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Indonesia's ascent: power, leadership and the regional order

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As Indonesia's economy grows, it is increasingly referred to as a rising middle power and there is mounting speculation that Indonesia might eventually join the ranks of Asia's powers. Regardless of how far Indonesia rises, its government and the will of its people will become increasingly influential in the region, and its relationship with Australia will continue to evolve. In the wake of the Indonesian elections, this seminar will address the key issues and challenges facing the country today, including Indonesia's foreign policies and the influence of political values, its role in Southeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific, its economy and economic nationalism, and the future of Indonesia-Australia relations.



Associate Professor Leonard C Sebastian received his PhD from the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the Australian National University in 1997. He is the author of *Realpolitik Ideology: Indonesia's Use of Military Force* and numerous refereed articles on South-East Asian affairs. He has served as a senior advisor to the governments of Singapore, Indonesia and Timor Leste and as a consultant to a number of non-government bodies. He lectures regularly throughout the region.



Dr Ahmad D (Derry) Habir was a founding faculty member of the Indonesia Institute for Management Development (IPMI) Business School, and Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Director of the MBA program of the Swiss German University, Jakarta. Dr Habir has also served as a senior governance advisor at the United Nations Support Facility for Indonesian Recovery and received his PhD in Political Science from the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, ANU.



Dr Christopher Roberts specialises in Asian regionalism, politics, and security. He has lived in Japan and Singapore and previously worked at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Politics and the University of Canberra. Aside from two sole authored books – *ASEAN Regionalism: Cooperation, Values and Institutionalization* and *ASEAN's Myanmar Crisis* – Dr Roberts has completed more than thirty other journal articles, book chapters, conference papers, commentaries and reports on issues relevant to the politics and security of the Asia-Pacific.

The presenters are the lead investigators on a NSC research project into the implications of Indonesia's rising political and economic power. Fourteen issue briefs published as part of the research project will be launched during this event. (Hard copies will be available.)

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