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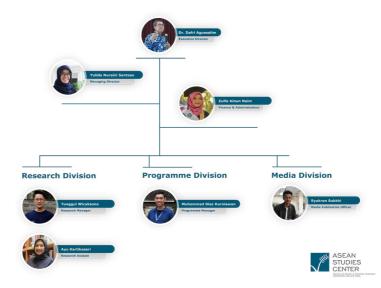
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The ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada was established in 2012 under the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. Our establishment 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.



#### **Ambassadorial Lecture**

## "Improving the Implementation of the ASEAN Charter"

21 January 2022





To start the year 2022, an Ambassadorial Lecture by H.E Ambassador Noel Servigon, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to ASEAN was held to discuss the ASEAN Charter. The Lecture was held on Friday, 21 January 2022 and moderated by Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso and welcomed the participation of Ambassadors, think tanks, students during the discussion.

The Lecture looked at the various mechanisms of ASEAN as provided by the ASEAN Charter and which of the many Articles required further implementation. Ambassador Noel Servigon highlighted the need for more discussions to take place to strengthen discourses of a rules-based community and bring people together.

As an overview of the discussion, participants raised questions on various topics including the role that the Charter plays to promote the freedom of speech and peace, earnest efforts of the ASEAN Member States to craft a Terms of Procedure (TOR) to establish internal procedures against the backdrop of the Charter, and whether Member States envisage reviews of the Charter in the future.

## **Programme**

# Programme

## ASEAN Studies Center UGM Open House Webinar "The Engagement of Academia in Community Building"

25 February 2022

To introduce the work of the Centre and closely engage the academic community, partners, think tanks, and the general public, a virtual Open House was held on Friday, 25 February 2022. This open house showcased some of the Centre's recent efforts through the screening of an introductory video. The screening was followed by a talk show-styled discussion on Engaging Academia in the Community Building of ASEAN. The discussion was moderated by Managing Director, Yulida Nuraini Santoso and invited a panel of experts namely Head of Policy Strategy for the Asia Pacific and Africa Region of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Muhammad Takdir, Director of Community Affairs of the ASEAN Secretariat, Lee Yoong Yoong, Associate Professor of the RSIS Nanyang Technological University, Dr Alan Chong, Executive Editor of the Conversation Indonesia, Prodita Sabarini.

The discussion touched upon issues of the role of academia in shaping foreign policies, imminent issues which require the attention of ASEAN researchers and the academic community, possible ways to better engage communities to revive the ASEAN (or regional) spirit, ways that the academic community partner and collaborate with like-minded institutions to carry out better research and engage emerging critical issues.

The discussion was lively and would be held again next year as part of the Centre's effort to continue to broaden the outreach.





# Research

## Journal Publication "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals by 2030: Reducing the Gap of Inequality"

Journal of ASEAN Studies Vol. 3 2021 -

A journal article titled "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals by 2030: Reducing the Gap of Inequality" written by Yulida Nuraini Santoso (Managing Director at the ASEAN Studies Center) and Tunggul Wicaksono (Research Manager at the ASEAN Studies Center) has been published by the Journal of ASEAN Studies (Volume 3, 2021) as a follow-up of the Network on ASEAN-China Think Tanks. The article examines the study case of Indonesia and China business relations as part of the international free trade initiative.

Moreover, the article analyzes the ongoing cooperation in the regionalization sense, where territorial dispute remains an unresolved issue. Furthermore, the authors arrange plans of action in order to achieve economic sustainability in the long term in combating inequality and accommodating a proportional economic partnership.



# Research

## The ASEAN PodQuest "AUKUS dan Masa Depan Geopolitik Asia Tenggara"

Ayu Kartikasari - Rafyoga JP Irsadanar -

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

The sixth podcast episode was released under the title "AUKUS dan Masa Depan Geopolitik Asia Tenggara". This episode was moderated by Ayu Kartikasari (Research Analyst at the ASEAN Studies Center) and invited Rafyoga Jehan Pratama Irsadanar (Ph.D. Student at Kobe University, Japan). The discussion explores the AUKUS defense cooperation that comprises three countries; Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The initiative contains the development of nuclear-powered submarine technology, artificial intelligence, and underwater security capabilities concerning Southeast Asia and East Asia countries.

Given the large scale of maritime defense resources, the trilateral cooperation reshapes the geopolitical context to their neighborhood countries and unlocks multiple opportunities in the future.



#### WAYS TO LISTEN







## Research

#### **ASC Monograph 2021**

### **Advancing Southeast Asia Through Gender Mainstreaming**

1st Round Review

The 1st Round Review Meeting has been held to present selected research proposal to the board of editors who are involved in the selection process; they are Yuyun Wahyuningrum (Representative of Indonesia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, 2019-2021), Joel Mark Baysa-Barredo (Programme Director at SHAPE-SEA), and Tunggul Wicaksono (Research Manager at the ASEAN Studies Center UGM). The upcoming 2nd round meeting will be held online in the form of a Peer Review Meeting with the agenda to present the authors' initial findings and share cross feedback from another author.

Ten selected papers contribute to the monograph's chapters as follows;

Gender Based Violence Against Women in South-East Asia: A Comparative Study of Conditions for Policy Reform in ASEAN. Mia Hyun

Addressing Gender-based Violence against Women in Malaysia During The Pandemic

Haezreena Begum binti Abdul Hamid

State Neglect in the Protection of the Reproductive Rights of Women Workers in the Garment Industry: A Case Study of Women Production Workers in the Setu Garment Factory, West Java

Vanesha Febrilly

Why Class and Identity Matter: Learning from Successful Advocacy of the Former Women Migrant Workers Alliance in Tracap Village, Wonosobo District An'ngam Khafifi

Understanding the Urgent Needs of Social and Political Support Towards Single Motherhood: Case Study on Single Moms Indonesia (SMI) Community Durrotul Mas'udah and Syukron Subkhi

Transnational Advocacy Networks on the SDGs Agenda in Indonesia: Eradication of Violence Against Women and Gender-Based Discrimination Cinintya Audori Fathin and Ashilly Achidsti

Strengthening Gender Mainstreaming through Feminist Audits: Gender Inequality in the Workforce in ASEAN Christindyah Clarasanti Panjaitan and Tunjung Wijanarka

A Gender Analysis Of Access To Cesta Basica (Food Basket): A Case Study Of Timor-Leste

Chen Li-Li and Martinho Martins

Challenges to the Implementation of Laws and Policies on Gender Equality and the Right to Food in Cambodia

Muy Seo Ngouv

Sexual Orientation and Imprisonment: A Case Study of the Pink Prison in Thailand Wending Zhang





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