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ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada 2021 Annual Report



Foreword

The ASEAN Studies Center was established in 2012 under the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. Our establishment is in line with the Tri Dharma Principles which comprises of three areas, namely teaching, research, and community services related to field of ASEAN studies.

The Center is committed to researching, scrutinising, and examining issues under the three communities of ASEAN, namely the political-security community, economic community, and socio-cultural community. In welcoming the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, the Center is also committed to become the University's forefront for ASEAN issues through its publications, outreach effeorts, research collaboration with international partners and government.

In effort of heightening a sense of belonging among ASEAN citizens, staring from Indonesia, the Center champions the theme of Bringing ASEAN Closer to You. This theme is greatly relevant to the effort of ASEAN Member States in uniting the rich culture and diversity of its people into a single ASEAN identity without replacing inherited national identities. In doing so, our aim is to bring ASEAN closer to our audience while at the same time critically studying contemporary issues of ASEAN.

As one of the oldest and leading ASEAN Studies Centers in Indonesia, the Center will continue to support collaboration and cooperation in the field of ASEAN among the various ASEAN research institutes, think tanks and academia.

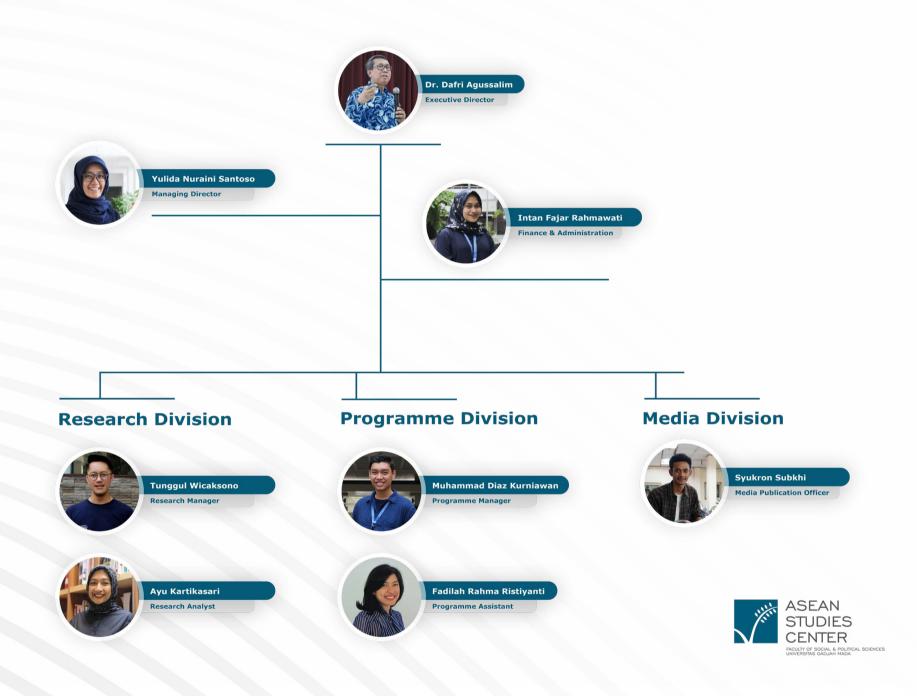




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Institutional Overview

ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation Focus Group Discussion (FGD)

The ASEAN Institute for Peace & Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR), in collaboration with the ASEAN Studies Center UGM held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with the theme "The Role of Information Communication Technology (ICT) as a Tool in Mitigating Conflict and Fostering Peace". The FGD was divided into two sessions and discussed a number of pertinent issues under ICT. The issues discussed included the governance of cyberspace in addressing fake news, falsehoods, and misinformation/disinformation, role of social media "influencers", managing of the use of ICTs and social media platforms for information crowdsourcing, and state support for citizen peacekeeping initiatives on ICT platforms. The FGD was divided into two sessions and were moderated by the Executive Director of ASEAN-IPR Mr. I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja and ASEAN Studies Center Senior Researcher, Ms. Pulung Setiosuci Perbawani.

The FGD was held in hybrid and attended by representatives from the Governing Council (GC), Advisory Body (AB), ASEAN Women for Peace Registry (AWPR), and numerous think-tanks from across ASEAN member states. The purpose of this FGD is to bring together various views on ICT empowerment in peace reconciliation as well as provide a platform for collaboration and cooperation among think tanks in the region.

During this occasion, the Executive Director of ASEAN-IPR, Mr. I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja paid a courtesy call on the Rector of Universitas Gadjah Mada, Prof. Ir. Panut Mulyono, and the Executive Director of the ASEAN Studies Center UGM, Dr Dafri Agussalim.





Consultative Meeting on the Chairmanship of the ASEAN Labour Ministers' Meeting (ALMM)

As Chair of the ASEAN Labour Ministers' Meeting (ALMM) period 2020-2022, the Indonesian Ministry of Labour held a consultative meeting with other relevant Ministries and ASEAN Studies Centers', including the ASEAN Studies Center of Universitas Gadjah Mada, to discuss their work plan for its Chairmanship. The theme of the Chairmanship this period is "*Promoting ASEAN Workers for Competitiveness, Resilience, and Agility on the Future of Work*". The Meeting took place from 9-11 February 2021 and was held in hybrid. Among the many important topics, the meeting discussed Indonesia's potential strength in the labour sector from the perspective of ASEAN foreign policy, priorities of the labour sector in supporting the Indonesia ASEAN Chairmanship 2023, and Indonesia's role in the labour sector in the ASCC Pillar. The ASEAN Studies Center was represented by Research Manager, Tunggul Wicaksono.

MoU Signing with Policy Analysis and Development Agency - MoFA RI



An agreement was signed between the ASEAN Studies Center (ASC) and the Policy Analysis and Development Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday, 8 April 2021. The Agreement laid path for a research project on "Indonesia ASEAN Chairmanship 2023: Optimizing the Strength of the ASEAN e-Commerce Sector in the Context of Accelerating Economic Recovery". This research is prepared not only to serve the purpose of preparing for Indonesia's Chairmanship in 2023, is also a mapping of the strength of Indonesia's e-commerce sector in light of the pandemic which significantly affected the economic industry. The research commenced in April and will produce a final report before the end of 2021.

Prior to the signing of the agreement, a brief discussion took place on the background and significance of the research for the preparation of the Indonesia ASEAN Chairmanship as well as possible policy changes it hopes to make for a more vibrant e-commerce in Indonesia. Discussions also touched upon possible ways to advance the findings from this research to reach a strategic and sustainable outcome.

The ceremony was held in hybrid (online and offline) with the signing of the Agreement in Yogyakarta by Executive Director, Dr Dafri Agussalim, taking place at the Grhatama Pustaka Building whereas the signing of the Agreement in Jakarta took place online. The ceremony was attended by Executive Director, Dr Dafri Agussalim, Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso, Lead Researcher, Pulung Setiosuci Perbawani, Research Analyst, Ayu Kartikasari, and Media Officer, Syukron Subkhi.

Network of ASEAN China Think-Tanks (NACT)

Country Coordinators Meeting

To officiate the start of a new year, the Country Coordinators Meeting of the Network of ASEAN China Think-Tanks (NACT) was held inviting all country coordinators of the NACT on the morning of Friday, 19 March 2021. The co-host for these meetings was NACT Vietnam. As the focal point for Indonesia, the ASEAN Studies Center was represented by Executive Director, Dr Dafri Agussalim. The coordinators gathered to discuss the general theme, sustainable development, and working group proposals for the upcoming NACT Working Group meetings.

