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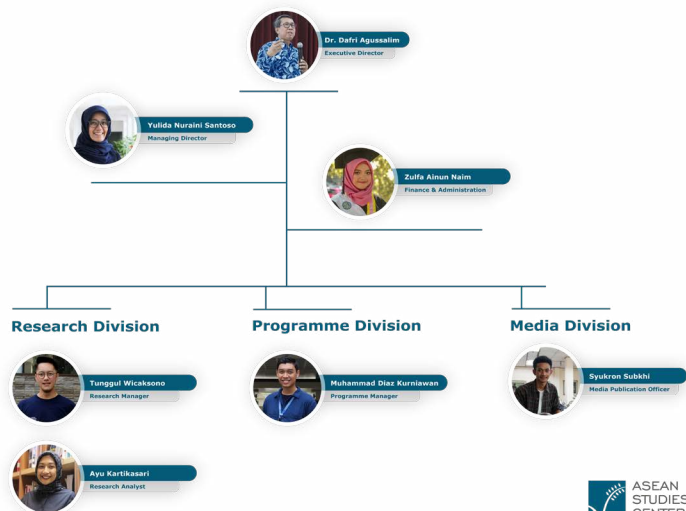
The ASEAN Studies Center Universitas Gadjah Mada was established in 2012 under the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. Our establishment is in line with the Tri Dharma Principles which comprises 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 efforts, research collaboration with international partners and government.

In effort of heightening a sense of belonging among ASEAN citizens, starting 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.

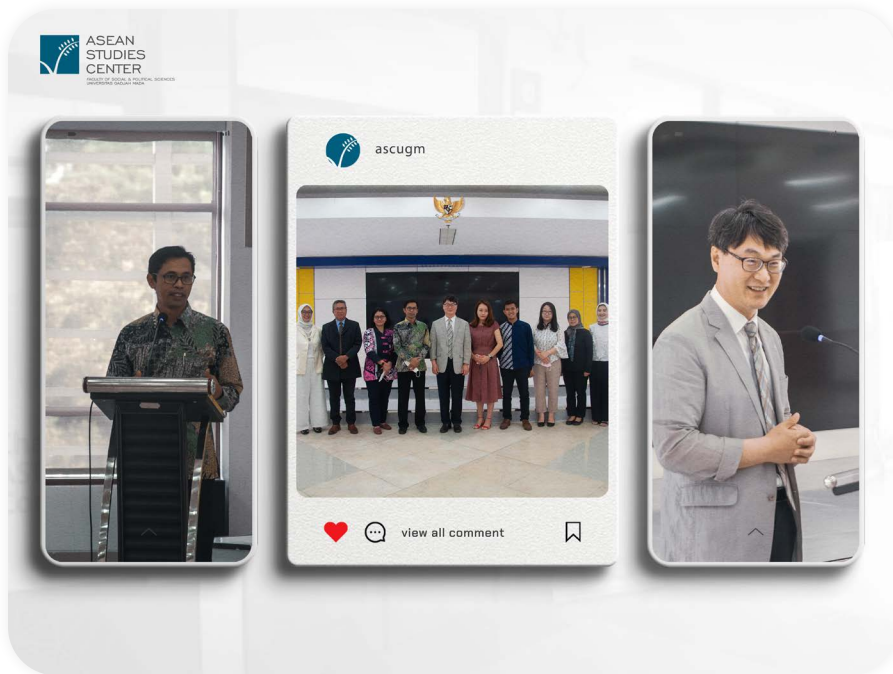
As one of the oldest and leading ASEAN Studies Centers in Indonesia, the Center will continue to support collaboration and cooperation in the field of ASEAN among the various ASEAN research institutes, think tanks and academia.

