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# USINDO Special Events

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## USINDO Special Events in Washington D.C.

### 1. Special Open Forum Luncheon with Governor of Jakarta, Dr. Anies Baswedan July 15, 2019

At the Special Open Forum Luncheon, Dr. Anies Baswedan shared Jakarta's development, economic, and social challenges and its progress in tackling these issues. Dr. Baswedan discussed about solutions undertaken to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, as well as the city's progress on improving public services and places. The luncheon was highly successful and attended by wide range of groups from U.S. government officials, businesses, academics, NGOs, and students.



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### 2. Executive Luncheon Discussion with Indonesia's Minister of Law and Human Rights, H.E. Dr. Yasonna Laoly May 31, 2019



USINDO invited Dr. Yasonna Laoly to speak with selected U.S. Government officials and Indonesia's stakeholders in Washington D.C. The theme of the luncheon discussion was "Indonesia After the April 17 Election: The Present Outlook". Guests had the opportunities to ask questions on law and human rights issues related to Indonesia's 2019 Presidential Election.

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### 3. Welcome Reception in Honor of H.E. Mahendra Siregar April 23, 2019

USINDO hosted a reception to welcome the new Ambassador of Indonesia to the United States, H.E. Mahendra Siregar, and his spouse, Mrs. Ita Siregar. The event was attended by U.S. government officials, Indonesia government officials, former U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia, ASEAN diplomats, and our USINDO community.



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#### 4. Special Open Forum Luncheon Series on Indonesia's 2019 Presidential Election: The Candidates' Coalitions Present their Views

USINDO hosted Special Indonesian Presidential Elections Open Forum Luncheon Series in Washington, ahead of the 2019 Presidential Election. The 2019 Special Election Series provided the two coalitions an equal and balanced opportunity to present their views and platform to the Washington audience.



February 13, 2019

##### **Ambassador Muhammad Lutfi**

Designated Spokesperson of the Campaign Team of President Joko Widodo and Vice-Presidential Candidate Ma'ruf Amin

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February 5, 2019

##### **Bapak Hashim Djojohadikusumo**

Designated Spokesperson of the Campaign Team of Presidential Candidate Lt.Gen.(ret.) Prabowo Subianto and Vice-Presidential Candidate Sandiaga Uno

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### USINDO Special Events in Jakarta

#### 1. Luncheon Discussion with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross

November 6, 2019

USINDO and AmCham Indonesia hosted a luncheon discussion with the U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross on November 6, 2019 in Jakarta. Secretary Ross' visit to Indonesia was part of his three-country trade mission to Thailand, Indonesia and Viet Nam. He was accompanied by a high-level business delegation representing wide range of industries including infrastructure, manufacturing, aircraft, energy, pharmaceutical, digital technology.

Speaking at the luncheon, Secretary Ross underscored that the U.S. is fully committed to Indonesia and the Indo Pacific region as a whole. He elaborated that the U.S. remains engaged in commercial and development of the region to promote free and open Indo Pacific where all nations prosper and thrive. He expressed support to President Jokowi's efforts in promoting conducive investment climate and revitalizing Indonesia's economy so as elevating its workforce beyond middle income status.





Secretary Ross highlighted the potential for U.S. companies to expand their businesses in Indonesia and affirmed that he would continue working with the Government of Indonesia to resolve issues U.S.' companies operating in Indonesia facing. In this regard, he emphasized the need for Indonesia to get off the U.S.' priority watch list for intellectual property rights (IPR) protection; and resolve the issue of partnership on engineering and construction procurement.

Secretary Ross welcomed the progress of the on-going review of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) worth \$2.2 billion that Indonesia is undergoing with the U.S. and looked forward to its expeditious conclusion. Secretary Ross also urged that the U.S. goods and services trade deficit with Indonesia be brought into balance. .



The session was concluded with Q&A where Secretary Ross addressed businesses' concerns about various regulatory issues in Indonesia and efforts of the U.S. Government in resolving these. The luncheon was the primary venue for Secretary Ross to engage business leaders from both sides during his visit to Indonesia.



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## 2. Luncheon Discussion with U.S. Congressional Delegation and Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs Luhut Pandjaitan

August 1, 2019

USINDO in collaboration with AmCham Indonesia hosted a luncheon discussion for six visiting U.S. Congressional delegation. Highlighting the theme of expanding U.S.-Indonesia trade and investment, the event was attended by many U.S. and Indonesian business leaders.



