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The Indonesian Military After the New Order

Democracy, Corruption and the Politics of Spirits in Contemporary Indonesia

When Megawati Soekarnoputri became the President of Indonesia in July 2001, there were strong expectations. But so far, fundamental economic and political reforms have yet to be undertaken. The deadly Bali bombings on 12 October 2002 presented a wake-up call for the Megawati government. Terrorism on an international scale had now hit home. Now, more than ever, there is greater urgency on the part of the Megawati government to tackle the myriad of political and economic problems plaguing the country. This volume features some of the major issues that faced the Megawati government even before the devastating Bali attacks. The contributors include academics, practitioners and activists, offering a diversity of views.

Nahdlatul Ulama and the Struggle for Power Within Islam and Politics in Indonesia

This study identifies the factors behind the Indonesian military's decision to reposition its dominant role in socio-political affairs after the fall of Suharto. It covers the contestation between the military and the new civilian regime under President Abdurrahman Wahid

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(Gus Dur) over its altered role, and the military's part behind his fall. Finally, the military's future role under President Megawati is assessed, together with the possibilities of it resuming power. The author, as a former ghostwriter at the Indonesian Ministries of Home Affairs and Defence, has been privy to the internal dynamics of the military and has personally interviewed untouchable figures such as former President Suharto. An up-to-date, well-informed study providing a useful contribution to the literature, particularly with regard to the younger generation of the military.

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"Indonesia is one of the few countries that came through the global economic crisis in 2008-09 with positive economic growth. Despite some recorded positive domestic economic performances, Indonesia faces new challenges as its economy keeps growing and the global economy remains uncertain. A new economic development paradigm is needed to overcome old problems (poverty and unemployment, inadequate infrastructure, corruption, a complex regulatory environment, and unequal resource distribution among regions) with global market opportunities. This book provides a new perspective on how Indonesian's economic policies should be developed by considering its past and future challenges." - Firmanzah, Professor of Economics and Dean of Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia
"Aris Ananta, Muljana Soekarni and Sjamsul Arifin gather excellent researchers and practitioners to

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discuss important economic policy issues for Indonesia today. They discuss monetary and fiscal policies and real economic sector issues based not only on theoretical analysis but also on their day-to-day experience in economic management. By reviewing Indonesia's economic policy reform and subsequent Asian financial crisis and sub-prime loan crisis, the authors present a new economic development paradigm and explore economic strategy and policies for the new era. The book offers many timely lessons from history, as well as the real policy experiences of the authors, and guides readers in exploring economic policies under the globalized world economy. This book is very useful for both practitioners and researchers." - Masaaki Komatsu, Professor of Economics, Hiroshima University

Democracy and Islam in Indonesia

How can such a gentle people as we are be so murderous? a prominent Indonesian asks. That question--and the mysteries of the archipelago's vast contradictions--haunt Theodore Friend's remarkable work, a narrative of Indonesia during the last half century, from the postwar revolution against Dutch imperialism to the unrest of today. Part history, part meditation on a place and a past observed firsthand, *Indonesian Destinies* penetrates events that gave birth to the world's fourth largest nation and assesses the continuing dangers that threaten to tear it apart. Friend reveals Sukarno's character through wartime collaboration with Japan, and Suharto's through the mass murder of communists that brought him to

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power for thirty-two years. He guides our understanding of the tolerant forms of Islam prevailing among the largest Muslim population in the world, and shows growing tensions generated by international terrorism. Drawing on a deep knowledge of the country's cultures, its leaders, and its ordinary people, Friend gives a human face and a sense of immediacy to the self-inflicted failures and immeasurable tragedies that cast a shadow over Indonesia's past and future. A clear and compelling passion shines through this richly illustrated work. Rarely have narrative history and personal historical witness been so seamlessly joined.

The Indonesian Military After the New Order

Gus Dur

Describes Indonesia's history, geography, economics, institutions, and society.