# Institutional Overview



## Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences and the Korean Institute for ASEAN Studies, Bussan University of Foreign Studies (KIAS BUFS)

Tuesday 26th July, 2022



The ASEAN Studies Centre had the pleasure of welcoming the delegation from KIAS BUFS in the event of the signing of an MOU between both institutions. The signing took place at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences with the attendance of all three parties. The Faculty was represented by Dean Wawan Mas'udi and all vice deans, KIAS was represented by Director Prof. Dong-Yeob Kim and delegation, and ASC Executive Director Dr Dafri Agussalim and team.

The signing of the MOU signified an already close relationship between the two institutions. In the remarks of all three parties, it was continuously mentioned that exchange of knowledge and cooperation in research will not only benefit the parties at hand but also the epistemic community of ASEAN and Korean studies. A separate meeting was scheduled for the end of September to further discuss how to engage the various research topics and areas of interest.

## Training of Trainers (TOT) International Graduate Programme on ASEAN Community Studies (IGPACS)

Thursday 28th July, 2022

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# IGPACS

In collaboration with the Graduate Programme of the Department of International Relations, the Center held a TOT with the aim of preparing for the establishment of IGPACS. The training invited a wide array of participants from various universities, think tanks, and research communities. Three panelists were invited to speak at the event namely, novelist and Ph.D Candidate Okky Madasari, Associate Professor of the Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) of the Universiti Malaya Dr Sameer Kumar, and Vice Dean at Graduate School of International Development (GSID) University of Nagoya Professor Yuzuru Shimada.

The discussions touched upon numerous issues regarding ASEAN studies, challenges and opportunities of graduate studies post-pandemic, and recent trends in the academic institutions. A number of participants also took part in the discussion to share their best practices in running ASEAN graduate programmes in their respective universities and institutions. While a few others shared their perspective as former graduate students in ASEAN countries. The discussions would serve as an important foundation for the further development of the IGPACS programme which is set to be opened in 2023.

## Visitation from the Coordinating Ministry of Human Development and Cultural Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

Tuesday 2nd August, 2022



A visit was made by the Coordinating Ministry of Human Development and Cultural Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Kemenko PMK) ahead of the ASEAN Indonesian Chairmanship in 2023. The meeting took place in the office of the ASEAN Studies Centre and was attended by representatives of the Ministry, Director and Manager of the Institute of International Studies (IIS), and Managing Director of the ASEAN Studies Centre. A number of the meeting participants joined the discussion online (from Jakarta and Yogyakarta).

In light of Chairmanship, the Ministry planned to hold a national-level consultation forum, with the aid of the IIS and ASC, to discuss pertinent issues under the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) and gather input from its participants. The discussion would also invite esteemed national figures and discuss critical and pertinent ASEAN issues in panel discussions which would follow. A number of strategic areas of discussion include, but are not limited to, the field of labor, environment, gender, youth, disaster management and humanitarian aid.

## Community Outreach: “Knowledge Sharing Pariwisata Halal untuk Pemberdayaan Kampung-Kampung Wisata di Kota Yogyakarta

*Saturday 27th August, 2022*

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A boot camp was held on 27-28 August 2022 in Kampung Sawah Durimanis, Imogiri, Bantul. This is a follow-up agenda of the halal tourism implementation that was initiated by the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada, in collaboration with the ASEAN Studies Center. The program was attended by representatives from six villages: Tamansari, Kauman, Purbayan, Pakualaman, Brontokusuman, and Rejowinangun. The boot camp was delivered in six sessions; (1) The Halal Tourism Development: Study Case of the ASEAN Member States, (2) Dimension, Principles, and the Universality of Halal Tourism, (3) Halal Food Businesses, (4) Sharia Accommodation Businesses, (5) Tourism Package Integration and Marketing Strategy, and (6) The Initiation of Halal Tourism Community. There are facilitators involved in the boot camp to present the study material; Siti Daulah Khoiriati, Ghifari Yuristiadhi, Azfa Pabulo, and Tunggul Wicaksono.

