

**Panel Title: Rights and law in Southeast-Asia**

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The legal systems of Southeast Asian states have repeatedly proven to be substandard when it comes to deliver justice for all its citizens. Implementation of human rights has not only been hampered by a lack of political will or insistence on deviating societal norms, but also by the idiosyncrasies of the different national legal systems. In Indonesia, the development of a consistent jurisprudence was heavily impacted by four decades of authoritarian rule, but still today a variety of legal issues seem unresolved. This panel will address different legal dilemmas in the region, from different perspectives such as law, anthropology, and political science. Topics will include; the variety of legal sources and their legitimacy (legal pluralism), formal and informal law, legal methodology use of legal sources by courts, status of treaty law as well as impact and applicability of international (human rights) law, legal transplants, the linkages between constitutional law and international law, criminal law such as the admissible evidence in courts, predictability of court decisions, the discretion of judges.

Lecturers from among the Universities of Janabadra, Atma Jaya, the Islamic University of Indonesia, and/or Padjajaran will present papers. The selection process is still underway. The organisers are still open to relevant papers from qualified presenters.