The bi-partisan House Democracy Partnership (HDP) delegation was visiting Indonesia as part of their long-term commitment to strengthen ties and exchange legislative best practices with Indonesia's Parliament (DPR), and to be helpful to U.S.-Indonesia relations.

Congressmen David Price (D – North Carolina) and Vern Buchanan (R-FL) co-chaired the delegation. Congressman Price is Chairman of the HDP and a member and subcommittee chair of the Committee on Appropriations. Congressman Buchanan is ranking Republican on the Trade Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, and thus in a position to be helpful on U.S.-Indonesia trade issues. He also Co-Chairs the Congressional Indonesia Caucus. The delegation also included Susan Davis (D-CA), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), Neal Dunn (R-FL) and John Rutherford (R-FL).



The luncheon was attended by Coordinating Minister General Luhut Pandjaitan who was Featured Speaker. Among prominent Indonesian attendees included Minister of Communication and Technology Rudiantara as well as Chairman of Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) Tom Lembong. The luncheon was highly successful and had a lively discussion between the audience, Congressional Delegation, and Minister Luhut.

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# Open Forum Series

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USINDO's Open Forum Series continue to become the premier arena for USINDO to conduct public discussion to generate understanding of Indonesia and the United States. The discussions feature distinguished experts, academics, and policy makers, with the aim of providing timely and accurate information in the areas facing both nations, as well as to allow the public to directly interact with subject matter experts. The events held in the past year are presented below and in reverse chronological order.

## The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U.S. – Indonesia Diplomatic Relations Series

On the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S.-Indonesia diplomatic relations (1949-2019), USINDO as the premier organization exclusively devoted to the U.S.-Indonesia relations and mutual understanding has lined up a series of events to commemorate our bilateral strategic partnership, to be conducted in complementarity with the two governments.

The events comprise of several special Open Forums that helped inform the public, especially youth, of the historical pivotal points of the U.S.-Indonesia relations in various sectors including: economic, political, security, military, and cultural.

### 1. **Bilateral Economic Strategy “Track 1.5” Dialogue**

Mid-December in Washington D.C.

There will be a US-Indonesia Economic Strategy Dialogue connected with the planned mid-December Gala to develop new ideas and identify possible targets for enhanced bilateral economic ties achievable over the next five years. This will be a private, off the record, “Track 1.5 Dialogue” with both government and non-government participants contributing ideas.

### 2. **U.S.-Indonesia Relations at 70: History, Policy, and the Future**

July 9, 2019 in Washington D.C.

USINDO, in collaboration with the Hudson Institute and the Embassy of Indonesia in Washington D.C., held a symposium that comprise the history, present, and the future of the U.S.-Indonesia relations.

In the morning session, historians from both countries discussed the pre-1949 and 1949 - Reformasi history of the bilateral relationship which provides the shared experience underlying the relationship between the two countries today.

During lunch, there were remarks from Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs Randall Schriver and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Southeast Asia, Mark Clark.

In the last session, expert panelists discussed ways to enhance the Strategic Partnership and the possible trajectory of the relationship.

The event was highly successful in giving our audience a better understanding of U.S.-Indonesia history, including the use of the Strategic Partnership as a foundation on which to build concrete future activities.

### **Speakers and Discussion Panelists:**

#### H.E. Mahendra Siregar

Ambassador of Indonesia to the U.S. and former Head of the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board, Vice Minister of Finance, and Vice Minister of Trade

#### Ambassador David Merrill

President, USINDO

#### Professor Robert J. McMahon

Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus, Ohio State University, and author of *Colonialism and Cold War: The United States and the Struggle for Indonesian Independence, 1945-49*

#### Professor Baskara T. Wardaya

History Professor, Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia and author of several books on Indonesia's post-colonial history, including *Cold War Shadow: US Policies toward Indonesia, 1953-1963*

#### Dr. Karl Jackson

C.V. Starr Distinguished Professor of Southeast Asia Studies, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University

#### Professor Ann Marie Murphy

Professor and Director, Center for Emerging Powers and Transnational Trends, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University

#### Dr. Patrick Cronin

Asia-Pacific Security Chair, Hudson Institute

#### The Honorable Randall G. Schriver

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Department of Defense



The Honorable Mark Clark

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Southeast Asia, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. State Department

Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy

Former U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia, China, and Singapore and Distinguished Scholar, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, Wilson Center

Lori Abele

Director, Southeast Asia, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, U.S. Department of Defense

Ambassador Robert O. Blake Jr.

