

Dr Myra Mentari ABUBAKAR

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Education

- PhD, Gender, Media and Cultural Studies, Australian National University, Australia
 - MEd, Education, University of Canberra, Australia
 - SS, (BLitt), English Literature and Applied Linguistic, State University of Medan, Indonesia
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Professional Experience

- 2024 Research Affiliate, International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies (ICAIOS)
 - 2023 Convener [Indonesian 2](#), School of Culture History and Language, Australian National University
 - 2023 Casual sessional academic [ANU Extension Indonesian Politics and Culture](#), School of Culture History and Language, Australian National University,
 - 2023 Casual Professional – Indonesian Language Teacher - University of New South Wales Canberra for The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia
 - 2019-2021 Bahasa Indonesia Teacher/Tutor for [Centre for Continuing Education](#); Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University; Canberra College, Australia
 - 2019 Language Trainer, Defence Force School of Languages (DFSL), Canberra, Australia
 - 2019 Indonesian Language Teacher Assistant (ILTA), Alfred Deakin High School, Canberra, Australia
 - 2014 Lecturer, Teaching Introduction to Psycholinguistics and other English subjects, Faculty of Education and Teacher Training, Samudra University, Aceh, Indonesia
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Research Area/Topic/Discipline

Gender and nationalism; Heroism and national identity; Cultural memory

Short Biography

Myra completed her PhD in 2024 at The Australian National University and is currently engaged in extensive research on the hero phenomenon across Indonesia and Southeast Asia. Affiliated with the International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies (ICAIOS) in Aceh, her research primarily focuses on gender and cultural history with an emphasis on Indonesia. At the Asia Research Institute (ARI), Myra explores the complex dynamics of memory and heritage in urban settings. She seeks to shed fresh light on cultural and historical framework by tracing how sites of hero legacy and gendered narratives shape public spaces and collective memory within urban landscapes.

Publications

2024 Abubakar, Myra, *Cut Nyak Din (1848-1908): A Study of Female Heroism in Indonesia*, PhD thesis, The Australian National University, <http://hdl.handle.net/1885/307710>

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

- 2024 – 2025 Academic Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
- 2024 Visiting Fellowships at KITLV (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, Leiden, Netherlands
- 2024 Research Fellow at the [Leibniz Institute for Educational Media Georg Eckert Institute](#)
- 2024 [Philippus Corts Fund, The Corts Foundation \(TCF\), Netherlands](#)
- 2024 [Residential Fellowship at the Netherlands Institute in Turkey for Autumn](#) (offered)
- 2024 Scholar of [The Institute for Advanced Study in Asian Cultures and Theologies](#), Chinese University of Hong Kong (offered)
- 2023 [Evans Fellow at the University of Cambridge](#)
- 2023 – 2024 [JARU Fellow](#) at Department of History at the National University of Singapore
- 2020 Affiliated fellows at KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, Leiden, Netherlands
- 2020 Visiting researcher, Hamburg University, Germany
- 2019 [Vice-Chancellor's HDR Travel Grants](#), Australia National University