The long-term target of this activity is to eradicate poverty in rural communities in the city of Yogyakarta through the economic empowerment of independent halal tourism-based tourism village businesses, with the support of stakeholders (**triple- helix**). In the short term, this PkM activity is targeted to achieve at least three things: **(a)** increasing knowledge and awareness about halal tourism among tourism village businessmen through boot camp activities; **(b)** the growth of community initiative and creativity to organize halal tourism as an additional service in tourism villages that have been cultivated; **(c)** the formation of a study group on halal tourism (halal tourism community) among tourism village business actors, as a forum for communication and education to maintain the sustainability of the program.





## The ASEAN PodQuest Eps. 8

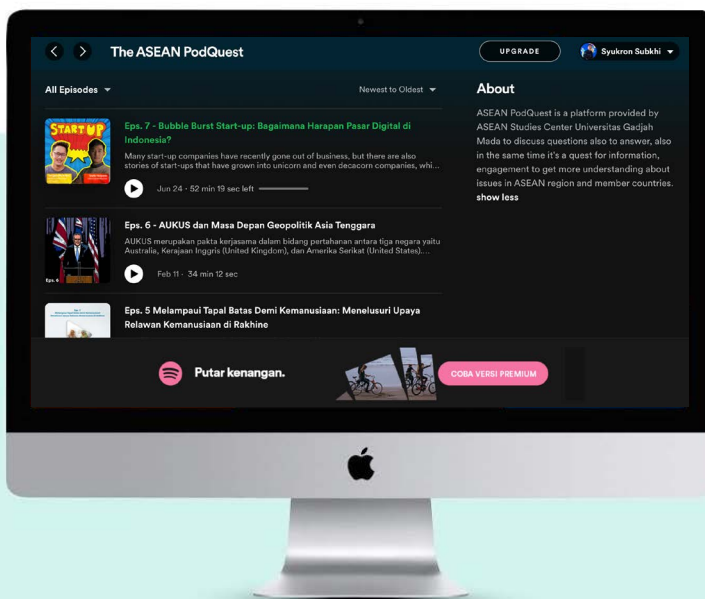
### Film Horor sebagai Katalis Kemiripan Budaya di Asia Tenggara



The eighth podcast episode was released under the title *“Film Horor Sebagai Katalis Kemiripan Budaya di Asia Tenggara”*. This episode was moderated by **Lucky Kardanardi** (ex-Programme Intern at ASC UGM) and invited **Natasha Kuswanto** (Movie Enthusiast).

The discussion explores the socio-cultural studies in horror films that depict the horrifying experience of the emergence of non-human beings can be associated with the apparent cultural commonalities of each country in Southeast Asia.

In addition, horror films are known to be a popular form of entertainment. It is not surprising that socio-cultural studies in Southeast Asia can also be examined from spooky horror stories from each region that exhibit parallels in stories and patterns as people from Southeast Asian countries generally do have roots that are near to or even the same.



## Book Launching ASC Monograph 2021: Strengthening Southeast Asia through Gender Mainstreaming

Monograph 2021 brought the theme Advancing Southeast Asia Through Gender Mainstreaming, highlighting the strategy to ensure the adoption of gender-sensitive legislation to fulfill gender equality by the international organization. It is argued that current policy initiatives failed to capture the experience of gender minorities. Gender inequality has become a salient issue in Southeast Asia which is predominantly patriarchal, not to mention the immense occurrence of gender-based violence in the region. Hence, it raised the urgency and demand for more significant consideration in eradicating gender-based issues and intensifying cooperation among ASEAN member states.

