

Assoc Prof Jamie S. DAVIDSON

Education

- Ph.D. (Political Science), University of Washington, 2002
 - M.A. (Southeast Asian Politics), SOAS, University of London, 1995
 - B.A. (International Relations), University of Pennsylvania, 1993
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Professional Experience

8/2023-PRESENT

Cluster Head, ARI, NUS

- I am heading the new Food Politics and Society Cluster

6/2021 -7/2023

Cluster Head, ARI, NUS

- I ran the Identities Cluster.

1/2010-PRESENT

Associate Professor, Political Science, NUS

- Teaching, researching and supervising on comparative, Asia politics

1/2006 -12/2009

Assistant Professor, Political Science, NUS

- Teaching, researching and supervising on comparative, Asian politics

7/2004-11/2005

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University.

- Researching and supervising PhD students on Dutch-Indonesian research project on traditional law and agrarianism in Indonesia

1/2003-6/2004

Post-Doctoral Fellow, ARI, NUS

- Worked on turning my dissertation into a publishable manuscript
 - Organised an international conference on traditional law and politics in Indonesia
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Research Area/Topic/Discipline

Food politics; Southeast Asia; comparative politics; identity politics

Short Biography

Jamie S. Davidson is Associate Professor of Political Science at NUS. He re-joined ARI in 2021 and now heads its latest cluster – Food Politics and Society. He has nearly twenty-five years of experience of teaching and writing on the politics of Southeast Asia, and especially that of Indonesia. His books and articles have focused on a range of issues, including ethnic violence, indigenous peoples' activism, law and society, infrastructure, democratisation, and, most recently, rice politics. Jamie sits on a number of editorial boards for book series and journals.

Selected Publications

Books

Indonesia: Twenty Years of Democracy (Cambridge University Press, Element Series, 2018, pp. 76). [Chinese translation: 印尼模式：國家民主化二十年史(1998-2018) (Taiwan: Monsoon Belt Culture Co., 2019); Indonesian translation: *Demokrasi Indonesia Pasca-Orba: Antara Invoasi, Stagnasi, dan Polarisasi* (Yogyakarta: Insist Press, 2022)].

Indonesia's Changing Political Economy: Governing the Roads (Cambridge University Press, 2015, pp. 292). [Indonesian translation: *Menaja Jalan: Ekonomi Politik Pembangunan Infrastruktur Indonesia* (Yogyakarta: Insist Press, 2019)].

From Rebellion to Riots: Collective Violence on Indonesian Borneo (Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 2008, pp. 312).

Refereed Articles

"Opposition to Privatized Infrastructure in Indonesia," *Review of International Political Economy*, 28, 1(2021): 128-51.

"Rice Imports and Electoral Proximity: The Philippines and Indonesia Compared," *Pacific Affairs*, 91, 3 (2018): 445-70.

"Then and Now: Campaigns to Achieve Rice Self-Sufficiency in Indonesia," *Bijdragen Tot de Taal-, Land- En Volkenkunde*, 174, 2-3, (2018): 188-215.

"Stagnating Yields, Unyielding Profits: The Political Economy of Malaysia's Rice Sector," *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, 49, 1 (2018): 105-28.

"Indonesia's New Governance Institutions: Accounting for their Varied Performance," *Asian Survey* 56, 4 (2016): 651-75.

"Why the Philippines Chooses to Import Rice," *Critical Asian Studies* 48, 1 (2016): 100-22.

Edited Books

Just Another Rice Crisis? The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Southeast Asia's Rice Sector (Singapore: Yusof Ishak-ISEAS Press, 2023, pp. 200).

lead editor with David Henley, *The Revival of Tradition in Indonesian Politics: The Deployment of Adat from Colonialism to Indigenism* (London: Routledge, 2007, pp. 377).

Indonesian translation: *Adat Dalam Politik Indonesia* (Jakarta: Yayasan Obor, 2010).

Book Chapters

“Introduction,” in J.S. Davidson (ed), *Just Another Rice Crisis? The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Southeast Asia’s Rice Sector* (Singapore: Yusof Ishak-ISEAS, 2023), 1-36.

“The Politics of Indonesia,” in S. Maisel (ed), *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science* (Oxford University Press, 2020) [online resource].

“Survival of the Weakest? The Politics of Independent Regulatory Agencies in Indonesia,” in D. Jarvis and T. Carroll (eds), *Beyond the Developmental State: Neoliberalism, New Public Management and Contemporary Development in Asia* (Cambridge University Press, 2017), 237-60.

lead author with Erik Mobrand, “Rule Making and Rule Breaking: Electoral Corruption in Asia,” in Ting G. and I. Scott (eds), *Routledge Handbook on Corruption in Asia* (London: Routledge, 2017), 69-82.

“Eminent Domain and Infrastructure under Yudhoyono’s and Jokowi’s Administrations,” in J. McCarthy and K. Robinson (eds), *Land and Development in Indonesia: Searching for a People’s Sovereignty*, Indonesia Update Series (Singapore: ISEAS, 2016), 167-85

Op-Eds

“Why Rice Self-Sufficiency has such a grip on the Indonesian public imagination,” *The Conversation*, Feb. 12, 2019,
<https://theconversation.com/why-rice-self-sufficiency-has-such-a-grip-on-the-indonesian-public-imagination-110599>.

“Indonesian democracy creaking at the 20-year mark,” *East Asia Forum*, Oct. 2, 2018,
<https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2018/10/02/indonesian-democracy-creaking-at-the-20-year-mark/>.

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

John Lent Award for best paper presented on Malaysia, Singapore or Brunei at 2016 Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, 2017 (US\$200)

AcRF/MOE, NUS Research Award, Tier 1, 2014-17 (S\$91,660)

AcRF/MOE, NUS Research Award, Tier 1, 2009-11 (S\$31,610)

Editorial Boards

Contestation in Contemporary Southeast Asia, Palgrave MacMillan, book series, co-founder

Journal of Southeast Asian Studies

Asian Survey

Asia Maior