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SUMMARY

I am a political scientist with 15 years' experience working on democracy, political parties, subnational politics, and international relations in Southeast Asia. I am currently writing my dissertation on the subnational variation of dynastic politics in Indonesia. I combine both quantitative and qualitative methods of data collection and analysis in my research, depending on the nature of the research questions. My research on dynastic politics has been featured in national and international media, including *The Economist*, *Reuters*, *Al-Jazeera*, *South China Morning Post*, *Kompas*, and *Tempo*.

I am also interested in two other issues that seem worlds apart: the use of blockchain technology to improve the quality of democracy and how mystical beliefs influence politicians' behavior. I believe in the power of comedy in building a mature democracy. I actively involved in various community forums on democracy, both in Indonesia and Asia-Pacific.

EDUCATION

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| 2018 – present | Northwestern University (IL, USA)
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Department of Political Science
Dissertation: <i>Dynasty Inc.: The Emergence and Endurance of Political Dynasties in Indonesia</i> . |
| 2015 – 2018 | Northwestern University (IL, USA)
Graduate Student, Department of Political Science
Major: Comparative Politics
Minor: International Relations |
| 2011 – 2013 | Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies
M.Sc. in Asian Studies
Thesis: <i>The Rise of Political Dynasties in Decentralized Indonesia</i> |
| 2007 – 2009 | The London School of Public Relations (Indonesia)
M.Si. in Corporate Communications |
| 2003 – 2007 | Parahyangan Catholic University (Indonesia)
B.A. in International Relations
Thesis: <i>ASEAN's Obstacles in the Process to Achieve ASEAN Economic Community</i> |

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Nugroho, Y, Kenawas Y.C., Syarief, S.S. 2021. *How the 2020 Pilkada Reflected Major Structural Flaws in Indonesian Politics*. ISEAS Perspective 2021/5. Link: <https://www.iseas.edu.sg/articles-commentaries/iseas-perspective/iseas-perspective-2021-5-how-the-2020-pilkada-reflected-major-structural-flaws-in-indonesian-politics-by-yanmar-nugroho-yoes-c-kenawas-and-sofie-s-syarief/>
- Kenawas, Y. 2020. *Dynastic Politics and the Future of Direct Local Elections*. Kompas, December 28, 2020. Link: <https://www.kompas.id/baca/opini/2020/12/28/politik-dinasti-dan-masa-depan-pilkada-langsung/>
- Kenawas, Y. 2020. *Dynastic Politics: Indonesia's New Normal*. Indonesia at Melbourne. The University of Melbourne. Melbourne: Australia. Link: <https://indonesiaatmelbourne.unimelb.edu.au/dynastic-politics-indonesias-new-normal/>
- Kenawas Y. 2020. *Book Review: Power, Clientelism, and Democracy in Indonesia*. Prisma 2020 (3).
- Kenawas, Y. 2020. *Kuasa Dalam Cengkeraman Keluarga (Power in Family's Grip)*. Tempo, June 15, 2020.
- Kenawas, Y. 2019. *In Defence of Indonesia's Dull Presidential Debates*. Indonesia at Melbourne. The University of Melbourne. Melbourne: Australia. Link: <https://indonesiaatmelbourne.unimelb.edu.au/in-defence-of-indonesias-dull-presidential-debates/>
- Kenawas, Y. 2018. *Twenty Years After Suharto: Dynastic Politics and Signs of Subnational Authoritarianism*. Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia. Kyoto, Japan: Kyoto University. Link: <https://kyotoreview.org/issue-24/twenty-years-after-suharto-dynastic-politics-and-signs-of-subnational-authoritarianism/>
- Putri D.A., Nugraha L.K., Kenawas, Y.C., and Sinulingga, A. 2014. *From Constituent to Consumer: The Strategy of Political Parties on TV*. Centre for Innovation Policy and Governance, funded by TIFA Foundation. Jakarta: CIPG.
- Kenawas, Y. and Sembiring, M. 2013. *Fuel Price Hike and Indonesia's Energy Insecurity*. RSIS Commentaries No. 128/2013, July 11, 2013.
- Kenawas, Y., and Fitriani. 2013. *Indonesia's Next Parliament: Celebrities, Incumbents and Dynastic Members?* RSIS Commentaries No. 089/2013, May 08, 2013.
 - Featured in: The Strait Times (Singapore) May 10 2013, The Nation (Thailand) May 11 2013 and East Asia Forum (ANU) May 31, 2013 .
- Trajano, J.C.I., and Kenawas, Y. 2013. *"Indonesia and the Philippines: Political dynasties in democratic states"* RSIS Commentaries No. 018/2013, January 31, 2013.
- Trajano, J.C.I., and Kenawas, Y. 2012. *"Dealing with the Legacy of Dictatorship: Indonesia and Philippines"* RSIS Commentaries No.186/2012, October 05, 2012.
 - Appeared in: Yahoo! Singapore and Asia News Network October 08 2012 and The Nation (Thailand), October 08, 2012.
- Sebastian, L. C., and Kenawas, Y. 2012. *"Jakarta Governor's Election: Implications for 2014"* RSIS Commentaries No. 180/2012, September 27, 2012.
 - Featured in: Eurasia Review, October 05, 2012.
- Kenawas, Y. 2012. *"Which one threatens the state, Lady Gaga or hardliners?"* The Jakarta Post, May 22, 2012.

