



Special Lecture

Indonesia's Democratization after Suharto: Successes and Failures

Wednesday, June 26th, 17:45

Seminar room OAW (2I-O1-05), Hof 5, AAKH Campus

1. Overview of Indonesia's Democratization Trajectory
2. Successes: Electoral Reforms, Military Reform, Institutional Strengthening, Decline of Communal Violence, Economic Stability
3. Failures: Corruption, Dysfunctional Party Financing System, Erosion of Religious Tolerance, Democratic Stagnation
4. Conclusions



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