**ASC Monograph 2021**  
**Advancing Southeast Asia through Gender Mainstreaming**

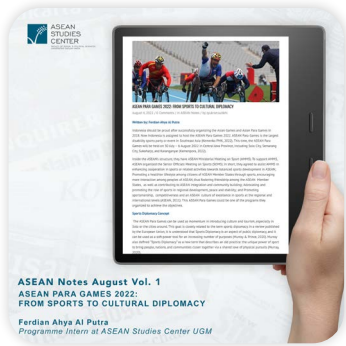
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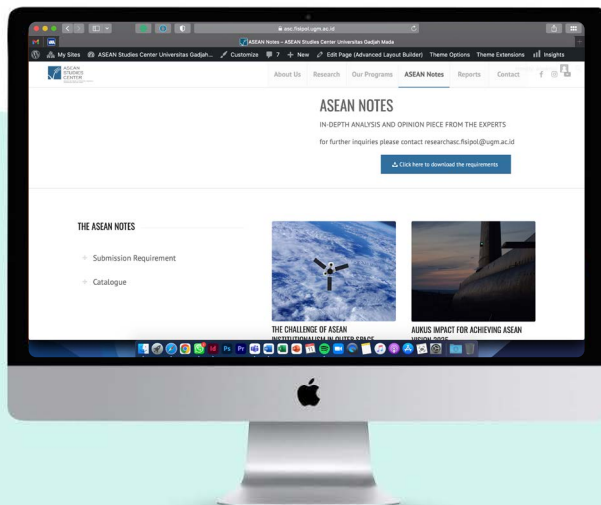
# The ASEAN Notes



**“ASEAN Para-Games 2022: From Sports to Cultural Diplomacy”,** written by **Ferdian Ahya Al Putra**. This article highlighted the concept of multitrack diplomacy in the form of sports competitions between countries, in this case, the ASEAN Para-Games 2022 which is joined by disabled athletes from Southeast Asian countries. Besides promoting equal opportunities for every human being, this event also managed to promote the cultural heritage of the home country’s representative that held the event, Solo, Indonesia.



**“An Online Citizen: Revealing Restrictions on the Freedom of Press and Mass Media in Singapore”,** written by **Syukron Subkhi**. This article argued the right to express an opinion and expression is an integral part of democracy. As we live in the era of digitalization, democracy also evolves to keep pace with the changing of the industrial revolution 4.0 and has emerged through the development of media and the internet. A documentary film “An Online Citizen” reveals how the government of Singapore controls nearly 90% of the country’s media and the information that is widely available to be accessed by the citizen.



## The ASEAN Notes Special Edition Road to 55th Anniversary of ASEAN

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# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Road to 55th Anniversary of ASEAN

**"The Special Edition of ASEAN Notes: Exploring the Future of ASEAN"**

**Topics / Guiding Questions**

- What is the problem that has not been answered in the earlier research?
- To what extent is this issue important to be addressed by ASEAN?
- How significant is this issue for the ASEAN Community Vision 2025?
- How would this issue be different in the present if it had happened differently in the past?

\*\*If the issue had occurred in the past, what strategy would be applied?

**Important Dates**

• Batch 1	Submission Period	: 1 - 15 August 2022
	Reviewing and Publication	: 15 - 22 August 2022
• Batch 2	Submission Period	: 22 August - 5 September 2022
	Reviewing and Publication	: 5 - 12 September 2022

**Author Guidelines** : [ugm.id/ASEANNotesSE](http://ugm.id/ASEANNotesSE)

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In commemorating the 55th Anniversary of ASEAN's establishment, ASC UGM was looking for scholars, students, academicians, and anyone who is interested in ASEAN development, to submit ideas and innovations in the form of article submission under the topic of "Exploring the Future of ASEAN". Five selected articles are reviewed carefully to meet the institution's standards. The titles are as follows:

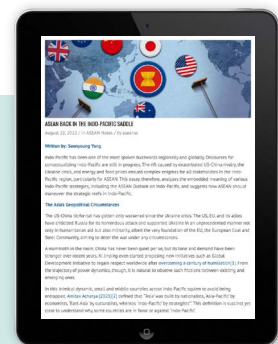
**"ASEAN Back in the Indo-Pacific Saddle"**, written by **Seonyoung Yang**. This article analyzed the hidden meaning of several Indo-Pacific strategies, such as the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, and made recommendations for how ASEAN should best navigate the Indo-strategic Pacific's reefs since ASEAN is considered the centerpiece of its newly unveiled Indo-Pacific framework later this year.