After considering several themes proposed by the country coordinators, the meeting concluded that the general theme of the 2021 NACT Working Group (NACT WG) meeting will focus on Multilateralism in Preparing for a Post-Pandemic Recovery. The upcoming NACT WG meetings will be co-hosted by NACT Singapore and NACT Indonesia, tentatively in the mid-2021. NACT Indonesia, represented by the ASEAN Studies Center, will highlight the issue of civil society organisations (CSOs) and how they have enrolled themselves during the pandemic as well as the potential role they could play in the journey towards the post-pandemic world. This theme is particularly pertinent as many have been brought to their knees by the effects of the pandemic and the necessary measures taken in both social and economic aspects. By looking at ways that CSOs have helped to alleviate the tension, ASEAN could include this in their future policies.





Annual Meeting

The 2021 NACT Annual Meeting, which also marks the 30th anniversary of the ASE-AN-China Dialogue Relations, was held on March 19, 2021. In his opening remarks, President of China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU), Xu Jian, stated that in times of difficulties where the COVID-19 pandemic challenges multilateralism. On a similar note, Dr. Nguyen Hung Son, the Vice President of Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam (DAV), acknowledged that the forum could be a platform to discuss and comprehend each view on the Southeast Asia region's development. On this occasion, the panel is expected to promote good relationships and bring prosperity to the parties.

The moderated discussion was attended by nine keynote speakers from each of NACT members and was parted into two panels; (1) Economy and Sustainable Development in ASEAN – China Relations, moderated by Dr. To Minh Tu (DAV), and (2) Economy and Sustainable Development in ASEAN – China Relations, moderated by Prof. Guo Yanjun (CFAU). NACT Indonesia was represented by Mrs. Yulida Nuraini Santoso (Managing Director of ASEAN Studies Center UGM) with a research paper titled "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals by 2030: Reducing the Gap of Inequality through ASEAN-China Trade Relations." Mrs. Yulida proposed ways forward in eradicating inequality, such as strengthening the partnership between China and ASEAN, which is based on mutual benefits and exchanging innovation among international organizations. The meeting was concluded with a hope to enhance the understanding and mutual trust between China and ASEAN member states, as well as exchanging knowledge and perspective to ensure stability, resilience, and development in the region.



Working Group Meeting

NACT (Network on ASEAN-China Think-tanks) Indonesia, once again co-hosted an NACT WG Meeting with NACT China after co-hosting a WG Meeting last year. The theme of the discussion this year was the "Public-Private Partnership in 30-Year ASEAN-China Public Health Cooperation". This discussion was held to identify several issues. These issues include best practices from Public-Private Partnership from across China and the ASEAN member states in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, to take stock of Public-Private Partnership efforts throughout the 30-year ASEAN-China public health cooperation and seek possible strategic plans as well as policy formulations which China and the ASEAN member states could utilize to better face the current crisis.

As co-host, NACT Indonesia was represented by Dean of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Dr. Wawan Mas'udi, in delivering the Opening Remarks. The sessions were divided into three. The first session was moderated by Managing Director of ASC, Yulida Nuraini Santoso to invite discussion from, NACT representatives of China, Indonesia, and Myanmar. After a ten-minute coffee break, the second session, moderated by Research Manager of ASC, Tunggul Wicaksono, invited NACT representatives from Lao PDR, China, and Malaysia, to continue the discussion. The last session was moderated by Director of Asia-Pacific Studies Center, China Foreign Affairs University, Han Zhili. The last session saw the participation of Singapore, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

Moving forward, the meeting found it imperative to strengthen the state-to-state cooperation in the medical field, especially among universities in China and ASEAN member states to lead in medical education, scientific research, training, academic exchanges, and technical cooperation to prepare for the post-pandemic world. The discussion ended at noon and ended with Closing Remarks from NACT Indonesia, Dr. Dafri Agussalim and NACT China, Dr. Fujian Li.

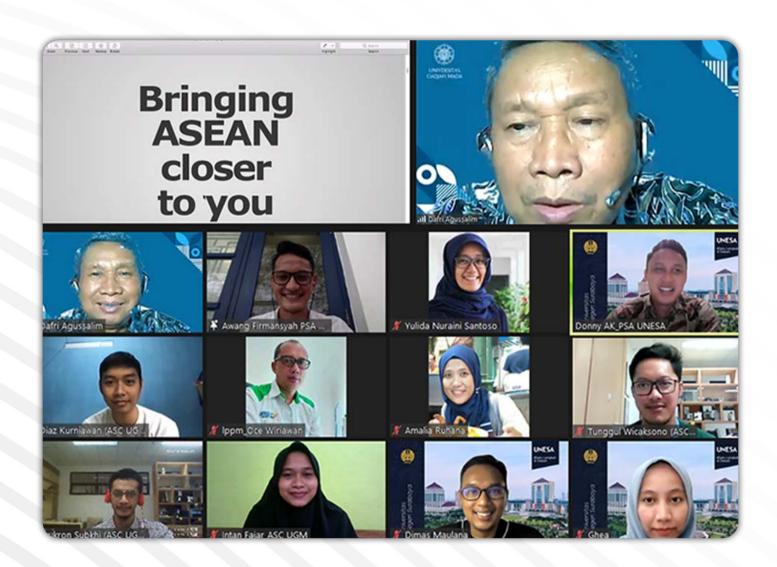


Virtual Benchmarking Visit by the ASEAN Studies Center of Universitas Negeri Surabaya (UNESA)

The ASEAN Studies Center of Universitas Negeri Surabaya paid a benchmarking visit online to learn of the work of the ASEAN Studies Center, Universitas Gadjah Mada. UNESA was represented by its Head, Donny Ardy Kusuma, and Secretary, Awang Firmansyah. The visit took place at 10am and ended at 1pm with discussion on the management of the Center, current outreach and research projects, the structure of the Center, and values of our work.

The ASEAN Studies Center UGM was established in 2013 and is hosted by the Faculty of Social and Political Science. The Center is managed by a management team who are also researchers and coordinate with ASC's pool of researchers to publish articles and pieces, but also collaborate on thematic projects on pertinent ASEAN issues. This year, the Center is working on a number of research and outreach projects on the themes of e-commerce, the role of think tanks and CSOs to strengthen the ASEAN Commission of Women and Children (ACWC), maritime security and education.

The discussion also touched on best practices of the Center and workable suggestions to excel in staff management and also in the development of research and projects. The Center itself is run by a compact team and has adopted this form of management from the beginning of its establishments. The meeting also discussed the advantages and challenges of working in a pandemic setting and the adjustments which were adopted to ensure that project targets were still met. The presentation was led by Executive Director, Dr. Dafri Agussalim and Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso with the support of the media, programme and research division.



Virtual Visit by One Southeast Asia Civilization (1SEAC)

The Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso, attended a talk with the One Southeast Asia Civilization (1SEAC). The 1SEAC comprises of a cohort of fellows from ten countries of ASEAN and Timor Leste. The 1SEAC is headed by Convenor Truston Jianheng Yu, and regularly holds talks on issues surrounding ASEAN inviting relevant guest speakers. The talk discussed the work of the ASEAN Studies Center, in light of the pandemic.