- Sebastian, L. C., and Kenawas, Y. 2012. “*Indonesia’s Political Outlook 2012*” RSIS Commentaries No. 005/2012, January 09, 2012
 - Republished in: The Jakarta Post, January 16, 2012.

WORKING PAPERS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *The Spread of Political Dynasty after Democratic Transition: Evidence from Indonesia* (under review for Asia Journal of Comparative Politics’ special edition on political dynasty in Asia)
- *Why Do Voters Vote for Dynastic Politicians? Evidence from Indonesia* (co-authored with Jennifer Frentasia (University of Michigan Ann Arbor))
- *Computational Analysis of Indonesian News Headlines* (co-authored with Miguel Escobar Varela (NUS, Singapore) and Andrew Schauf (NUS, Singapore))
- *Indonesia’s Political Dynasty Tracker* (original dataset that will be published in a journal article and an interactive website)
- *Performative Acts in Indonesia’s Electoral Democracy*

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2019	Indonesian Journal of Anthropology Symposium, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2019	Association for Asian Studies Conference, Bangkok, Thailand.
2018	Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Sciences, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
2018	Graduate Lecture Series Equality, Development, and Globalization Studies (EDGS), Evanston, IL.
2018	Association for Asian Studies Conference, Washington D.C.
2017	Bina Nusantara International Conference on Business, International Relations, and Diplomacy (ICOBIRD), Serpong, Indonesia.
2017	Biannual International Conference on Indonesian Politics and Government, University of Indonesia, Depok, Indonesia.
2017	International Conference on Social and Political Sciences, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia.
2016	Southeast Asia Graduate Students Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.
2015	European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (Vienna, Austria)
2014	Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, PA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jan 2019 – Present

Ph.D. Candidate

Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

- Devised a systematic research proposal on the variation of dynastic politics in Indonesia by visiting six provinces in Indonesia
- Administered 65 one-on-one interviews
- Executed three focus group discussions in three provinces

- Produced five short articles on dynastic politics
- Presented research findings to three NGOs, two consulting companies, two think tanks, and a government agency
- Tentative research findings were featured in major news outlets
- Secured and managed \$10,000 dissertation research grant

Mar 2019 – Sept 2019

Research Fellow

Institute of Public Policy, Atma Jaya Catholic University, Jakarta, Indonesia

- Edited and co-authored a journal article on Indonesian youth with the Institute of Public Policy team
- Moderated a public event at Atma Jaya University
- Conducted and presented a research on subnational politics in Indonesia

Aug 2015 – Jan 2019

Ph.D. Student

Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

- Wrote a thesis on the systematic review of the study of dynastic politics from a comparative perspective. The thesis surveyed and critiqued the existing studies on dynastic politics and recommended steps to advance scholarly understanding of the topic

Jul 2014 – Jul 2015

Research Fellow

EDGS, Northwestern University – Evanston, IL

- Authored a research article on Indonesian political dynasties
- Presented the research article in Evanston (IL), Jakarta (Indonesia), and Vienna (Austria)
- Passed the pre-doctoral selection process at the Department of Political Science of Northwestern University with straight A's

