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Curriculum Vitae

I earned my bachelor's degree in politics and government from the University of Gadjah Mada in Indonesia, where I studied from 2004 to 2009. I then continued my academic journey with a master's degree at the Australian National University (ANU) from 2014 to 2016. After completing my M.A., I worked as a researcher at the Center for Political Research at the Indonesian Institute of Sciences until I was presented with the opportunity to pursue a PhD at Leiden University in 2020.

Throughout my PhD journey, I participated in several training programs that significantly enhanced my academic capabilities. First, I earned a certificate in scientific conduct from Leiden University in 2023. Additionally, I attended a course on political ecology organized by Wageningen University and Research (WUR) in the same year. Furthermore, I also took part in training for political scientists facilitated by the University of Essex in the UK, in collaboration with the American Political Science Association (APSA). This training and course are valuable for refining the analytical perspective in writings published in various outlets, including the International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction (IJDRR), the forthcoming Journal Urban Policy & Research, the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) – Singapore, Springer Nature, Pacific Affairs, the Journal of Contemporary Southeast Asia, the Journal of Southeast Asia Studies, East Asia Forum, New Mandala, and Inside Indonesia.

Beyond writing, I am passionate about disseminating my research findings through international academic forums. In 2022, I received the Best Paper Award at the Local Democracy Academy conference, organized by the Swedish International Center for Local Democracy and Uppsala University. This recognition was particularly rewarding, and the grant I received supported the creation of a module on managing floods in the Global South, which has been utilized as a teaching tool in regions like East Africa. In 2024, I co-convoked a panel on "Politics-Business Collusion in Southeast Asia" with Professor Ward Berenschot at the EUROSEAS conference at the Universiteit van Amsterdam, where I further explored these dynamics within the context of Southeast Asia. In addition to my academic contributions, I regularly receive invitations to share my expertise. Notably, in 2023, I had the privilege of visiting the Australian National University for a fully funded, in-person lecture. These opportunities enable me to engage directly with scholars and practitioners to discuss the political dimensions of flood management and climate governance.

During my Ph.D., I was fortunate to secure several grants. In 2022, I received a EUR 3,500 grant from the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) in Stockholm, Sweden. This funding allowed me to examine how natural hazards impact the integrity of elections. My participation in an expert panel, led by Professor Sarah Birch from King's College, contributed to the development of the Election Emergency and Crisis Monitor, a pioneering tool that tracks the effects of disasters on elections globally. The project has since expanded and inspired new research on the intersections of governance, elections, and disaster risks. In 2023, I co-applied for a EUR 25,000 grant from the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus University Alliance. This project focuses on improving water quality management in the Brantas Basin, Indonesia through participatory action research. By engaging local stakeholders, my team and I are co-developing strategies for enhancing water management in the region, addressing the social and governance

factors that influence policy outcomes. Since early 2025, I have become a member of a Indonesia-Japan scholars collaboration sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) in Japan. Our objective is to develop an innovative framework for evaluating loss and damage associated with climate change, drawing on case studies and data from the Global South. By focusing on these regions, we aim to incorporate local experiences and vulnerabilities into our assessment methodologies. In every aspect of my academic work, I aim to make meaningful contributions to the field and foster actionable change.