Additionally, the discussion also looked into the recent developments of the unrest in Myanmar and the responses of ASEAN member states through the ASEAN Secretariat. A 1SEAC fellow from Myanmar explained that the general sentiment of the society in Myanmar were fiercely in opposition with the ruling junta, but optimistic that Myanmar would be able to recover and establish a legitimate government in the foreseeable future. The discussion also covered the situation of Myanmar on the ground and what lay ahead for the country. The meeting agreed that the pressure is now in the hands of the ASEAN Leaders to ensure that a peaceful dialogue will take place and the number of fatalities come to an absolute end. Aside from Myanmar, the discussion was attended by 1SEAC fellows from Singapore and the Philippines. The forum agreed to continue collaborating on events with the theme of the ASEAN youth.



Virtual Meeting with the Embassy of Chile in Indonesia

On Tuesday, 4 May 2021 a meeting was held with between the Center and the Embassy of Chile. The meeting discussed possible themes to be discussed for the Public Lecture, organised by the Embassy, which is scheduled to be held in early September 2021. Universitas Gadjah Mada will sit as panel along with the Catholic University of Chile in this Lecture. The final theme is hoped to bring issues pertinent to both ASEAN and Latin America. This meeting was attended by Executive Director, Dr. Dafri Agussalim and Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso.



Consultative Meeting by the National University of Lujan

A meeting with the National University of Lujan was held on Thursday, 21 October 2021 to discuss potential areas of cooperation between the two entities. The National University of Lujan was represented by Head of International Relations Area International Trade Observatory of the National University of Lujan, Mr Sebastian Sterzer. The Centre was represented by Executive Director, Dr Dafri Agussalim, and Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso.

The meeting looked at recent publications published by the Centre and the on-going book writing by the NUL. Several areas carrying the potential for further discussions included the issues under the political security as well as the economic pillars of ASEAN.



Initial Meeting of the Coordinating Ministry for Political, Legal, and Security Affairs of Indonesia

The ASEAN Studies Center met with the Coordinating Ministry for Political, Legal, and Security Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia on 3 June 2021 to discuss and establish a research project headed by the Center. The research project is hoped to spearhead constructive policies on Indonesia's maritime security strategy in the near future. Further to this, this research would help guide Indonesia in its preparation for the Indonesia ASEAN Chairmanship in 2023. The meeting was held at Marisini Coffee, Yogyakarta and was attended by Executive Director, Dr. Dafri Agussalim, Research Consultant, Dr. Muhammad Rum, Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso and Research Manager, Tunggul Wicaksono. The research project is envisioned to be completed before the ASEAN Summit and Related Summit held in November 2021.



Consultative Meeting of the National Chengchi University

The National Chengchi University and ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada held an online meeting on Friday, 12 November 2021 to discuss the potential of collaborating through an academic alliance along with other institutions and universities across the world whose studies focus on issues of Asia, Southeast Asia, and ASEAN. The Centre was represented by Executive Director, Dr Dafri Agussalim and Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso.

The meeting also discussed the potential of meeting offline, in Taiwan, in mid-2022, to further discuss the form of collaborations among universities. The Centre welcomed the opportunity to come together and further collaborate among like-minded institutions to enhance the discourse of ASEAN altogether. Both parties agreed to stay in touch in light of the visit which is scheduled to be held next year.





Zeppelin University Winter School

A seminar titled "ASEAN Cross-Region Cooperation: Mapping the Way Towards Identity Building" was delivered by Executive Director, Dr Dafri Agussalim on Tuesday, 9 November 2021 to mark the end of the Zeppelin University Winter School as part of the "Transcultural Caravan" scheme.

The seminar highlighted the ASEAN historical background and diversity, the process of regionalisation, the role ASE-AN plays in its cross-regional cooperation efforts, and identity building. The discussions were lively and touched on other aspects of ASEAN including what lessons EU and ASEAN can learn from each other regarding the building of a united identity, the influence of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) on ASEAN member states, the role of religion in ASEAN on the shaping of a common identity, and what identity means to most ASEAN communities. The one-hour discussion took place at 8:00 (CET)/14:00 (GMT+7) representation of the Centre by Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso and Research Manager, Tunggul Wicaksono.



ASEAN CROSS-REGION COOPERATION: MAPPING THE WAY TOWARDS IDENTITY BUILDING

Courtesy Call by Ambassador-Designate of Egypt to Indonesia

On Monday, 8 November 2021 a virtual meeting was held between the Embassy of Egypt to Indonesia and the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada. The Faculty were represented by the Office of the Dean, Global Engagement Office and the ASEAN Studies Centre. The Embassy was represented by H.E. Ambassador Ashraf Sultan, and Head of Political and Economic Affairs, Ahmed Abdelhady.

The meeting noted that the Faculty had yet to engage in collaboration with the North Africas, hence this opportunity would serve as an important steppingstone in further extending its cooperation efforts. The meeting also discussed possible forms of cooperation in the long run, such as an exchange of publications, as well as short-term efforts, such as an Ambassadorial Lecture to speak on issues pertinent to the development of both regions. The meeting agreed to remain in touch to further formalise this potential partnership.





Visit from the Directorate of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Cooperation - MoFA RI

On Wednesday, 22 December 2021 ASEAN Studies Center welcomed the initial visit from the Directorate of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Indonesia. The meeting was held in the ASEAN Studies Center UGM meeting room office to discuss several agendas and cooperation between the institutions in the near future. In this initial visit, MoFA RI was represented by Mr. Achmad Dachlan (Coordinator of Human Resources Cooperation Function and ASEAN Foundation) accompanied by Ms. Monica Ari Wijayanti and Mr. Iman Persada M. (Coordinator of Information, Culture, and Education Cooperation Functions), while ASEAN Studies Center UGM was represented by Dr. Dafri Agussalim (Executive Director), Yulida Nuraini Santoso (Managing Director), Tunggul Wicaksono (Research Manager) and Syukron Subkhi (Media Officer).

In other hand, this initial meeting also discussed several current issues involving youth accross ASEAN Countries. Both institutions agreed that the youth empowerment is the foundation to bring ASEAN into the brighter and better future. Dr. Dafri Agussalim underlined that ASEAN must listen to the voice of the youth, not only students but also activists in every ASEAN Countries. With the Indonesia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2023, the visit is purposed to gather views from public and academic community regarding the substance of Indonesia's Chairmanship in ASEAN in 2023.

Next year, ASEAN Studies Center UGM will fully support this chairmanship agendas by providing several researches, projects, and activities in the context of Indonesia's ASEAN Chairmanship 2023. Hopefully, the cooperation between both institutions will be able to raise the awareness and sense of belonging to ASEAN in the youth and grassroot communities as our tagline #BringingASEANCloserToYou.







Internship at ASEAN Studies Center UGM

In early September, the ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada had accepted 7 students and new graduates to take part in the internship program offered by the Center for three months. The interns are separated into three divisions at the Center, namely the Research, Programs, and Media Division. The internship program was carried out with a hybrid system (online and offline), and was not only offered to students/graduates of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISPOL) Universitas Gadjah Mada, but also students from other faculties and/or universities.

