ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA) at the University of Canberra was established in January 2014 to harness the research strengths of the ANZSOG Institute for Governance (ANZSIG) and the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM). The aim of the Institute is to create and sustain an international class research institution for the study and practice of governance and public policy.

The Institute has a strong social mission committed to the production of leading edge research and research driven education programs with genuine public value and, by implication, policy impact. The integration of ANZSIG and NATSEM has created exciting opportunities for the development of cutting edge research in public policy analysis through combining expertise in qualitative and quantitative methods, evaluation, micro-simulation and policy modelling. Professor Mark Evans is Director of the Institute.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Institute has a highly active programme of international engagement in both research and education, with quality international partners. In research, this includes joint publications, visiting scholar schemes, doctoral supervision and joint workshops. In education, the Institute partners with a consortium of leading international universities in the delivery of an International Master in Public Administration Partnership Programme (IMPAPP). This provides a unique learning opportunity for overseas students drawn from senior levels of the public service or aspiring to be senior members of the public service to study for a double MPA degree.

THE INDONESIA PROGRAM

The Institute actively engages in partnerships and collaborations with various institutions, researchers and policy makers in Indonesia. The Indonesia Program at the Institute, led by Dr Riyana Miranti, specialises in the area of economic development (e.g. poverty, inequality, economic growth and regional development), governance, policy modelling, policy analysis and evaluation.

THE INDONESIA PROGRAM IN PRACTICE

NATSEM has been involved in a long standing collaboration with the Demographic Institute, Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Indonesia (LD-FEB UI) with its LOA (Letter of Agreement) since 2011, in the area of economic development covering both education and research program.
Dr Sonny Harmadi, the Director of the Demographic Institute (LD-FEB UI) was the recipient of the International Distinguished Visitor Fellowship from University of Canberra (UC) Deputy Vice Chancellor-Research (DVCR) in 2011. Dr Harmadi visited NATSEM in May 2011 and was a member of a research reference group of the commissioned research project on Indonesia Poverty and Inequality during the Decentralisation period funded by the OECD (2012-2013).

In 2012, NATSEM invited Dr Evi Nurvidya Arifin from the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore under UC-DVCR Distinguished Visitor Fellowship to discuss her research on the issue of Aging and Wellbeing of Older Persons in Indonesia, which has been an emerging issue in developing countries.

NATSEM and LD-FEB UI jointly organised a workshop on Regional Inequality in Indonesia, held at the Demographic Institute, University of Indonesia, 10th August 2011, and applied jointly for research grants notably from the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the Australian Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Dr Yogi Vidyattama has been developing a partnership with Dr Kiki Verico from the Institute for Economic and Social Research, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia (LPEM-FEB UI) to work on a project entitled “Essential factors in attracting FDI: Infrastructure, Labour Productivity or Economic Cooperation”.

IGPA Fellows Professor Anne Daly and Dr Riyana Miranti have been developing partnerships with Dr Tri Mulyaningsih from the Faculty of Economics, University of 11th March (Sebelas Maret), Surakarta. Professor Daly, Dr Mulyaningsih, Dr Miranti, and Adjunct Associate Professor Chris Manning, from the Australian National University have been working together on a project entitled, “Skills Differentials and Wage Inequality: A Study of Indonesia Labour Market” funded by the ANU - Indonesia Project Research Grant 2014/2015. The project will include two forthcoming joint workshops organised at the University of Sebelas Maret in November 2015 and University of Canberra in February 2016.

Collaboration with international Universities also extends in the education programs in the area of public administration and public service reform. IGPA is finalising partnerships with a consortium of leading universities in Indonesia in the delivery of an IMPAPP, including the University of Gajah Mada, Yogyakarta.
IGPA has delivered numerous training and education programs for policy makers in Indonesia. This included a bespoke program tailored to the Indonesian Inspectorate General of the Ministry of Education and Culture to provide detailed knowledge and experience on public auditing in Australia. The program objectives were to provide the delegation knowledge and practical experience in risk-based auditing in Australia, including government auditing policies and practices, the conduct of financial, compliance and performance auditing. The delivery of program included lectures, workshops with practical exercises, as well as site visits to the ACT Government and the Commonwealth Department of Education. Guest speakers from the Australian National Audit Office were also featured in the course.

In Indonesia, IGPA has collaborated with key policy makers, particularly with the Indonesia Ministry of Finance. IGPA and the Ministry of Finance have jointly applied for education and research grants, particularly ones funded by DFAT in the areas of fiscal policy evaluation and excellence in budgeting.

IGPA has undertaken several research projects funded by International Development Agencies particularly in the areas of poverty, inequality and social protection. This includes a recent high profile report on “Trends in poverty and inequality in Indonesia post-decentralisation” commissioned by the OECD and co-authored by Dr Riyana Miranti, Dr Yogi Vidyattama, Mr Erick Hansnata and former colleagues Professor Alan Duncan and Ms Rebecca Cassells). NATSEM-IGPA and The OECD, together with a leader in poverty and inequality research in Indonesia, The SMERU Research Institute, jointly launched this report together Indonesia in December 2013.

Dr Riyana Miranti undertook work for the Asian Development Bank on “Addressing Knowledge and Statistical Gaps in Relation to Poverty Reduction, Inequality, and Inclusive Growth”. She also undertook a research project that was funded by USAID’s Support for Economic Analysis Development in Indonesia Project, with The National Team of Accelerating Poverty Reduction in Indonesia (TNP2K) which examined “Factors explaining variation in provincial poverty rates in Indonesia”.

Recently, Dr Riyana Miranti collaborated with Associate Professor Sandra García-Jaramillo from the University of Los Andes, Bogota-Colombia on a UNESCO funded project on a program evaluation of social protection programs targeted to children as a background paper prepared for the Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2015.
STUDYING AT IGPA

IGPA hosts a number of PhD scholars from Indonesia, including those who are the Ministry of Finance officers.

The list of the PhD students who came from Indonesia is as follows:

- Rohmat – whose thesis title is, ‘The implementation of Public Private Partnership in state asset management framework of Indonesian infrastructure development’. Supervisory panel: Professor John Halligan and Dr. Harun Harun
- Mardhiah – whose thesis title is, ‘The Determinants of MNC’s tax compliance in Indonesia’. Supervisory panel: Dr Riyana Miranti and Professor Mark Evans
- Erick Hansnata – whose thesis title is, ‘Migration in the Murray-Darling Basin Australia’. Supervisory panel: Professor Laurie Brown, Professor Anne Daly and Dr Riyana Miranti.
- Murman Budijanto – whose thesis title is, ‘Efficiency improvement of public-private partnership firms in Australia’. Supervisory panel: Dr Tesfaye Gebremedhin, Dr Craig Applegate and Dr Itismita Mohanty

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