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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL
Department of Political Science **PhD** 2019
Field Comparative Politics/ International Relations

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, MI
Department of Political Science **M.A.** 2008
Field Comparative Politics

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA
College of Arts and Sciences **B.A.** 2006
Major Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Australian National University

Research Fellow, Department of Political and Social Change, Canberra 2023-Present

- Conducting research on political violence and extremism in Asia with a focus on Indonesia
- Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses on state-building and democratization in Asia
- Preparing book manuscript “*Politics of Impunity: Vigilantism and State-building in Democratic Indonesia*”
- Developing new research project to investigate role of neighborhood leaders in governance in Asia

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Non-Resident Scholar, Asia Program, Washington DC 2019-Present

- Contribute current-affairs commentary on Indonesia and Southeast Asia
- Brief US government officials on evolving security issues in Asia

Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC)

Director, Jakarta 2021-2022

- Directed analytical work on violent conflict and extremism in Southeast Asia with a focus on Indonesia
- Led a team of researchers and administrative staff to publish timely reports for policymakers, and donors
- Authored original research on separatism in Papua and the impact of Covid-19 on conflict in Indonesia
- Headed policy advocacy efforts and served as a liaison with international donors and government agencies
- Raised and managed an annual budget of half-million dollars in grant funding from DFAT, the Netherlands, NZ and Canada.

National University of Singapore

Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute, Singapore 2019-2020

- Prepared journal article manuscripts related to religious extremism and vigilantism in Asia
- Implemented survey to assess the role of neighborhood leaders in management of Covid-19

The World Bank

Consultant, Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group, Washington DC 2017

- Wrote the Indonesia study for the UN-World Bank flagship publication on conflict prevention
- Evaluated the effectiveness of donor led conflict mitigation efforts in high-risk areas

Lead Researcher, National Violence Monitoring System, Social Development, Jakarta 2008-2013

- Led the development of methodology for the dataset recording 40 variables for 240,000 events
- Developed an implementation strategy and managed nationwide field operations
- Conducted technical consultations with senior government counterparts and aid agencies
- Supervised assessments of 110 local news sources and digitalization of 3 million pages
- Developed funding proposal and secured financing for monitoring activities
- Analyzed data to support government’s policy initiatives
- Served as technical advisor for the Philippines violence monitoring initiative in Mindanao

- Analyzed the role of political leadership and inter-state learning in economic liberalization
- Contributed to a 20-country study of developing economies, chaired by Michael Spence

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Publications

- “Mechanics of Impunity: Vigilantism and State-Building in Indonesia.” *Comparative Politics* 55, no. 2 (January 1, 2023): 287–311.
- “Social Conflict in Indonesia During the Covid-19 Pandemic.” *Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC)*, no. 78, October 2022.
- “Escalating Armed Conflict and a New Security Approach in Papua.” (with Deka Anwar) *Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC)*, no. 77, July 2022.
- “Indonesia in 2021: In the Eye of the Storm.” *Southeast Asian Affairs* 2022, no. 1 (2022): 141–61.
- “Diminished Autonomy and the Risk of New Flashpoints in Papua.” *Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC)*, no. 74, December 2021.
- “Right-Wing Populism and Vigilante Violence in Asia.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 56, no. 2 (June 1, 2021): 223–49.
- “In the state’s stead? Vigilantism and policing of religious offence in Indonesia” In *From stagnation to regression? Indonesian democracy after twenty years* eds Warburton and Power, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2020.
- “Violence and Regimes in Asia: Capable States and Durable Settlements.” (with Dan Slater) in *The State of Conflict and Violence in Asia*. The Asia Foundation, September 2017.
- “When Large Conflicts Subside: The Ebbs and Flow of Violence in Post-Suharto Indonesia.” (with Ashutosh Varshney and Patrick Barron) *Journal of East Asian Studies* 16, no. 2, 2016.
- “How Large Conflicts Subside: Evidence from Indonesia.” (with Ashutosh Varshney and Patrick Barron) *Indonesian Social Development Paper no. 18*, World Bank, 2014.

Policy Commentary

- “Indonesia’s new criminal code turns representatives into rulers”, (w E. Warburton) *New Mandala*, Dec 2022
- “At the G20, Indonesia Claims Long-Overdue Limelight on the Global Stage”, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, Nov 2022
- “How the Global Vaccine Divide Is Fueling Indonesia’s Coronavirus Catastrophe”, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, August 2021
- “End of Myanmar’s Rocky Road to Democracy?”, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, Feb 2021
- “The role of neighborhood leaders in Indonesia’s COVID-19 response”, *New Mandala*, Nov 2020
- “Coronavirus Blunders in Indonesia Turn Crisis Into Catastrophe”, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, April 2020
- “Is Indonesia becoming a two-tiered democracy?”, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, Jan 2020
- “Protests against Joko Widodo Rock Indonesia”, *Foreign Policy*, Sept 2019
- “Civic structures and uncivil demands in Indonesia”, *New Mandala*, April 2018
- “Between persecution and prosecution: vigilantes, the state and the politics of offence” (with Siswo Mulyartono), *Indonesia at Melbourne*, June 2017
- “Justice by Numbers: The rising specter of vigilantism in Indonesia”, *New Mandala*, Jan 2017
- “Marveling at Indonesian Democracy in Myanmar”, *New Mandala*, Dec 2016
- “Street Power and Local Elections in Indonesia” (with Ihsan Ali Fauzi), *New Mandala*, April 2016

Book Reviews:

- “*Rioting for Representation: Local Ethnic Mobilization in Democratizing Countries* by Risa J. Toha. New York, Cambridge University Press, 2021”, *Political Science Quarterly*, Forthcoming 2023
- “*Witch-Hunt and Conspiracy: The Ninja Case in East Java* by Nicholas Herriman. Clayton, Victoria: Monash University Publishing, 2016.” *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, August 2017
- “*Defect or Defend. Military Responses to Popular Protests in Authoritarian Asia*, by Terence Lee. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015” *Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia* 172, no. 4, January 2016.
- “*Indonesia. Money, Power, and Ideology: Political Parties in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia* by Marcus Mietzner Singapore: NUS Press” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 45, no. 03, October 2014

Publications in Bahasa Indonesia:

- "Keadilan Berdasarkan Angka: Bayang-bayang Vigilantisme di Indonesia", PUSAD Paramadina, 2017
- "Mempelajari Konflik Keagamaan Di Indonesia: Pengetahuan Dan Implikasi Kebijakan" In *Kebebasan, Toleransi Dan Terorisme: Riset Dan Kebijakan Agama Di Indonesia*, disunting oleh Ihsan Ali Fauzi, Zainal Abidin Bagir, dan Irsyad Rafsadi. Jakarta: PUSAD Paramadina, 2017
- "Kuasa Jalanan: Milisi dan Politik Pilkada di Indonesia" (dengan Ihsan Ali Fauzi), PUSAD Paramadina, 2016
- "Berlagak Aparat: Telaah Dampak Kapasitas Negara Terhadap Tindakan Main Hakim Sendiri" di *Sisi Gelap Demokrasi: Kekerasan Masyarakat Madani Di Indonesia*, disunting oleh Husni Mubarak dan Irsyad Rafsadi. Jakarta: PUSAD Paramadina, 2015

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2020 Best Dissertation Fieldwork Prize, American Political Science Association 2020
- Young Southeast Asia Fellow, Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) 2019
- WhatsApp Research Awards for Social Science and Misinformation 2018-2019
- Mellon Foundation Dissertation-Year Fellowship 2018-2019
- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship 2018-2019
- Committee on Southern Asian Studies Dissertation Grant, University of Chicago 2014-2019
- The Pearson Institute Field Research Grant, University of Chicago 2017-2018
- Fellow, Center for International Social Science Research (CISSR), University of Chicago 2017-2018
- Research Fellow, Center for Study of Religion and Democracy (PUSAD Paramadina) 2015-2017

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (Selected)

Invited Talks

- "The Impact of Taliban Rule on Terrorism in Southeast Asia", DFAT Regional Staff Orientation led by Australian Ambassador for Counter-terrorism, Australian Embassy in Jakarta, 2022
- "The deepening crisis in Myanmar" US House of Representatives, Committee on Intelligence, 2021
- "Returning foreign fighters in Southeast Asia: Emerging challenges", Senior Officials Counter-Terrorism Policy Forum, DFAT, 2021
- "The Role of Neighborhood Organizations in Managing Public Health Crises" Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 2020
- "In the State's Stead? The rise of vigilantism as a new coercive force in democratic Indonesia", Indonesia Update 2019, Australian National University, Canberra 2019
- "Leveraging the Leviathan: politics of impunity and the rise of vigilante violence in democratic Indonesia", Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Singapore 2018
- "Rumors to Rampage: When does misinformation on social media lead to mob violence in Indonesia?", Facebook Research, Menlo Park, 2018
- "Violence and Regimes in Asia: Capable States and Durable Settlements", The Asia Foundation, DC, 2017
- "How violent is peace? Introducing the National Violence Monitoring System Dataset from Indonesia", Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, University of Michigan, 2015

Conferences

- "Indonesian Democracy in Retreat?" Special Roundtable, Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, 2022
- "Mechanics of Impunity: Vigilantism and State-building in Indonesia", The Political Science of Collective Vigilantism and Lynching in Global Comparative Perspective, Harvard University, 2020
- "Risk in Rampage: How communities negotiate impunity for vigilante violence", American Political Science Association (APSA), 2020
- "Fanning Fears: Populism and the Rise of Mob Violence in Asian Democracies", American Political Science Association (APSA), 2019
- "Fear or Fury? Democratic Change and Politics of Coercion in Indonesia" Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, 2018
- "Authoritarian Origins of Vigilantism and Quotidian Order in Indonesia", American Political Science Association (APSA), 2016

TEACHING

Yangon School of Political Science, Myanmar Political Science Association

2016

Visiting Lecturer, Yangon

- Taught a graduate-level course on comparative democratization in Southeast Asia

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science

2014-2016

Co-instructor

- Democracy in Indonesia with Prof. Dan Slater (Winter 2015, Spring 2016)

Teaching Assistant, Chicago

- Introduction to Comparative Politics with Prof. Dan Slater (Winter 2016)
- Politics of Criminal Conflict with Prof. Benjamin Lessing (Spring 2014, Spring 2015)
- Politics and Public Policy with Prof. Christopher Berry (Fall 2014)

University of Michigan, Department of Political Science

2007-2008

Graduate Instructor

- Democracy and Politics in India with Prof. Ashutosh Varshney (Winter 2007)
- International Organizations with Prof. Jana von Stein (Spring 2008)

SKILLS

- English (Fluent), Bahasa Indonesia (Fluent), Urdu (Native), Arabic (Basic)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, STATA and Arc GIS
- 15 years of experience in conducting independent field research in Indonesia
- Skilled in managing quantitative and qualitative data collection teams
- History of productive collaboration with Indonesian research organizations