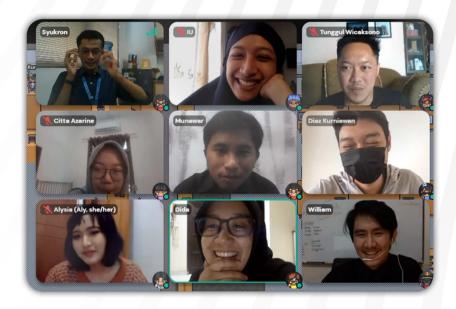
During the internship period, interns are responsible for supporting and assisting the daily activities and work of each division. They were involved in most of the programs, research, and publications conducted by the Center, to experience the working atmosphere in a think-tank institution and get professional supervision from each division and the Managing Director of the ASEAN Studies Center UGM.

In addition, the interns were given several Capacity Building Classes held every 2 weeks, to enhance their skills and get more point of view from the experts, such as Project Management, Introduction to ASEAN, Career Development Pathways, Policy Brief Writing, and Photo Discussion. From this internship program at the ASEAN Studies Center UGM, interns are expected to be able to discover additional professional skills and knowledge to build their professional career paths.

In addition, the internship program also assigned several academic-research tasks that interns must complete, such as writing op-ed articles, creating podcasts, infographics, and working papers. These academic assignments aim to increase the awareness and knowledge of apprentices on issues in the ASEAN and Southeast Asia region.

Interns:

- Chusnul Mar'iyah (Program Intern)
- Lucky Kardanardi (Program Intern)
- Citta Azarine A. (Media Intern)
- Munawar Wahid S. (Media Intern)
- Alysia N. Dani (Research Intern)
- Veronica Ayu (Research Intern)
- William Help (Research Intern)



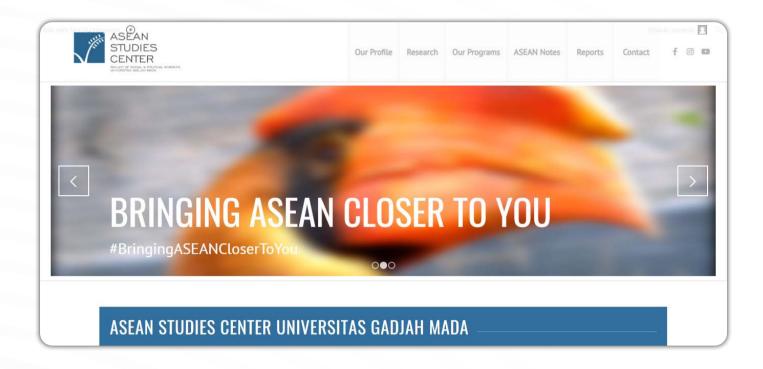




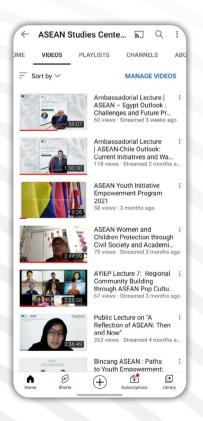


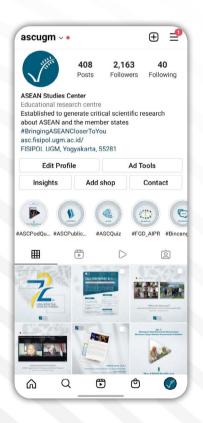
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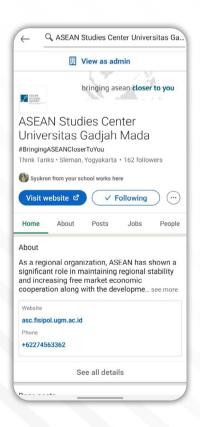
Social media and website have been developed to support the objectives and work of ASEAN Studies Center Gadjah Mada. Website and social media are the effective platforms to disseminate information and expand the netwok and outreach of the center to stakeholders. With the support of Directorate of System and Information Resource Universitas Gadjah Mada, the website has been developed and managed to provides general information about the center. (asc.fisipol.ugm.ac.id)

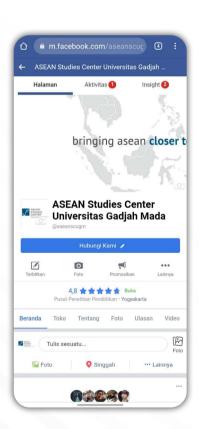


On Social Media, ASEAN Studies Center has launced several account to reach larger audiences on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube Chanel.









Social Media Insights (Per December 2021)

Accounts reached: 3259 (+126%)

Accounts engaged: 356 (+77.7%)

Programme

Bincang ASEAN Series

Bincang ASEAN is a monthly discussion held by ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada which aims to discuss contemporary issues in ASEAN and Southeast Asia. By inviting ASEAN scholars both practitioners and academics, the participants are expected to gain a better understanding of ASEAN from an interdisciplinary perspective.



Bincang ASEAN on ASC Monograph 2020

Small states, strong societies: Essays on COVID-19 Responses in Southeast Asia

On the occasion to disseminate the first ASEAN Studies Center Monograph, the Programme Division of ASC UGM collaborated with the Research Division of ASC UGM to held Bincang ASEAN Series on ASC Monograph 2020, entitled "Small States, Strong Societies: Essays on Covid-19 Responses in Southeast Asia".

The webinar succeed to invites contributors and the editors of the monograph to talk about ASEAN Member State respond towards the pandemic of COVID-19. The discussion highlighted three aspects explain the inequality of Covid-19 responses in Southeast Asia: the differing degree of state capacity, the resilience of society, and the regional cooperation. With the success of this discussion, ASEAN Studies Center UGM will continue to publish Monograph Series in the future.



Myanmar Protest and Unrest : Test of ASEAN Diplomacy



ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada held a Webinar Series titled "Myanmar Protests and Unrest: A Test of ASEAN Diplomacy" which was led by Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso. The discussion highlighted the campaign of #Free-SawLin and diplomatic efforts by ASEAN member states during this crucial time, especially as the member states were scheduled to gather at the ASEAN Leader's Meeting on Saturday, 24 April 2021.

Nicolas Jude Martinez, a representative of the #FreeSawLincampaign from the Global Campus Coalition for Human Rights explained that the campaign was launched to bring together people from all regions to fight for equality, restorative justice, and democracy, especially in education. Dr. Rizal Sukma, a senior researcher at CSIS Indonesia explained that if any change were to happen, this would greatly depend on the Leaders Meeting and the negotiation package put forward by ASEAN member states.

Bincang ASEAN on Youth Activism

Paths to Youth Empowerment: Activism, Education and Mobility



On Wednesday, 7 July 2021, ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada held a Webinar Series titled "Paths to Youth Empowerment: Activism, Education, and Mobility" which was led by Martin Alistair, an Intern at ASEAN Studies Center UGM. The discussion highlighted how the youth especially in Southeast Asia has roles in several aspects in building a better future in the region.

The webinar invites Ili Nadiah Dzulfakar, she is a Chairperson in KLIMA Action Malaysia (KAMY) and Calvin Wee, he is the Co-Founder of The Young SEAkers. One of the main points of Nadiah's presentation was the importance of including a diverse set of voices in the fight against climate change meanwhile Calvin explained how the common ASEAN identity is important for ASEAN to adjust to the world order, and cope with unique challenges that have arisen due to globalization.