Senior Director, McLarty Associates; U.S. Co-Chair, Board of Trustees of USINDO; former U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia; former Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs

Jennifer Schuch-Page

Vice President, The Asia Group



Watch the video [here](#).

**3. The Role of the United States in Securing Indonesian Independence, 1945-1949: History, Legacy, and Lessons**  
February 21, 2019 in Jakarta

**Speaker:**

Professor Robert McMahon  
Ralph D. Mershon Distinguished  
Professor Emeritus, Ohio State  
University



The event was held in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy Jakarta and @america

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Watch the Open Forum [here](#).

## Politics & Security Series

A large segment of USINDO's Open Forum portfolio caters to a breadth of political issues surrounding U.S.-Indonesia relations, which has been received with enthusiasm and great interest. USINDO continues to invite experts from fields concerning politics and security to discuss their insights on current happenings and key trends as it pertains to its prospects.

### 1. Jokowi 2.0: The Opportunities and Challenges

October 17, 2019 in Washington D.C.

**Speaker:**

Endy Bayuni

Senior Editor, The Jakarta Post

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### 2. Indonesia's Foreign Policy Strategy: Issues and Opportunities for President Jokowi's Second Term

October 3, 2019 in Washington D.C.

**Speakers:**

Donald K. Emmerson

Senior Fellow Emeritus at Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies; Director of the Southeast Asia Program at Stanford University

Evan A. Laksmana

Senior Researcher at Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta

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### 3. Indonesia's Approach to Counter Terrorism: Prevention, De-Radicalization, Re-Integration

July 23, 2019 in Washington D.C.

**Speaker:**

Police Commissioner General Suhardi Alius

Head of Indonesia's National Counter Terrorism Agency (BNPT)



**Moderator:**

Dr. Karl D. Jackson

C.V. Starr Distinguished Professor of Southeast Asia Studies, John Hopkins University

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**4. Indonesia's Presidential Elections: What Do the Latest Polls Show?**

March 14, 2019 in Washington D.C.

**Speaker:**

Dr. R. William Liddle

Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Ohio State University

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## USINDO Religion and Pluralism Series

USINDO presents a new Open Forum Series on Religion and Pluralism to host discussion about various issues related to religious diversity, tolerance and pluralism in the U.S. and Indonesia. It aims to develop shared understanding of the challenges facing both nations and generate solutions to it.

**1. The Role of Religion in Politics: Comparing Recent Trends in Indonesia and the United States**

October 2, 2019 in Jakarta

**Speakers:**

Dr. Peter Mandaville

Senior Research Fellow at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs; Senior Fellow at Brookings Institute

Prof. Azyumardi Azra

Senior Professor of Islamic History and Culture and Former Rector, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University of Jakarta; Advisory Board Member of the US-Indonesia Council on Religion and Pluralism

**Moderator:**

Dr. Philips J. Vermonte

Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta

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## 2. The Varied Journalisms of Islam: Contending Views in Muslim Southeast Asia

November 28, 2018 in Washington D.C.

### Speaker:

Janet Steele

Associate Professor of Media and Public Affairs and International Director, Institute for Public Diplomacy and Global Communication at George Washington University

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## 3. Indonesia and the Future of Islam

October 5, 2018 in Washington D.C.

### Speakers:

Dr. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta

Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS), Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta

Prof. Katherine Marshall

Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University

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## Others

## 1. Book Discussion on “Fragments from Mobile Life”

October 23, 2019 in Washington D.C.