**"Amicable Solutions to Philippine's Claim over Malaysia's Sabah"**, written by **Arianne J. Fabregas and Ahmad Amsyar Ahmad Effendy**. This article suggested for an immediate diplomatic discussion between Malaysia and the Philippines on the topic, with both countries giving due respect to Sabah's current status under Malaysia's sovereignty and the Philippines' continuous claim to the territory. Further, the study authors concur with the suggestions made by international law scholars and foreign diplomats.

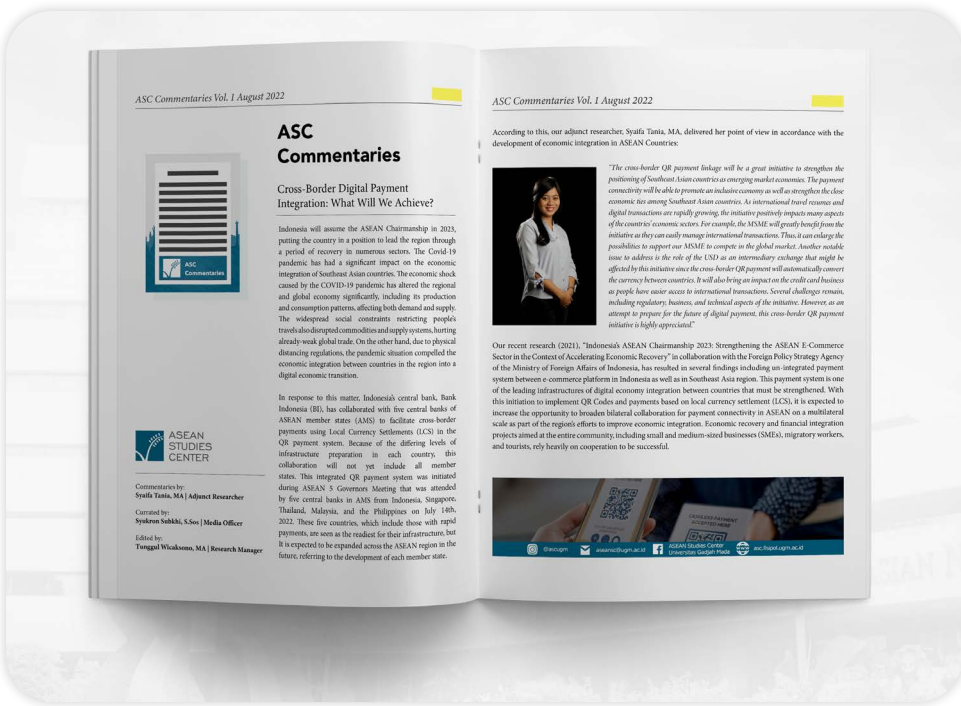
**“Circular Economy in ASEAN: A Brief View on Plastics Harmonization and Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises Inclusion”,** written by **Muhammad Rasyid Ridho**. This article argued the significance of the circular economy (CE) inside the AEC was signaled by the promulgation of ASEAN’s Framework for Circular Economy for the AEC during the 20th AEC Council Meeting in October 2021. This system is ostensibly better as an environmental-friendly alternative. Despite this, the ASEAN decision on this matter after six years of AEC existence raises a basic question: what does “CE” entail, given that it is such a novel concept for this region? And where does this idea fit within the bigger picture of AEC?