Bincang ASEAN on World Refugee Day

Menuju 5 Tahun Dekrit Pengungsi Indonesia : Pencari Suaka dan Pengungsi di Indonesia dan ASEAN

In the occasion of world refugee day ASEAN Studies Center held a webinar on 18 June 2021. The webinar aims to disseminate the research findings to consolidate and solidify public voice in the advocacy of the Indonesian refugee decree. Partnering up with SUAKA and AICHR Indonesia to further raise the multidimensional aspect of refugee migration in Indonesia and ASEAN region.



Bincang ASEAN REALISM #1

Reading, Learning, and Investigating Southeast Asia through Movies

On Wednesday, 29th September 2021, ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada held a Bincang ASEAN – ReaLISM #1 "Reading, Learning, and Investigating Southeast Asia through Movies." In this Bincang ASEAN, ASC UGM hosted a screening of Southeast Asia-related documentaries with Muhammad Ammar Hidayahtulloh, M.Dev.Prac. as the discussion moderator. In the discussion, it is reviewing a documentary movie titled "Standing On The Edge of The Thorn".

The discussion has invited Dr. Robert Lemelson, Ph.D., an anthropologist and documentary filmmaker of the movie, Indiana Puspa Dewi, S.S., MA, a Ph.D. Candidate in Linguistic Anthropology at School of Languages and Cultures University of Queensland, and Ninik Supartini, M.Si Developmental Psychologist and Gender Researcher at Robert Lemelson Foundation.



Bincang ASEAN REALISM #2

Reading, Learning, and Investigating Southeast Asia through Movies

On Friday, 29th October 2021, ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada held a Bincang ASEAN - ReaLISM #2 "Reading, Learning, and Investigating Southeast Asia through Movies." In this Bincang ASEAN, ASC UGM hosts a screening of Southeast Asia-related documentaries with Ms. Yulida Nuraini Santoso as the moderator. The event screened a documentary movie, entitled "Sittwe"

To enliven the discussion, in this event, we invited Jeanne Hallacy, a photographer and documentary filmmaker of the movie, Mr. Irawan Jati, a PhD Candidate in School of Political Science and International Studies, and Thiha Wint Aung, a Senior Program Manager at Forum of Federations.



Bincang ASEAN REALISM #3

Reading, Learning, and Investigating Southeast Asia through Movies

On Friday, 26th November 2021, ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada held a Bincang ASEAN – ReaLISM #3 "Reading, Learning, and Investigating Southeast Asia through Movies." In this Bincang ASEAN, ASC UGM hosts a screening of Southeast Asia-related documentaries with Mr. Tunggul Wicaksono as the moderator. The event screened a documentary movie, entitled "an Online Citizen" To enliven the discussion, in this event, we invited Calum Stuart, the movie director itself, Kirsten Han, journalist based in Singapora, and Dr. Budi Irawanto, a Lecturer in the Department of Communication Studies UGM.

Public Lecture Series and Roundtable Discussion

Public Lecture IRRC FISIP UNJANI Examining Southeast Asia's Political Tides

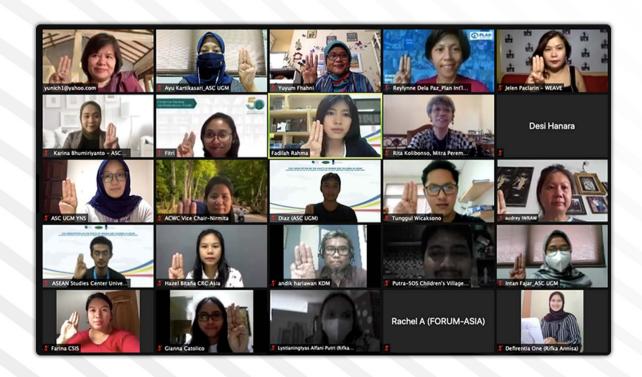
A webinar entitled "Examining Southeast Asia's Political Tides" was held by IRRC FISIP Universitas Jenderal Achmad Yani (UNJANI) via Zoom video conference. Tunggul Wicaksono represented ASEAN Studies Center as a keynote speaker and delivered a specific theme about "Expanding US Dominance vis-à-vis China's Emerging Power - What Will It Mean for Southeast Asia?". The discussion covers prominent issues in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, the policy arrangement in the Indo-Pacific region, and the prospective cooperation among the United States, China, and ASEAN member states. The webinar concluded how the US maintains its position in the Southeast Asia region, how does Joe Biden navigate the Sino-US rivalry, and the Quad's consequences for ASEAN countries, especially Indonesia.



CSO Consultation on the Rights of Women and Children in ASEAN Solidifying the Role of CSOs in the Advocacy to strengthen the ASEAN Commission of Women and Children (ACWC)

A roundtable discussion was held in collaboration with the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) and supported by The Netherland Embassy in Jakarta held a Round Table Discussion (RTD) between the ASEAN Commission of Women and Children (ACWC) and CSOs across ASEAN member states.

The roundtable discussion was held with the objectives of (a) facilitating discussions among the civil society organizations to discuss the ASEAN Commission on the Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), work priority, particularly in the context of pandemic, (b) activating collective political actions to strengthen the ACWC's protection mandate and (c) supply input for ACWC workplan and TOR from ASEAN CSOs. Participants of the roundtable discussion were divided into three groups discussing different topics, namely (a) ACWC Work-plan and its alignment with the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (particularly on mainstreaming gender in pandemic responses and in the context of women, peace, and security), (b) Reporting Mechanism of Cases and an ASEAN Live Database of Violations against Women and Children, and (c) ACWC – CSOs Engagement Mechanism. Prior to the discussions, a brief introductory presentation on the work of the ACWC was delivered by H.E. Yuyum Fhahni Paryani.

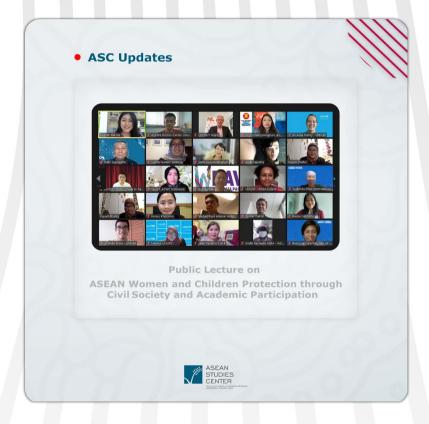


Public Lecture & Round Table Discussion on ASEAN Women and Children Protection through Civil Society and Academic Participation

The ASEAN Studies Center of Universitas Gadjah Mada, with the support of the Netherlands Embassy in Jakarta has conducted a series of discussions regarding the ASEAN Commission on the Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) to map possible engagement efforts with the aim of strengthening the promotion and protection of women and children in the region.

The series of discussions have commenced since October 2020 following the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the ACWC. On Monday, 30 August 2021 a Public Lecture titled "ASEAN Women and Children Protection through Civil Society and Academic Participation" was held to further map potential roles that CSOs and think tanks can play to further advocate for the of women and children. The Lecture was officially opened by the opening remarks from Dr. Dafri Agussalim as the Executive Director of ASEAN Studies Center UGM, and H.E. Amb. Lambert Grijns as the Ambassador of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and ASEAN.