### Author/Speaker:

Margaret Sullivan

Author of book “Fragments From a Mobile Life”  
Writer, artist and public educator

The event was held in collaboration with the US-Philippines Society

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**2. Public Lecture at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) on “Politics and Gender: Indonesia & The U.S. Perspective”**  
March 25, 2019 in Yogyakarta

**Speakers:**

The Honorable Sara Kurovski  
The Mayor of Pleasant Hill

Ulya Niami Efrina Jamson  
Lecturer at Department of Politics and  
Government, FISIPOL UGM

The event was held in collaboration with  
the AIFIS, ACYPL, and FISIPOL  
Universitas Gadjah Mada





# Education, Capacity Building Programs and Grants

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## Legislative Partnership Program

The Legislative Partnership Program (LPP) is a one-week study program for Indonesian Parliament (DPR)'s committee and legislative staff aimed to strengthen their professional law making capacity and subject matter expertise. The program would expose them to the U.S. Congressional practices on committee management, the role of professional staff, the use of support such as the Congressional Research Service, legislative drafting and how the U.S. legislative system engages stakeholders for inclusive policy-making.

The LPP was first conducted in March 2014 with DPR's Committee 1 of Foreign Affairs and Defense. The second iteration of the program was held in November 2016 with Committee 11 of Finance, Banking Trade and National Development.

The third LPP is planned to be held in March 2020 targeting Committee 7 of Energy, Mineral Resources, Research and Technology, and Environment. The selected cohort will acquire knowledge and skills to make positive contributions to Indonesia's legislative development in the sector. The program is geared towards applicants who play a strategic role in their current position and have leadership potential in parliament and/or government.

The program will be conducted in partnership with the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, the U.S. House of Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC) and the Secretary General of DPR.

For photos of past LPPs, please click [here](#).

## Edward E. Masters Fellowship Program

For the past one decade, USINDO in collaboration with the Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs has funded graduate level education of top ranked Indonesian officials and managed their placement at leading universities in the United States. Entering its 10<sup>th</sup> year of implementation in 2020, the program has placed 20 junior and one mid-career diplomats at top U.S. graduate programs in international affairs and international law.

## 2019-2020 Edward E. Masters Fellow



In 2019, Ed Masters Review Committee reviewed a number of qualified applicants for the prestigious Edward E. Masters Fellowship award. The Committee approved Ms. Sherley Mega Sandiori as conditional candidate for 2020-2021 Edward E. Masters Fellowship, taking into account her testing scores, leadership potential and academic excellence, among others.

Ms. Sandiori is a foreign service officer assigned to the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. She is planning to pursue LL.M degree at the U.S. Top-Tier Law School. She is scheduled to start her study in Fall 2020.

## 2018-2019 Edward E. Masters Fellow



The recipient of Edward E. Masters Fellowship award for the period of 2019-2020 is Ms. Rikianarsyi A. N. Wirantoputri. She serves in the Directorate of ASEAN Political and Security Cooperation of the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was among the top 10 graduates in her foreign service batch. She was heavily involved in the negotiations of legal and human rights cooperation in ASEAN.

She is currently pursuing Master of Arts at Paul H. Nietze School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, concentrating in International Economics and International Law and Organization.

## Indonesia Professional Internship Program (PIP)

USINDO is currently preparing Professional Internship Program (PIP) in which unpaid American graduate students and Indonesian companies cooperate on solutions to specific issues or tasks in key Indonesian development sectors. For the inaugural year, we plan to partner up with companies and organizations in the environment, ICT and agricultural/food sectors for placement of interns. We target to kickstart the program in the Summer of 2020 for one to six months, subject to the agreement of participating parties.

USINDO is arranging Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indonesia's Chamber of Commerce (KADIN). The MoU is intended to assist us in contacting Indonesian companies who may have not recognized USINDO. Subsequently, we are working on contacting Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Indonesia to promote intern intake in Summer 2020.

To finance the program, in addition to charging small contribution from the partner organization, we are also planning to apply for a grant from the Freeman Foundation. The

Foundation has been the primary contributor for our Summer Studies program in the past decade. Their trust in USINDO is seen as an opportunity to apply for a new fund to help the first cycles of PIP until the program able to sustain itself.

## **The U.S. – Indonesia Joint Council on Higher Education/ University Partnerships**

As part of its mission to enhance people-to-people connections between the U.S. and Indonesia on education field, USINDO has played a key role in facilitating meetings and partnership for Americans and Indonesians universities and encouraging more Indonesian students to the U.S. and vice versa. USINDO's extensive network has continued to be beneficial to many Indonesian and American counterparts in the education sector. USINDO has continued to facilitate a variety of partnerships and meetings through this network. Recent activities include:

### **1. Special Program Initiatives with US Universities and Indonesian Scholarship Endowment Fund (LPDP), in coordination with Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and US Embassy Jakarta**

USINDO is working with the following universities on special initiatives to channel more Indonesian students funded by the government's LPDP Endowment Fund to undertake graduate study at US universities in Indonesian priority human resource development fields.

