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## **1965 and the Indonesian Coup: Fifty Years On**

**Australian Institute of International Affairs  
Australian National University College of Asia and the Pacific,  
Southeast Asia Institute**

**Friday 28 August 2015**

The Law Theatre  
College of Law (Building 5), 5 Fellows Road, Australian  
National University, Acton ACT

### **9.00 Welcome and Opening Address**

**Welcome:** Professor Robert Cribb, School of Culture, History and Language, Australian National University

**Opening Address:** Professor The Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA, Chancellor of the Australian National University

### **9.30 The State of Academic Knowledge**

9.30-9.50: Presenter 1, Professor Robert Cribb, School of Culture, History and Language, Australian National University

9.50-10.10: Presenter 2, Associate Professor David Reeve, Visiting Fellow at the School of Humanities and Languages, the University of New South Wales

10.10-10.30: Questions and discussion from the floor

Chair: Dr Vanessa Hearman, Department of Indonesian Studies, School of languages and Culture, The University of Sydney

### **10.30 Morning Tea**

### **11.00 Interpretations of Events**

11.00-11.30: Presenter 1, Aristides Katoppo, Chairman at Sinar Harapan

11.30-12.00: Presenter 2, Nick Turner, Former foreign correspondent and Founder of NZ Executive News Service

12.00-12.30: Questions and discussion from the floor

Chair: Professor Virginia Hooker, Professor Emeritus, College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University

### **12.30 Lunch**



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### **1.30pm Australian Witnesses to the Coup**

1.30-1.40: Presenter 1, Geoffrey Miller, Former Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

1.40-2.00: Presenter 2, Francis Palmos, Historian and former foreign correspondent

2.00-2.10: Presenter 3, Tim Bowden, Journalist and former foreign correspondent

2.10-2.30: Questions and discussion

Chair: Chris Farnham, National Operations Manager, The Australian Institute of International Affairs

### **2.30pm Economic Consequences of the Coup**

2.30-2.50: Presenter 1, Professor Howard Dick, Conjoint Professor, faculty of Business and Law, University of Newcastle

2.50-3.10: Questions and discussion from the floor

Chair: Chris Farnham, National Operations Manager, The Australian Institute of International Affairs

### **3.10pm Afternoon Tea**

### **3.30pm Political and Humanitarian Consequences of the Coup**

3.30-4.00: Presenter 1, Dr. Baskara T. Wardaya, Director for the Centre for History and Political Ethics, Sanata Dharma University, Indonesia

4.00-4.20: Presenter 2, Associate Professor Greg Fealy, Senior Fellow, Indonesian Politics, Bell School of Asia-Pacific Affairs

4.20-4.40: Questions and discussion from the floor

Chair: Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

### **4.50pm Concluding Remarks and Thanks**

Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

## Speaker Biographies

**Professor The Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FAIIA-** Current Chancellor of the Australian National University and former Foreign Minister (1988-1996). Gareth Evans was made a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 2012 for his service to international relations, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. He has written or edited 12 books – including *The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and for All* (2008). He currently Co-Chairs the International Advisory Board of the New-York based Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, and is Patron and Emeritus Convenor of the Asia Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament.

**Professor Robert Cribb-** Professor at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific with a PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, with a thesis on Jakarta during the Indonesian revolution in the 1940's. Robert Cribb's research interests focus mainly on Indonesia, though he has some interest in other parts of Southeast Asia (especially Malaysia and Burma/Myanmar) and in Inner Asia. The themes of his research are: mass violence and crime; national identity; environmental politics; and historical geography. Current research projects include: the origins of massacre in Indonesia; historical atlas of Northeast Asia

**Associate Professor David Reeve-** A diplomat at the outset of his career, undertaking Indonesian language training and a posting in Jakarta prior to completing a PhD on Golkar. He was the founding lecturer in Australian studies at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta from 1984 to 1987. He established Indonesian studies at UNSW in 1990 and was head of Indonesian/Asian Studies at UNSW until 2006. He is deputy director of ACICIS (the Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies), located in Yogyakarta, and was resident director from 1997 to 1999.

**Aristides Katoppo-** Was former Chief Editor of 'Sinar Harapan' magazine and was a journalist in Indonesia during the 1965 coup. Aristides has written extensively on the attempted military coup of 1965 and is widely considered one of the leading experts on the events that took place. His areas of expertise also include South East Asian domestic and foreign policy, as well as counter-terrorism in Indonesia.

**Nick Turner-** A New Zealander, was chief of Reuters' Saigon bureau in the early 1960s and one of the small group of resident foreign correspondents who brought the Vietnam war to world attention. He then became a free-lance correspondent in SE Asia for clients such as The Economist, The Guardian and the Melbourne Age, focusing largely on Indonesia, and was interviewing PKI leader D N Aidit for a Time Magazine profile prior to the coup. After returning to NZ from Asia in 1971 he was a senior editor at Radio New Zealand and founded the NZ Executive News Service, providing NZ news to businesses and diplomatic posts overseas.

**Geoffrey Miller AO FAIIA-** Geoffrey began as a career officer of the then Department of External Affairs in 1959. He served in Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, New York (United Nations) and New Delhi, and from 1978- 80 was Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. After serving as Ambassador to Japan up to 1989, he became Director-General of the Office of National Assessments, a position which he held until recently.

**Dr. Francis Palmos-** Following graduation in Journalism and Indonesian Studies from University of Melbourne he was appointed Australia's youngest Foreign Correspondent to South East Asia at 24 years of age (1964). He founded the first foreign newspaper bureau in the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta and served as its bureau chief for the Sydney Morning Herald-Sun groups. From 1964 He served as a translator to first Indonesian President Sukarno and political party leaders. Palmos served as a war correspondent during the Vietnam War, where he did five tours between 1965 and 1968.

**Tim Bowden-** Tim's professional background has been in journalism and includes newspapers and documentary work in radio and television. He worked with the BBC's General Overseas Service in London during 1960-62 as a radio interviewer and producer with the Pacific Service. Tim was posted to Singapore as a foreign correspondent in 1965, and helped to cover the 'confrontation' between Malaysia and Indonesia, and the Indo China war.

**Professor Howard Dick-** is an Asia specialist working primarily on Indonesia and Southeast Asia. His interests include applied economics, Asian laws, Asian business and the Asian business environment. He has written extensively on Indonesia and Southeast Asia, including in *Corruption in Asia: Rethinking the Governance Paradigm* (with Tim Lindsey, Federation Press, Sydney, 2002) He is a regular media commentator on Australia-Asia relations.

**Dr. Baskara T. Wardaya-** Dr. Baskara is currently the director for the Center for History and Political Ethics at Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. He graduated from the Sekolah Tinggi Filsafat (Institute of Philosophy) in Jakarta 1986. In 1995, he received a Master's degree and in 2001 his Doctoral degree in history from Marquette University, Milwaukee, USA. His fields of expertise include Cold War History, Communism, Diplomatic History, and Southeast Asia in 2013 he co-authored "*1965: Indonesia and the World*" a book exploring how the events of 1965 affected Indonesia and the world.

**Associate Professor Greg Fealy-** Greg's interest in Indonesian politics and Islam was awakened as an undergraduate at Monash University and they have remained the focus of his academic and professional activity since then. Greg's PhD thesis was a study of the traditionalist Muslim party, Nahdlatul Ulama. More recently, he has examined terrorism, transnational Islamist movements and religious commodification in Indonesia, as well as broader trends in contemporary Islamic politics in Southeast Asia.