Public Lecture on Book Discussion

The Indonesian Civil Society and Human Rights Advocacy

On Friday, 12th October 2021, ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada held a Bincang ASEAN on Book Discussion. In this Bincang ASEAN, ASC UGM hosts a discussion on the Indonesian Civil Society and Human Rights Advocacy in ASEAN book authored by Dr. Randy W. Nandyatama. Several academicians and practitioners on human rights advocacy were also invited to enliven the discussion. H. E Yuyun Wahyuningrum, Assoc. Prof. Anthony J. Langlois, and Asst. Prof. Deepak Nair. The discussion was moderated by Ms. Yulida Nuraini Santoso. The talk was lively as participants were eager to raise questions on the concept of civil society and the context of Indonesia and ASEAN. The discussion then wrapped up with the statement regarding the importance of keeping up the human rights advocacy in Indonesia and ASEAN essentially.







Ambassadorial Lecture Series

Ambassadorial Lecture on ASEAN-Chile Oulook: Current Initiatives and Way Forward

On Friday, 8th October 2021, the ASEAN Studies Center held an Ambassadorial Lecture on ASEAN-Chile Outlook: Current Initiatives and Way Forward. The lecture takes place online by streaming on ASEAN Studies Center UGM Youtube channel. The lecture session was delivered by H.E. Amb. Gustavo Ayares, the Ambassador of Chile to ASEAN and Indonesia, accompanied by Dr. Dafri Agussalim M.A Executive Director at ASC UGM as the moderator.

The lecture highlighted several issues in the areas of Chile-ASEAN relations. H.E. Amb. Gustavo Ayares started his presentation by explaining Chile's general scope and policy and underlined the possibilities for future Chile-ASEAN. It is discussed how Chile is growing as an open and connected business environment country. Moreover, the discussion has also highlighted how Chile has become the 1st Latin country to become the partner of ASEAN. Ambassador also mentioned that Chile continues to collaborate with ASEAN to fulfill the four pillars: social, economic, political, and identifying areas to work in good governance through the transparency experiences in Chile. H.E. Amb. Gustavo Ayares also highlighted current projects and opportunities to strengthen the relations between Chile and ASEAN.





Ambassadorial Lecture on ASEAN-Egypt Outlook: Challenges and Future Prospects

On Monday, 29th November 2021, the ASEAN Studies Center held an Ambassadorial Lecture on ASEAN-Egypt Outlook: Challenges and Future Prospects. The lecture takes place online by streaming on ASEAN Studies Center UGM Youtube channel. The lecture session was delivered by H.E. Amb. Ashraf M. Sultan, the Ambassador of Egypt to ASEAN and Indonesia, accompanied by the Executive Director of ASEAN Studies Center UGM Dr. Dafri Agussalim as the moderator.

The lecture highlighted several issues in the areas of Egypt-ASEAN relations. H.E. Amb. Ashraf M. Sultan started his speech by giving several brief remarks on what happened on Egypt lately after some political disturbances in 2011 and 2013.





ASEAN Youth Initiative Empowerment Program 2021



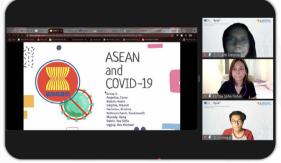
Fostering Youth's Initiative in ASEAN Development

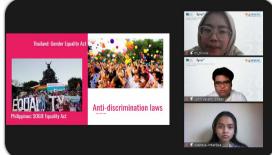
The annual event, AYIEP, which was postponed due to the pandemic has returned in the form of an online course. This year, AYIEP takes on the theme of "Fostering Youth Initiative in ASEAN's Development". This theme aims to bring together youth from all over the region to discuss critical issues pertinent to the development ASEAN as a regional grouping and as a communal territory. AYIEP this year is in collaboration with ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR), Strengthening Human Rights and Peace Research and Education in ASEAN/Southeast Asia (SHAPE-SEA), and the ASEAN Youth Forum (AYF).

The event commenced on 8 August 2021, which is also the widely celebrated ASEAN Day, with a Public Lecture on "A Reflection of ASEAN: Then and Now". The Lecture invited discussions from the general public and AYIEP Participants. The panel consisted of three speakers, namely H.E. Yuyun Wahyuningrum, Representative of AICHR Indonesia, Dr. Guangyu (Karin) Qiao-Franco, University of Southern Denmark and AYF Representative, and Dio Herdiawan Tobing, Indonesia Delegation for ASEAN Youth Forum 2021 & Fellow of the ASEAN Studies Center. The Lecture was moderated by H.E. Amb. I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja, Executive Director of ASEAN-IPR.

AYIEP commenced on ASEAN Day and ended with its last class which was held on 4 September 2021 carrying the theme of "Advancing the ASEAN Way through the Diverse Political Views among the ASEAN Member States". This session was moderated by Kim Beng Phar, Ph.D., CEO of Strategic Pipa. To end the AYIEP this year, participants took part in the formulation of a Joint Communique.







Research and Publication

ASC Policy Brief



The ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) at 10: Forging Ahead

The ASEAN Studies Center released a publication with the title "The ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) at 10: Forging Ahead". The policy brief was authored by Yulida Nuraini Santoso and Dio Herdiawan Tobing. In a time where the global pandemic has hit every corner of the world, the ACWC's anniversary could not be more relevant, as in Southeast Asia, women and children are adversely and disproportionately affected.

This brief engages the report of ACWC+10 and maps policy prospects to bring ACWC to the front line and center of women and children's rights advancement in the region. The publication endeavors to disseminate critical topics in the academic community and bring greater meaning to the developing narratives.

Myanmar Crisis and Policy Prospects for the ASEAN Institute of Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR)

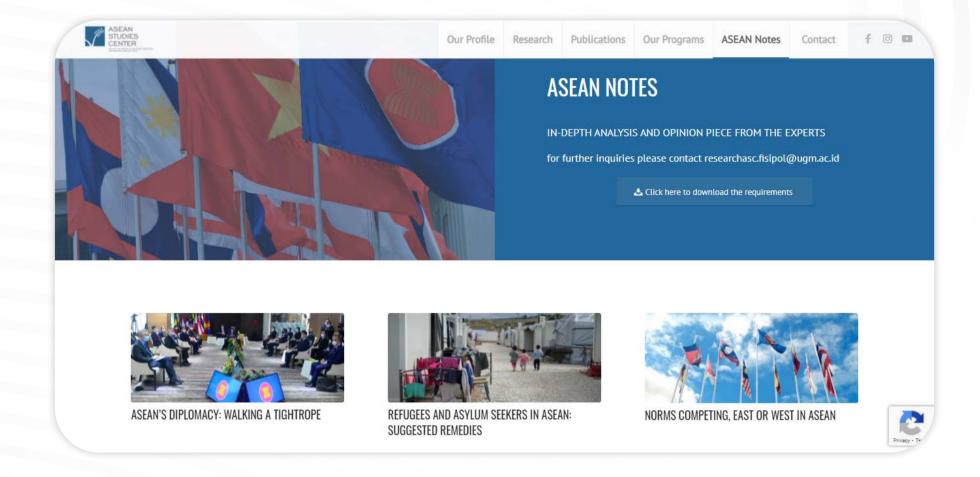
The ASEAN Studies Center released a publication with the title "Myanmar Crisis and Policy Prospects for the ASEAN Institute of Peace and Reconciliation". The policy brief was written by Dio Herdiawan Tobing. Amidst the political turbulence and ongoing mass protests, there is an escalation of crimes against humanity.