The Indonesian Economy

"Gus Dur, you need some help. You are facing political sabotage and a hostile media. You need some kind of spokesman to explain and clarify your views so ordinary Indonesians can understand. You need someone like Wimar Witoelar." "No," Gus Dur replied, "I don't need someone like Wimar Witoelar. I need Wimar Witoelar." With those words, well-known media personality Wimar Witoelar found himself in the line

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of fire for a tumultuous ten months as Gus Dur's Chief Presidential Spokesman. Now, after the dust has settled, Wimar is able to say all the things he always wanted to but couldn't. He pointedly answers his critics and tells the story of what really happened behind-the-scenes during the final months of Indonesia's first democratically-elected leader. Filled with fascinating insights and revelations, **NO REGRETS** is a candid and witty expose on the inner workings of the cut-throat political life of post-Soeharto Indonesia. Be prepared to have your opinions and views of Gus Dur's presidency-and also of contemporary Indonesian politics-dramatically altered by the person who saw it all: Indonesia's one-of-a kind Wimar Witoelar."

Indonesia Entering a New Era

Inside Indonesia

In this authorized biography, much of it based on unique first-hand observation, Greg Barton introduces us to Indonesia's first democratically elected president and his world and attempts to make sense of his controversial public career and presidency. Barton has known Abdurrahman Wahid since 1988, when he started researching the influence of Islamic liberalism in Indonesia, and subsequently spent many months with his subject, including seven months during Wahid's twenty-one-month presidency, both in Indonesia and travelling with him abroad.

Governance in Indonesia

The Learner's Dictionary of Today's Indonesian

"This is the most comprehensive account of the internal dynamics of the young intellectual generation of NU advocating for pluralism and democracy within Islam in Indonesia, during Gus Dur's leadership of PBNU. Because of the author's unique vantage point, her sometimes sharp criticism of this movement and its internal dynamics is extremely useful to those who continue to advocate for reform, within NU and in Indonesia generally." - Ahman Suaedy, Executive Director, Wahid Institute, Jakarta "Robin Bush provides an authoritative, insightful and engaging account of the political and intellectual world of Nahdlatul Ulama. She carefully analyses the tumultuous and often tangled dynamics within NU from the 1980s to the post-Soeharto period and unearths deeper historical and cultural resonances in explaining the organisation's outlook and actions. This is a valuable work for anyone seeking to understand contemporary Islamic politics in Indonesia." - Greg Fealy, Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Indonesian Politics, Australian National University, Canberra

No Regrets

This book examines the various aspects of life for ethnic Chinese in Indonesia, including acceptance by the Indonesian nationalists as part of the Indonesian

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nation, the pribumi model, discrimination and violence against the Chinese, the process of integration and assimilation, and the concept of "Chinese-ness" as seen through ethnic Chinese literature. Each of the seven chapters provides insight from different perspectives on the issue of the state and its impact on society and culture, demonstrating undeniably how the Indonesian state has played a major role in shaping the political, social and cultural lives of Chinese-Indonesians.

Chinese Indonesians

Southeast Asian Affairs 2004

Although over eighty percent of the country is Muslim, Indonesia is marked by an extraordinary diversity in language, ancestry, culture, religion and ways of life. This book focuses on the Christian Dani of West Papua, providing a social and ethnographic history of the most important indigenous population in the troubled province. It presents a fascinating overview of the Dani's conversion to Christianity, examining the social, religious and political uses to which they have put their new religion. Based on independent research carried out over many years among the Dani people, the book provides an abundance of new material on religious and political events in West Papua. Underlining the heart of Christian-Muslim rivalries, the book questions the fate of religion in late-modern times.

Christianity, Islam and Nationalism in Indonesia

In 2004, Indonesia had a second democratic election, which was also conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner. This book discusses Indonesia's transition towards democracy through the parliamentary and presidential elections, including an analysis of party activity in the provinces, in 2004.

Indonesian Politics and Society

Indonesia's military government collapsed in 1998, igniting fears that economic, religious, and political conflicts would complicate any democratic transition. Yet in every year since 2006, the world's most populous Muslim country has received high marks from international democracy-ranking organizations. In this volume, political scientists, religious scholars, legal theorists, and anthropologists examine the theory and practice of Indonesia's democratic transition and its ability to serve as a model for other Muslim countries. They compare the Indonesian example with similar scenarios in Chile, Spain, India, and Tunisia, as well as with the failed transitions of Yugoslavia, Egypt, and Iran. Essays explore the relationship between religion and politics and the ways in which Muslims became supportive of democracy even before change occurred, and they describe how innovative policies prevented dissident military groups, violent religious activists, and secessionists from disrupting Indonesia's democratic evolution. The collection concludes with a discussion

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of Indonesia's emerging "legal pluralism" and of which of its forms are rights-eroding and rights-protecting.