**“AUKUS Impact for Achieving ASEAN Vision 2025”,** written by **Hastian Akbar Stiarso and Rayhan Fasya Firdausi**. This article argued that AUKUS is a problem that ASEAN has never experienced before. The closest problem is the 1954 founding of SEATO, which included Thailand and the Philippines before they joined ASEAN. Therefore, the AUKUS issue must be addressed without reference to any prior instances. If ASEAN and AUKUS prioritize the dialogue function, AUKUS concerns can be handled quickly. Furthermore, they assumed that the dialogue can also be increased by presenting AUKUS as an external partner of ASEAN. The dialogue is expected to produce beneficial cooperation for both parties while helping ASEAN achieve ASEAN Vision 2025 in the pillars of security politics.

**“The Challenge of ASEAN Institutionalism in Outer Space”,** written by **Ade Meirizal and Dinda Julia Putri**. This article explained that ASEAN space powers are surrounded by minimal interest and technology in space, such as Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar. Meanwhile, Singapore stressed its interest in industrialization and academic-centrics on space technology. Moreover, the article argued that by designing mutual goals for state members, ASEAN can accomplish priority sectors in space technology. Single sector by utilizing satellites for collecting data affects many aspects of society in ASEAN, especially in the fisheries sector.



## The ASEAN Notes Special Edition Road to 55th Anniversary of ASEAN



The first publication of ASC Commentaries was written under the topic of **“Cross Border Digital Payment Integration: What Will We Achieve?”** by **Syaifa Tania** (Adjunct Researcher ASC UGM). In the article, she stated that the cross-border QR payment linkage will be a great initiative to strengthen the positioning of Southeast Asian countries as emerging market economies. The payment connectivity will be able to promote an inclusive economy as well as strengthen the close economic ties among Southeast Asian countries. As international travel resumes and digital transactions are rapidly growing, the initiative positively impacts many aspects of the countries’ economic sectors. For example, the MSME will greatly benefit from the initiative as they can easily manage international transactions. Thus, it can enlarge the possibilities to support our MSME to compete in the global market.

## Collaborative Research



In collaboration with the Policy Analysis and Development Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Indonesia, ASC UGM had the opportunity to conduct research that brought up the theme **“Keketuaan Indonesia di ASEAN Tahun 2023: Optimalisasi Penguatan Sektor E-Commerce ASEAN Dalam Rangka Percepatan Pemulihan Ekonomi”**. The research aims to analyze the e-commerce industry and development during and post-pandemic situations, consumer behavior, and potential partnership in the regional context.

The publication can be read online at [ugm.id/RisetASCKemlu](http://ugm.id/RisetASCKemlu).

## External Publication

**Tunggul Wicaksono** (Research Manager at ASC UGM) was interviewed for an article by FRONTIER Myanmar and shared his personal opinions about this situation with other researchers from reputable think tanks. The article titled **“ASEAN is frustrated by the junta, but how far is it willing to go?”** can be read at [ugm.id/FrontierMyanmar](http://ugm.id/FrontierMyanmar).

In this article, he stated that ministers have been focused on the G20 presidency rather than the ASEAN chairmanship and there’s still no indication that Indonesia has a specific framework for dealing with the Myanmar crisis.



## Internship at ASEAN Studies Center UGM

June - August 2022 Period

The Program Division of the ASEAN Studies Center provides youth with the opportunity to participate in a Project Management Internship Program. Ferdian Ahya Al Putra and Vanya Gerina Azzahra were offered internships at this time by ASC UGM. They are eligible to enroll in the three-month program that ran from June to August 2022. During this time, the main curriculum subject for interns is Project Management. This curriculum features live classes, active mentoring, and on-the-job training. Three phases comprise the internship program: observation, shadowing, and participation. The final product of the internship was a mini-project led by each intern individually.





# Programme

## Bincang ASEAN Series

### *Disaster Risk Management: Measure the Readiness of Member Countries in Dealing with Disasters*

The ASEAN Studies Center UGM hosted a virtual Bincang ASEAN Discussion on disaster risk management on Friday, July 15, 2022. The webinar aimed to reveal how each ASEAN member country and the ASEAN itself assist disaster-prone regions.