While the ASEAN's lack institutional power to handle the crisis, the ASE-AN Institute of Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) is in a way could provide more meaningful advisory and mediatory functions. The policy brief addresses the limits and potential of ASEAN-IPR, through its expertise, to carry out the plan of action regarding Myanmar's crisis.





The ASEAN Notes



The Unnerving Act East Policy and the Uninterested ASEAN

Written by Habibah Hasnah Hermanadi. The article highlighted about the relations between India and Southeast Asia, where India seems to be lack of foreign policy maneuvers that are catered to the socioeconomic-cultural and values in Southeast Asia.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers in ASEAN: Suggested Remedies

Written by Yulida Nuraini Santoso and co-authored by Gading Gumilang Putra. The article is questioned on what actions that can be done by the international communities to push the ASEAN Policymakers to prioritize the issue of refugees and asylum seekers on their agenda.

Norms Competing, East or West in ASEAN

Written by Seon Young Yang, a Senior Research Officer in the Mission of the Republic of Korea to ASEAN. In her article, she highlighted about how ASEAN has paved its way to survive and develop regional integration for more than five decades. Despite all obstacles in realizing its regional integration, ASEAN has achieved external parties' engagement and made ASEAN relevant to various stakeholders.

ASEAN's Diplomacy: Walking A Tightrope

Written by Tunggul Wicaksono, this article explores the obstacles of ASEAN in handling the Myanmar crisis and the way forward to ASEAN Leader's Meeting, human rights violation, non-interfer ence principle, and recommendation to build better collaboration through unified responses.

The Youth Resistance Toward's Myanmar Military Coup: Efforts to Young Generation Protest Through Art

Written by Berliana Azka, explores the youth anti-coup demonstration through art as a tool against the government and reflects the current situation in Myanmar. The initiative aims to gain more awareness and to show a willingness to re-establish democracy.

Robbery and Piracy in SEA (South-East Asia): Protecting the Sea Lanes of Communication (SLOC)

Written by Syukron Subkhi, explores the maritime domain that is subjected to the threats of region's development. In this sense, Southeast Asia maritime domain could be determined by challenging issues such as robbery and piracy. The ASEAN member states are concerned about non-traditional threats, considering the international trade among countries is frequently revolving in the region.

Fighting Climate Change: A New Challenge for ASEAN Multilateralism

Written by Kieta Mueller, describes a climate crisis that raises the potential for direct harmful impacts in Southeast Asia states. The article is aiming mitigation as the main climate strategy for the national government as the initiative relies on cooperation and collective action. The strategy should focus on the transformation of energy and reducing deforestation impacts. *Taliban and*

the Opium: Reviewing ASEAN's Securitization of the Golden Triangle

Written by William Help, explores the international illicit drug trade along the Golden Triangle, viewed through the lens of securitization. Given the context that the Taliban's finances have often been associated with drug trafficking in Southeast Asia, it shows the codependency between cross-border economic activities and international crime.

Time to Prepare Rowing between Two Great Islands Again

Written by Lucky Kardanardi, describes the AUKUS, trilateral military cooperation of Australia, the UK, and the USA. This article also explores the possibility of violating the nuclear non-proliferation principles in the Pacific region and how it will trigger China to utilize its military power.

Efforts to Improve the ASEAN Football Levels Through Asian Eleven

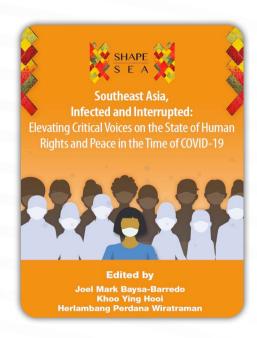
Written by Munawar Wahid Sugiyarto, illustrates the lessons learned from Japan's football achievement in Asian Football and how ASIAN Eleven can encourage the standard model through Football Exchange Project.

Making Sense of Southeast Asia: Lessons learned from ReaLISM (Reading, Learning and Investigating Southeast Asia through Movies)

Written by Muhammad Ammar Hidayahtulloh, examines the complexity of the Southeast Asia region that struggles with its economic, social, and political issues. In order to look deeper into the intertwined issues, documentary films can be used as analysis tools since they represent the diversity in the region. The discussed films are as follows; Standing on the Edge of a Thorn: A Family in Rural Indonesia (2012), SITTWE (2017), and An Online Citizen (2019).

All articles mentioned above were reviewed carefully to meet the institution's standards. Under the ASEAN Notes platform, we highly encourage scholars to publish their academics writings. The ASEAN Notes articles of have been published on the ASC website (https://asc.fisipol.ugm.ac.id/asean-notes/).

External Publications



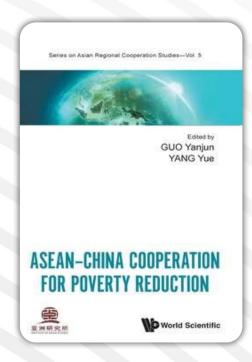
A Growing Stigma: The Danger of Discriminating Against the Rights of Healthcare Workers

In February 4th 2021, SHAPE-SEA has published a book which compiled op-ed articles submitted on their Digital Project – *Southeast Asia in Crisis: Opinions on the State of Human Rights and Peace in the Time of Covid-19*. One of the articles published within this book was written by our Research Analyst & Program Coordinator, Muhammad Diaz Kurniawan. His manuscript was titled "*A Growing Stigma: The Danger of Discriminating Against the Rights of Healthcare Workers*", where he highlighted issues related to healthcare workers when the Covid-19 pandemic began in Indonesia.



Unravelling Gender-Based Violence in Southeast Asia

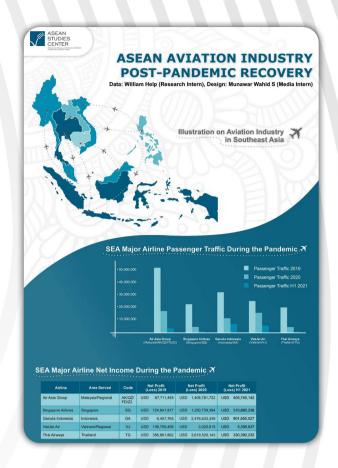
This article was published by New Mandala, hosted by the Australian National University. The article titled "Unravelling Gender-Based Violence in Southeast Asia", written by Tunggul Wicaksono and Ayu Kartikasari, explores the physical and sexual violence that causes a serious hindrance in the protection of women and children in the region. Given the plausible aspects that contribute to the issue, however, ASEAN Member States have yet to conclude gender-sensitive legislation that considers the voice of the grassroots community and human rights organizations.



"ASEAN-China Cooperation on Poverty Reduction"

A book titled "ASEAN-China Cooperation on Poverty Reduction" edited by Guo Yanjun and Yang Yue, has been published by World Scientific as a follow-up of the Network on ASEAN-China Think Tanks. In the book, M. Falikul Isbah (Lecturer at the Department of Sociology UGM) and Tunggul Wicaksono (Research Manager at the ASEAN Studies Center) contribute a chapter titled "Reducing the Misery of Poverty by Strengthening Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security: Government and People's Initiatives in Indonesia". The chapter examines Indonesia's food and agriculture sector as the supporting factor of economic increase, alongside the people's initiatives in strengthening the added value of the product, knowledge sharing, and bargaining power in marketing.

