



16 April 2018 – Wang Gungwu prize winner announcement

Dear ASAA members

Wang Gungwu Prize Winner

The ASAA is pleased to announce that Dr Ian Chalmers of the University of Western Australia, has been awarded the Wang Gungwu Prize for the best article in *Asian Studies Review* in 2017.

The article, [“Countering Violent Extremism in Indonesia: Bringing Back the Jihadists”](#), can now be viewed free-of-charge on the *Asian Studies Review* website. For an inside account of Dr Chalmers’ research head over to his [new post](#) on *Asian Currents* where he writes about his distinctive research approach, his academic influences, and the importance of *Nasi Padang* in the interview process.

Chalmers’ article presents rare insight into the life-stories and thinking of persons convicted of terrorism offenses in Indonesia, drawing on interviews with more than 70 such individuals, around half of whom were interviewed while still detained in Indonesian prisons. It examines the results of official efforts to disengage these people from terrorist networks and ideologies, distinguishing between different degrees of disengagement and deradicalisation. In the process, it traces the journeys of at least some of these former jihadists away from a terrorist mindset. The article has both scholarly and policy relevance, contributing to a range of literatures on terrorism, jihadism and Indonesian studies, and presenting insights to practitioners on how to push trends of disengagement toward deeper processes of deradicalisation.

The Wang Gungwu Prize is named in honour of Professor Wang Gungwu, the distinguished historian who has contributed enormously to scholarship on Asia not only in Australia but also in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore. The annual prize was established by the ASAA in 2013 to recognise and encourage scholarly excellence in Asian Studies.

Congratulations Ian!

Australian National University Indonesia Institute Postgraduate Workshop September 12-13, 2018 Call for Papers, deadline 21 May 2018

The ANU Indonesia Institute is a newly established institute hosted by the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. As part of the programme for the 2018 ANU Indonesia Update, the ANU

Indonesia Institute is organising its first annual postgraduate workshop. The ANU Indonesia Institute Postgraduate Workshop is an interdisciplinary workshop for students conducting Indonesia-related research at the postgraduate level.

All postgraduate students at ANU who are conducting research on Indonesia are encouraged to attend. The ANU Indonesia Institute also extends a warm invitation to interested students from other universities – both within Australia and across the world – to participate in this event. The workshop will provide an opportunity for students to share research in a supportive environment, to learn about Indonesia-related research being conducted by other students, and to meet and network with students with similar interests from across the campus and further afield.

For more details on the workshop and on how to submit an application see [here](#).

Kind regards
Rebecca