

## **Rethinking Reconciliation in Southeast Asia**

### Convener:

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### Panel description:

When we think about reconciliation, more often than not, we think of truth commissions and/or tribunals. The thing is, in many postconflict communities, the processes of restoring relations and moving away from the violent past did not rely on formal truth and/or justice mechanisms. Some chose to reinvigorate local traditions, some chose to adopt practices from other postconflict communities, while others came with completely new ideas.

How do communities come up with such mechanisms? What explains their selection of mechanisms? More importantly, what does reconciliation mean to the communities, what are the communities' priorities in reconciliation – how do communities fold these meanings and priorities in their day-to-day lives? In the Southeast Asian context, do they have something to do with the states' preference to nurture public amnesia and a culture of impunity?

### Presenters:

- Ayu Diasti Rahmawati – on renegotiating memories of the 1965 mass killings in Indonesia
- Samsu Rizal Panggabean – on sentimental education on Papua
- Theresa de Langis – on furthering feminist agendas in the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia
- Diah Kusumaningrum, Department of International Relations, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia – on interdependence-based reconciliation in Maluku

### Format:

Double session