

TOPICAL ISSUES IN WORLD AFFAIRS

The Graduate Centre invites you to bring your lunch and hear from our panel of speakers on the topic of

“Litmus test for Indonesia’s Democracy? Jakarta Gubernatorial Elections”

The mobilisation of hardline Islamic groups against Jakarta gubernatorial candidate Basuki Tjahaja Purnama (Ahok) and his resulting trial on blasphemy charges has led some analysts to characterise the Jakarta gubernatorial elections as a ‘litmus test’ of the nation’s democracy. Growing religious intolerance toward minorities and a high stakes contest amongst Indonesia’s political elites has converged to make the election result an intensely charged domestic political issue with broader ramifications for the Indonesian state.

The panel discussion will examine the factors behind increasing political and communal tensions in Indonesia as well as explore the place of Islam and nationalism in the post-authoritarian polity. It will consider the role of militia such as the Islamic Defenders Front (FPI) in mobilising mass opposition to Ahok; jockeying by political elites ahead of the 2019 presidential elections; and the response of Indonesia’s security forces to violence and intimidation.

SPEAKERS



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