

Interview by Jemma Purdey, David Lowe and Ahmad Suaedy with Helmy Fuad, 24 April 2014

MA, International Development and Economics, ANU, 2000 cohort



[00:00:23]	Born in Tuban, 100km west of Surabaya. Since 2002 teaches at LIPI. Before 2002 had applied for an American scholarship, a friend was studying in Australia on a scholarship and encouraged Hilmy to apply. Undergraduate studies at University of Gajah Mada (UGM), Jakarta, then worked for a year in non-government organisations as a researcher and advocate for local budgeting. Originally didn't plan to do postgraduate study but LIPI encouraged him to.	Background; childhood; undergraduate
[00:04:50]	Work with LIPI research centre involved travel outside Indonesia. Before going to Australia had been to Malaysia and Thailand, and after went to the Netherlands, many European countries, Japan and Africa. Finished studies in Australia in 2005 and returned to Indonesia for a few months but went back to Australia because his wife was also studying a Masters in Asian Studies, on a scholarship, at ANU.	International mobility; family
[00:08:20]	Lecturers included Tom Kompas (supervisor), Andrew MacIntyre, Indonesianists like	Studying and living in Australia

	<p>Paul Hill, Chris Manning. Mathematics was a challenge, compared to UGM, had to catch up. Explored possibility of changing to a more writing-based discipline but didn't need to, chose subjects related to public policy instead, nice balance between numbers and writing. First lived on campus then moved to Queanbeyan, lots of Indonesian students live there because it's cheaper.</p>	
[00:12:25]	<p>Most students came from South East Asian countries, so didn't meet many non-Asians. First child born in Australia. AusAID supported the family well. Some bad experiences e.g. was billed for surgery by two doctors when only one performed the operation, but mostly good experiences in Canberra. Travelled to other states and capital cities, not much time to travel, had to meet study deadlines. When living on campus easy to go to library and computer lab but from Queanbeyan was more difficult but could mix more with other nationalities and cultures there.</p>	Socialising; travel; friendships
[00:17:43]	<p>Few opportunities to meet Australians. Student associations organised some events. Hilmy was involved in publishing Indonesian students stories about their experiences in Australia, <i>Satu pertanyaan dari selatan</i> (2006), funding from Australia Indonesia Institute. Alumni lunch meeting with ambassadors.</p>	Social and cultural experiences in Australia; Networks
[00:22:35]	<p>Indonesian Embassy: had a close relationship with Indonesian students in Canberra. December 2004 tsunami in Aceh, good response to fundraising events e.g. anklung performance and</p>	Indonesian community

	street performance in the city centre.	
[00:24:27]	Came home for a few months, then went back to Australia to be with pregnant wife, permission granted to write proposal for PhD. Access to good resources helped success of PhD proposal. Got a scholarship to study in Amsterdam. International experience: field work in Nigeria, wife studying in Kyoto and doing field work in Indonesia.	Post-scholarship; family; Further scholarships; international mobility
[00:29:19]	Musing about lack of interest in academia after finishing bachelor and international aspect.	Career
[00:31:40]	From 2004 to 2012 away from Indonesia so is rebuilding networks. Discussion comparing the relationship between research and government policy in Indonesia, Africa and the Netherlands. Reads political news but not actively involved in politics.	Career and networks
[00:35:11]	Now in Jakarta: commutes 60 km to work by car. Daughter's international upbringing. Speaks Japanese but little chance to keep it up in Indonesia. Gets emails from Australian alumni associations but mostly not able to attend events. Doesn't have Facebook or Twitter.	Family and work; alumni networks
[00:39:09]	<i>Satu pertanyaan dari selatan:</i> the cover is a handshake. Published soon after the Bali bombings, content reflects Indonesia – Australia relations at the time. Heard that other people had unpleasant experiences but didn't experience any himself.	Living in Australia

[00:40:46]	Discussion (some in Indonesian) about the centre where Hilmy works. Three sections: South East Asia, Asia-Pacific and European studies. Hilmy is head of European studies.	Current work
[00:43:02]	Still working on Africa: going to Ethiopia next month. PhD in book form, hasn't got around to getting it published yet. Opportunities for post-doctoral studies.	International mobility; future plans
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