Dr. Daniel Petz was invited as a keynote speaker to present the current disaster risk management trends, capacities, and challenges facing South-east Asian nations. As the issue's discussant, Mr. Septayanto Galan Prakosa also responded to the presentation.

The session revealed that the DRM has evolved along with its reduction measures and the previously established system for people and communities. However, challenges remain at the local, national, and regional levels regarding climate change adaptation and resilience building. In the context of ASEAN, the member states agreed to manage the disaster through collective cooperation, and the AHS Center has successfully developed training for capacity building, which encompasses the mission of preparation and assessment.



# Programme

## Bincang ASEAN Series

### *Mengungkap Tabir Perlindungan Informal Dibalik Praktek Non-Recording Pada Penanganan Pengungsi dan Pencari Suaka*

On Friday, August 5, 2022, the ASEAN Studies Center of Universitas Gadjah hosted a virtual Bincang ASEAN Discussion on Refugee Protection. The webinar's objective was to discuss Non-Recording practices in a number of South-east Asian nations.

This discussion examined the applicability of this practice to the current process of handling refugees from Indonesia and ASEAN member states, as well as the framework that ASEAN already has in place regarding efforts to protect and safeguard refugees.

In 2021, Southeast Asia hosted more than 2 million refugees, the majority of whom settled in Malaysia, followed by Thailand (96,175 refugees) and Indonesia (10,067 refugees). Only Cambodia, the Philippines, and Timor-Leste among the 10 ASEAN members have ratified the UN convention and protocol on refugees. One of the fundamental tenets of this convention is the administrative assistance for the registration of refugees, which has not been implemented properly and has even been deliberately disregarded by South-east Asian nations.

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**Bincang ASEAN**  
 "Mengungkap Tabir Perlindungan Informal Dibalik Praktek Non-Recording pada Penanganan Pengungsi dan Pencari Suaka"  
 Friday, August 5th, 2022

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**DISCUSSANTS**

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**MODERATOR:**  
 Muhammad Osa Nurhasan  
 Programmatic Manager of ASEAN Studies Center UGM

**5 AUG 2022** **10.00 - 11.30 AM WIB (GMT+7)** **zoom**



# Programme

Bincang ASEAN Series

## Virtual Book Launching

The ASC Monograph 2021:  
Advancing Southeast Asia through Gender Mainstreaming

To access the publication, please visit [ugm.id/ascmonograph2021](http://ugm.id/ascmonograph2021)

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### *ASC UGM Monograph 2021: Advancing Southeast Asia Through Gender Mainstreaming*

On Tuesday, September 13th, 2022, the ASEAN Studies Center held a webinar series on Bincang ASEAN to launch the latest publication by the center entitled ASC Monograph 2021: Advancing Southeast Asia through Gender Mainstreaming.

The webinar is purposed to disseminate the publication and discuss gender mainstreaming efforts in Southeast Asia. All contributors to the monograph will be invited to the webinar to discuss their findings and complete the discourses on Southeast Asia's effort in mainstreaming gender alongside the editor and the audience.

In addition to the authors, the editorial boards' As discussants, H.E. Yuyun Wahyuningrum of the AICHR and Joel Mark Baysa-Barredo of Mahidol University have been invited to join the conversation. The discussion focuses on the findings and completes the editor's and audience's discourses on Southeast Asia's efforts to mainstream gender. Vanesha Febrilly, the author of Chapter 4, described the government's intervention in the Setu Garment Factory in West Java, Indonesia, in order to protect the reproductive rights of female garment workers. The author of Chapter 6, Mia Hyun, described the situation of violence against women in ASEAN, focusing on the governance framework for policy reform. The authors of Chapter 11, Durrotul Mas'udah and Syukron Subkhi, discussed the negative stigmas single mothers in Indonesia face as well as the community that supports them.

The editorial board concludes the discussion with the desire to continue the gender mainstreaming effort by sustaining the discourse.

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