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# The State of Politics in Indonesia and the Prospects for 2019: A Comparative View

Indonesian Forum Public Lecture

Public Event

## Emeritus Professor Richard Robison



The public lecture tries to look at the underlying structures of politics in Indonesia and the prospects for 2019 and beyond by comparing it with other countries not only in Southeast Asia but also in the Middle East. This can be a useful way to draw out the specific dynamics of politics in Indonesia and its political economy. The questions put forward in the discussion would be: does Joko Widodo's populist politics which has now turned into authoritarian tendency represent a political phenomenon that is unique and if so, why this is the case? Will someone like Rodrigo Duterte ever emerge in Indonesia? What is the possibility that Indonesia might follow the Thai example of return to military rule? Or, could the Recep Tayyip Erdoğan political model ever take root in Indonesia?

### Discussant: Prof Andrew Rosser

**Richard Robison** is Emeritus Professor in the Asia Research Centre at Murdoch University. He was Professor of Political Economy at the Institute for Social Studies in the Hague, Netherlands (2003-2006). He extensively published books on Indonesian politics and Asia, including *Indonesia: The Rise of Capital* (1986), *The Political Economy of South-East Asia: Conflict, Crisis and Change* (2001), *Political Economy of Aid Industry in Asia* (2014, with J. Hutchison, W. Hout, and C. Hughes).

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### Event Details

**Date:**  
Monday, 5 November 2019

**Time:**  
5.15pm - 7.30pm

**Venue:**  
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Room 553 (Discursive Space) The  
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