October 2013 – May 2014

Project Leader

RSIS, Nanyang Technological University - Singapore

- Gathered field research data in four provinces in Indonesia within 6 months.
- Produced six research reports and an academic journal article

August 2013 – May 2014

Adjunct Lecturer

Department of International Relations, Parahyangan Catholic University - Indonesia

- Taught four classes and 160+ students in Comparative Politics and Indonesia's Foreign Policy

- August 2013 – May 2014** ***Research Associate***
 Centre for Innovation, Policy & Governance - Indonesia
 Topic: “*Communication strategy of Indonesian political parties on television*” funded by TIFA Foundation
- Directed a team of five qualitative researchers to interview 30 interviewees, held a focus group discussion, and conducted content analysis within six months
 - Collaborated with eight researchers to produce a research report on the communication strategy of Indonesian political parties on television
- June 2011 – July 2013** ***Research Analyst***
 Indonesia Program (RSIS, Nanyang Technological University) Singapore
- Conducted research and analysis on Indonesia’s socio-political and security issues for two years.
 - Expanded and strengthened the Program’s networks with Indonesian political figures, public officials, journalists, academics, and NGOs in five provinces in Indonesia.
- Jan 2010 – June 2011** ***Political Consultant***
 Fox Indonesia - Indonesia
- Counseled three clients to win local elections in three Indonesian provinces within one year.
 - Launched the company’s in-house database on local and national political issues in 2011.
 - Revamped the company’s political intelligence networks to monitor competitors’ strategy in Western and Central parts of Indonesia in six months.
 - Expanded the company’s strategic partnerships with eight civil society groups within a year.
- Feb – Dec 2009** ***Registration Clerk***
 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - Indonesia
- Recorded the background of more than 250 asylum seekers for the asylum-seeking process
 - Co-facilitated counseling activities for asylum seekers and refugees
 - Cataloged the UNHCR’s refugee database
- Mar – May 2007** ***Intern***
 Friedrich Naumann Foundation - Indonesia
- Organized two events for the Indonesian Young Politician Network Project in three months.
 - Wrote one research article on the Indonesian political parties’ website within six months

- Facilitated one capacity building program for 30 village chiefs in Wonosobo (Central Java)
- Wrote five articles for the Foundation’s website for three months
- Translated ten documents from English to Bahasa Indonesia in seven weeks
- Created two animation videos for the Foundations’ political education program in two months

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

2020 *Research Assistant*

CoronaNet Research Project (www.coronanet-project.org)

Supplied daily updates on Bahamian and Indonesian government policy response on COVID-19

TRAININGS

- R and N-Vivo (Political Science Department, Northwestern University – Evanston)
- Op-ed Writing (the Buffett Institute, Northwestern University – Evanston)
- Defense Management (RSIS – Singapore)

AFFILIATIONS

- The Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
- The State Alumni Network, International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP – US State Department)
- ASEAN-Indonesia Youth Ambassador (Indonesia)

AWARDS

2015	Indonesian Educational Scholarship (LPDP)
2014	2014 Arryman Fellow (Northwestern University)
2011	Research Analyst Study Award (RSIS)
2007	1 st Prize Winner of ASEAN-Indonesia Youth Ambassador (MOFA)
2007	Outstanding Student of the Year (Parahyangan Catholic University)
2007	2 nd Prize Winner of Scientific Writing Competition Paper title: “ <i>A Youthful Approach for Combating Corruption in Indonesia</i> ” (Parahyangan Catholic University)
2004	1 st Prize Winner of Scientific Writing Competition (Padjajaran University)
2005 – 2007	Dana Lestari Scholarship (Parahyangan Catholic University)
2004 – 2005	Faculty of Social and Political Sciences Scholarship (Parahyangan Catholic University)

GRANTS

2019	AAS Least Developed Countries (LDC) Conference Grant
2019	Indonesia-Timor Leste Study Council: Graduate Conference Travel Grant
2018	The Buffett Institute for Global Studies: Graduate Summer Research Grant
2018	Indonesia-Timor Leste Study Council: Graduate Conference Travel Grant
2015	EuroSEAS: Graduate Student Travel Awards
2015	Ford Foundation: Global Conference Travel and Learning Fund

REFERENCES

1. Prof. Jeffrey A. Winters, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
2. Prof. Rachel Beatty Riedl, Department of Government, Cornell University
