: The Political Economy of Governance Reform
Countries in the region are undergoing dramatic transformations in their economic, political, social and cultural systems. These transformation are generating contests over the rules and institutions for governance at the local, national and regional levels. This cluster examines the nature of these governance contests, their outcomes and future implications for Asian politics. At the domestic level, our researchers examine contests over: political representation, accountability and transparency; constitutional and electoral rules; aid and development practices; public sector administrative reforms; public policy implementation; changes to social policy and public finance; and the governance of cultural institutions. At the international level, we examine contests over how regional and global regimes for economic, political, social and security interdependence are being re-negotiated amongst Asian governments. Current research projects include examination of: new trade architectures in the Asia-Pacific; political coalitions in effective poverty reduction programmes; new forms of authoritarian and democratic rule; political party and electoral reform; state money laundering; and the role of integrity agencies, anti-corruption strategies and movements; and the the economics of health policy.

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Major Grants


Francesco Paolucci, Analyse the economic and social impact of rare diseases on WA health system, Department of Health (WA), 2017, $50,000.

Francesco Paolucci, Support the Development and implementation of the WA Health Networks Action Plan, Department of Health (WA), 2016-17, $100,000.

Garry Rodan, Representation and Political Regimes in Southeast Asia, ARC Australian Professorial Fellowship, 2010-2015, $613,182.

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

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Select Recent Publications


Garry Rodan, 2018, Participation Without Democracy: Containing Conflict in Southeast Asia, Cornell University Press.

Recent PhD Graduates
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Nicole Andres, Media-elite Interactions in Post-Suharto Indonesia, 2017
Asep Iqbal, Islamic Cyberactivism: Internet and the Salafi Movement in Indonesia, 2017
Muningar Saraswati, Social Network Sites and Election Campaigns in Contemporary Indonesia, 2017
Airlangga Pribadi Kusman, Local Power and Good Governance in Post Authoritarian Indonesia: The Case of Surabaya, 2016
Luky Djani, Reform Movements and Local Politics in Indonesia, 2013.
Inaya Rakhamani, Redefining the Markers of Islamic Representations in Indonesian Television, 2013.