Infographics



ASEAN Aviation Industry

William Help (Research Intern at ASEAN Studies Center UGM)

The aviation industry in Southeast Asia still struggles to meet the pre-pandemic traffic and financial figures despite showing a promising recovery trajectory. Support for the aviation industry is more significant in Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand, where government incentives ease airlines' financial load.

While in Indonesia and Vietnam, support from the government to the aviation industry is much more limited and preferential on SOEs. To ensure progressing recovery in the aviation industry, more government intervention and non-preferential treatment must be exercised.

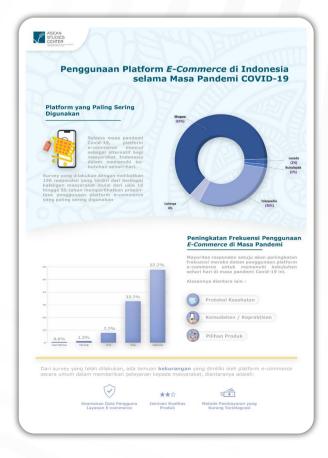


Sister City Cooperation in ASEAN

Lucky Kardanardi (Programme Intern at ASEAN Studies Center UGM)

The sister city cooperation in ASEAN aims to increase the sense of belonging to ASEAN from people accross ASEAN countries. This program and the partnership aims to be the instrument for the government to enhance the ASEAN Community and rising the ASEAN Identity on its people.

The advantages of this program could be found on the improvement on the quality of education, nurturing culture and increasing the economic cycle in each region.



The Use of E-commerce in Indonesia During the Pandemic Collaborative Research with BSKLN MoFA RI

The infographic is one of the outputs that is resulted from the collaborative research between ASEAN Studies Center UGM and Foreign Policy Startegy Agency (BSKLN) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic Indonesia. This research is prepared not only to serve the purpose of preparing for Indonesia's Chairmanship in 2023, but also a mapping of the strength of Indonesia's e-commerce sector in light of the pandemic which significantly affected the economic industry. The research commenced from April 2021 and the final report has been finalized in December 2021.

The ASEAN PodQuest



The podcast was released through several platforms (Spotify, Apple Podcast, and Google Podcast) to broaden academic and practitioners' engagement. A series of discussion captures the salient issues to provide a more holistic understanding of Southeast Asia and ASEAN as an institutional body.

■ Eps. 1 - Myanmar Unrest



The pilot episode titled "*Myanmar Unrest*" was hosted by Yulida Nuraini Santoso (Managing Director ASC UGM) and invited Thiha Wint Aung, who passionately resists the coup that happened in February 2021. This first episode explores the ongoing crisis in Myanmar from the social movement perspective and discusses its relevance to human rights.

■ Eps. 2 - Pageant dan Advokasi



Meanwhile, the second episode titled "Pageant dan Advokasi" was hosted by Ayu Kartikasari (Research Analyst ASC UGM) and invited Tunggul Wicaksono (Research Manager ASC UGM) to discuss the social campaign in the Miss Universe 2020 competition. Moreover, the conversation followed up by the advocacy that intertwines with the public awareness, peace initiative, and way forward to reconciliation by ASEAN member states regarding the Myanmar crisis

Eps. 3 - Economic Development in Southeast Asia: Surviving in the Midst of Pandemic



This episode was arranged by Kieta Mueller Grace and Martin Quick Alistair from the University of Hong Kong. The discussion invited Dr. Gedeon Lim from the University of Hong Kong to give perspectives on the related issue.

The discussion starts with how the Indonesian economy has developed in recent times and discussing how the pandemic situation affects the stability of economic activity in the Southeast Asia region. Besides, this episode discussed the broad impact of COVID-19 on Indonesia's and Southeast Asia's economic development and how to realize a resilient community.

■ Eps. 4 - #ASEANPride: Paving the Way for ASEAN Identity Building



This episode was moderated by Tunggul Wicaksono (Research Manager at the ASEAN Studies Center) and invited Yoong Yoong Lee (Director of Community Affairs at the ASEAN Secretariat). The discussion starts with the hashtag #ASEANPride that was buzzing on social media during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in supporting the ASEAN athletes. The phenomenon shed light that the ASEAN community and identity building are still progressing, and the challenges remain since Southeast Asia citizens seem to be unaware of the effort to realize the social engagement among member states.

Eps. 5 - Melampaui Tapal Batas Demi Kemanusiaan: Menelusuri Upaya Relawan Kemanusiaan di Rakhine



This episode was moderated by William Help (Intern at the ASEAN Studies Center) and invited Nur Ikhwan (Medical Emergency Rescue Committee). This episode explores the ethnic conflict in Myanmar and how it contributes to the massive flow of refugees. Given the large scale of dehumanization during the effort to overcome the refugee's issue, humanitarian aid seeks to find the entry point as the conflict arises. As a humanitarian organization, MER-C offers possible solutions in distributing access to health facilities in the affected areas.

The ASEAN PodQuest





Collaborative Research

Collaborative research is one of the efforts to broaden the networks, as well as to conduct meaningful collaboration through multiple stakeholders. This year, ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada engages in three research projects, the detail is as follows:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Republic of Indonesia

In collaboration with the Policy Analysis and Development Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Indonesia the research brought up with a theme "Keketuaan Indonesia di ASEAN tahun 2023: Optimalisasi Penguatan Sektor E-Commerce ASEAN dalam Rangka Percepatan Pemulihan Ekonomi". The research aims to map e-commerce industry during and post-pandemic situation, consument behavior, and potential partnership on regional context.

The Coordinating Ministry for Politics, Law and Security of the Republic of Indonesia

The research titled "Mengukur Kekokohan dan Keberlanjutan Keamanan Maritim Indonesia" aims to assess the robustness and sustainability of maritime security in Indonesia through several indicators; diplomacy, border protection, naval power, and the current maritime initiatives. The research would like to develop a concrete policy action based on the policy gap consideration.

Independent Research

Independent research titled "Teacher Deployment Policy in ASEAN" is in the stage of designing a workable method with Agustina Kustulasari (Lecturer at the Department of Public Policy Management, Universitas Gadjah Mada) and Kana Takahashi (PhD in Educational Policy and Leadership, University at Albany). The research would like to explore the typology of policy instrument and concern on the teacher deployment in rural areas in selected ASEAN member states. Further, the research aims to establish the occurrence of innovation diffusion.

ASC Monograph 2021

In the mid of December 2021, the ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada launched the call for papers for ASC Monograph 2021. The proposal submission for this event will be open until January 2022, and will be continued in the first quarter of 2022 for the next stages of this event. This year, the center comes up with the theme "Advancing Southeast Asia through Gender Mainstreming".

Gender inequality has become a salient issue considering that most societies in Southeast Asia are predominantly patriarchal, not to mention the immense occurence of gender-based violence in the region. This has induced an increase in gender-based advocacy movements in the region's grassroot level of society. At the regional level, although ASEAN has shown its initiative on gender mainstreaming through ASEAN Gender Mainstreaming Strategic Framework, cooperation between the member states on eradicating gender-based alarming issues is still very limited.

Topic Areas

- Mapping Progress on Gender Mainstreaming in ASEAN
- Addressing Gender Inequality in Workforce
- Gender Identity, Participation, and Politics of Inclusion
- Unraveling Gender-Based Violence during COVID-19 Pandemi
- Strengthening Gender Advocacy through Grassroots Movements



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