The Presidency of Abdurrahman Wahid

Indonesia's Interregnum

Indonesia has been an electoral democracy for more than a decade, and yet the political landscape of the world's third-largest democracy is as complex and enigmatic as ever. The country has achieved a successful transition to democracy and yet Indonesian democracy continues to be flawed, illiberal, and predatory. This book suggests that this and other paradoxes of democracy in Indonesia often assume occult forms in the Indonesian political imagination, and that the spirit-like character of democracy and corruption traverses into the national media and the political elite. Through a series of biographical accounts of political entrepreneurs, all of whom employ spirits in various, but always highly contested, ways, the book seeks to provide a portrait of Indonesia's contradictory democracy, contending that the contradictions that haunt democracy in Indonesia also infect democracy globally. Exploring the intimate ways in which the world of politics and the world of spirits are entangled, it argues that Indonesia's seemingly peculiar problems with democracy and spirits in fact reflect a set of contradictions within democracy itself. Engaging with recent attempts to look at contemporary politics through the lens of the occult, *Democracy, Corruption and the Politics of*

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Spirits in Contemporary Indonesia will be of interest to academics in the fields of Asian Studies, Anthropology and Political Science and relevant for the study of Indonesian politics and for debates about democracy in Asia and beyond.

Indonesia's Six Years of Living Dangerously

The Politics of the Periphery in Indonesia is a thought-provoking examination of local politics and the dynamics of power at Indonesia's geographic and social margins. After the fall of Suharto in 1998 and the introduction of a policy of decentralization in 2001, local stakeholders secured and consolidated decision-making power, and set about negotiating new relations with Jakarta. The volume deals with power struggles and local-national tensions, looking among other things at resource control, the historical roots of regional identity politics, and issues relating to Chinese-Indonesians. The authors develop information in ways that transcend the post-colonial territorial boundaries of Indonesia in the Malay-Indonesian archipelago, and use case studies to show how the changes described have galvanized Indonesian politics at the cultural and geographical peripheries.

Elections and Politics in Indonesia

Using an exhaustive selection of primary sources, this book presents a rich and textured picture of Indonesian politics and society from 1965 to the

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dramatic changes which have taken place in recent years. Providing a complete portrait of the Indonesian political landscape, this authoritative reader is an essential resource in understanding the history and contradictions of the New Order, current social and political conditions and the road ahead.

Civil-military Relations in Democratising Indonesia

This book explores the position of Islam as one of the domestic political variables in Indonesia's foreign policy during the Soeharto era. It argues that the foreign policy of Indonesia toward the Muslim world under Soeharto was increasingly the result of political struggles between domestic actors, particularly the Muslim community and the State.

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This new collection critically examines the new global policy of 'good governance'. This catchphrase of aid policy and development thinking has been the subject of too little analysis to date. This book redresses the balance. It places the prefix 'good', and exactly what that means, under the microscope and examines the impact of neoliberal governance in a wide range of countries and territories, including Chile, Russia, Argentina and Indonesia.

Indonesia Matters

This work fills a significant gap in the current

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literature by providing a concise introduction to religious institutions and an insightful analysis of their role in world affairs. Focusing on formal institutions specifically dedicated to governing religious communities, the work examines the intersections between religious and other global institutions, set against the fundamental question: why and how do these intersections matter? The work explores the role of religion within key issues including Human rights Human security International development and humanitarian relief Climate change Moral responsibilities The new forms that religious institutions are taking, their fit with human rights and democratic ideals, their changing nature in plural societies, are a highly relevant part of the global institutional picture and this book is essential reading for all students and scholars of global institutions, international relations and religion.

On the Road to the Greatness of Indonesia, 2005-2030 and the Supremacy of Indonesia, 2030-2055: without special title

An analysis of the 1999 Indonesian general election and subsequent presidential election in the context of Indonesian elections and politics. The book highlights major characteristics of Indonesian society and culture which affect electoral behaviour, namely ethnicity, regionalism and religion.

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Hari-hari Indonesia Gus Dur

An annual review of significant developments and trends in the region. Though the emphasis is on ASEAN countries, developments in the broader Asia-Pacific region are not ignored. Readable and easily understood analyses are offered of major political, economic, social, and strategic developments within Southeast Asia. The volume contains twenty articles dealing with such major themes as international conflict and co-operation, political stability, and economic growth and development.

