



Development and Village Governance in Indonesia

A Public Lecture presented by Dr Scott Guggenheim
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How do development programs engage with the changing landscape of local governance in Indonesia? And what is it that development programs "do?" Covering almost 60,000 villages, PNPM - Indonesia's National Program for Community Empowerment - is one of the largest community development projects in the world. Intended to reduce rural poverty, the program is at the same time both embedded in Indonesia's ongoing political and social transformations and reflects the changes taking place in the broader landscape. At the same time, PNPM is widely critiqued for being too populist, too political, and too close to neoliberal theories of market development. Dr. Scott Guggenheim, an anthropologist who has been involved in PNPM since its founding in 1998, will speak about community governance as seen through the lens of this nationwide development program.

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Senate Room

All Welcome

Dr. Guggenheim currently serves as AusAid's Social Policy Adviser in Jakarta. His publications include The Search for Empowerment: Social Capital As Idea and Practice at the World Bank (ed. 2006); Picturing Indonesia: Village views of Development (2005); and Anthropological Approaches to Involuntary Resettlement : Policy, Practice, and Theory (1993; and Power and Protest in the Countryside (edited, 1984).