Gus Dur, a Peculiar Leader in Indonesia's Political Agony

In this timely work, leading scholars analyze the causes of the social, political, and economic crises that erupted in Indonesia in the late 1990s, the responses of the elite and civil society, and the prospects for continuing reform. In the process, they explore such issues as the relevance of the nation-state in an age of globalization, the role of Islam in politics and violence, the strengths and weaknesses of a negotiated route to democratic governance, the relationship of corruption and structural reform to economic growth, and the prospects for stability in

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Southeast Asia. The first book to grapple with the scale and complexity of this historic transition, this work offers a clear and compelling introduction to the Indonesian experience for students with an interest in the problems of post-colonial states, to scholars in comparative Asian studies, and to anyone seeking a serious yet accessible introduction to the world's largest Islamic democracy. A Study of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University

The Indonesian Quarterly

In October 1999, Abdurrahman Wahid, almost blind and recovering from a nearfatal stroke, was elected as Indonesia's fourth president. Referred to as 'Indonesia's surprising new president' by the Economist, the man who had commanded the highest respect of his fellow countrymen for his lifetime devotion to public service, liberal democracy and tolerant Islam, was impeached in humiliating and controversial circumstances less than two years later. Wise to some, insolent to others, Abdurrahman's mercurial style of leadership constantly confounded critics and ultimately caused him to be widely misunderstood by both domestic and international observers. For the first time, biographer Greg Barton delves beneath the surface and gives us a unique insight into the man and his world drawn from his long relationship with Gus Dur - including being at his side during the final extraordinary months of the presidency. Those interested in the drama of modern Indonesian politics will find this book provides a

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fascinating and invaluable account of the enigmatic Gus Dur.

The Politics of the Periphery in Indonesia

Indonesia and the Muslim World

Summary of World Broadcasts

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Global Institutions of Religion

What are the 24 words for 'you' in Indonesian? Why does Indonesian have four words for 'rice' but no exact

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equivalent of 'farm'? How do you say 'Bang!' 'Ouch!' and 'Eh?'. What is the difference between dong and doang in colloquial Indonesian? How did the name of the Hindu god Indra give us the modern Indonesian word for motor vehicle? Whether you are a beginner or an advanced student of Indonesian, The Learner's Dictionary of Today's Indonesian is an essential tool to help you gain an authentic, up-to-date, and active command of the language. It provides a wholly new, very detailed snapshot of the core vocabulary of Indonesian. Among its features are: * thousand of illustrative sentences * an easy pronunciation guide * extensive cross-referencing * helpful tips on usage * topic lists which group the dictionary's words according to 42 'common usage' areas, including time, colours, daily activities, the home, sport, occupations, mass media, religion and business. A unique feature of the dictionary is the dozens of boxes giving invaluable information on everyday usage, word origins and nuances of meaning. Rich in information on the cultural context in which words are used, it includes notes on the difficulties learners experience arising from differences in culture and history between English-speakers and Indonesian-speakers. The Learner's Dictionary of Today's Indonesian is the first comprehensive dictionary designed specifically to help you gain a practical command of the national language of one of the world's most populous nations.

Indonesia News Service

This volume is a collection of chapters on the

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Indonesian economy under Abdurrahman Wahid (popularly known as Gus Dur). Contributions come from many leading Indonesian commentators and practitioners of the past and present, and there are also chapters from representatives of international assistance agencies. The authors provide a mid-term assessment of the challenges facing Indonesia's economic development and suggestions for future directions. The themes covered are, inter alia, overall political and macroeconomic stability, bank and corporate restructuring, decentralization, corruption, and socio-economic trends. This book will be of interest to those wishing to assess the varying perspectives held by Indonesian officials and commentators, officials from multilateral agencies, and academics, in a single volume.

Good Governance in the Era of Global Neoliberalism

SCOTT: From the John Holmes Library collection.

Indonesian Destinies

Emerging Democracy in Indonesia

The recent years for Indonesia have been especially tumultuous in terms of its political directions, its economy and its social stability. What impact does all the changes have on Indonesia now and on its future? This is a timely publication with contributions from various experts and leaders on Indonesia's political,

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economic and social changes since the fall of President Suharto, a sharp assessment of its current challenges, and a comprehensive outlook on its future. The book will be useful background references for policy-makers, business investors, researchers and students in tertiary institutions, informed readers, and a must-read for anyone who wants to know about the world's fourth most populous country.

Abdurrahman Wahid

Political issues in Indonesia during the Abdurrahman Wahid government; collected articles.

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