University of California, Davis on Agriculture and Forestry  
UC Berkeley (environmental science)  
Cornell University (School of Agriculture)  
UCLA

### **2. Collaboration with Sampoerna University to Increase Indonesia-US Cooperation in Education in Engineering**

USINDO is supporting the expansion of the Sampoerna University's School of Engineering's linkages with US engineering universities so that more Indonesian students can complete their engineering studies in the U.S and return to Indonesia.

### **3. Increased cooperation with EducationUSA**

USINDO has been cooperating with EducationUSA to increase awareness by Indonesian citizens to study in the United States. This was done through a joint outreach effort to share information about events held by EducationUSA in Indonesia to US Universities and Indonesian students. USINDO and EducationUSA are also working more closely in many engagements with LPDP.

## Summer Studies Program

USINDO Summer Studies Program continues to be one of our flagship educational initiatives. Through the program, we intend to introduce and encourage American students to learn more about Indonesia, its language and culture.

In its 24<sup>th</sup> iteration this year, USINDO is proud to have over 241 Summer Studies alumni across the United States. They have provided long-term value in expanding the network of people who deepen U.S.-Indonesia relations. Many of our alumni have returned to Indonesia for business, employment or academic research; others have entered careers involving Indonesia or Southeast Asia.

This program is made possible by the generous contribution from The Freeman Foundation and USINDO, and is conducted in partnership with our local partners– *Purna Caraka Muda Indonesia (PCMI) Yogyakarta* and *Indonesian Language and Culture Intensive Course (ILCIC) of Sanata Dharma University Yogyakarta*.

During the Summer of 2019, USINDO hosted 14 American students for 10 weeks for the 2019 Summer Studies Program in Yogyakarta and Jakarta, Indonesia. These students who came from various universities across the United States, including the East Coast, Northwest, South and Midwest, were undergraduate seniors to PhD students, aged from 19 to 30 years old.

The 2019 Summer Studies Program was designed to provide participants with a lifetime experience of studying *Bahasa Indonesia* language and immersing in the local culture. As such, our program comprises of intensive *Bahasa Indonesia* language class, volunteering, cultural workshops, special lectures, field trips and staying with a host family. In terms of language learning, we implement “Communicative Language Teaching” method which emphasizes interaction as means of learning foreign languages. The goal is for the students to be able to use their *Bahasa Indonesia* skills outside of classroom setting and participate in local daily conversations.

The culmination of the 2019 USINDO Summer Studies program was a three-day Post-Program event held in Jakarta from July 29 to 31. The program included meetings with high-level government officials, business leaders and experts. It was designed to expose students to Indonesia’s current issues at the national level and provide them with networking opportunities. Topics included Indonesian politics and economy, U.S.-Indonesia relations, gender and social problems as well as environmental issues.

For photos of the **Summer Studies Program**, please click [here](#).



## Photos from 2019 Summer Studies Program

The participants during a field trip to Mount Merapi in Yogyakarta



The participants took part in language class



One of USINDO Summer Studies participants joined a traditional martial art class or *silat*



The participants showcased their batik creations



Lauren celebrated her birthday with her host family



Participants engaged in interactive discussion with experts on various issues in "Special Lectures".



Lai, Liam, Michelle and Lauren taught English at a local school as one of their volunteering activities



Participants learned how to play traditional Indonesian instrument – *gamelan*





## ACYPL – YSEALI Professional Fellowship Program

USINDO continues its cooperation with the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) and U.S. Embassy Jakarta to help facilitate the ACYPL – YSEALI Professional Fellowship Program (PFP). The Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) is the U.S. government's signature program to strengthen leadership development and networking in ASEAN, deepen engagement with young leaders on key regional and global challenges, and strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and young Southeast Asian leaders. Specifically, the PFP focuses on legislative process and governance for young political and policy leaders.

As the in-country partner of ACYPL for the YSEALI PFP, USINDO helps ACYPL to do outreach, is part of the selection team, and assists the fellows with visa applications and hold pre-departure briefing together with the U.S. Embassy Jakarta. Selected participants attend an orientation in Washington D.C. and participate in a four-week intensive fellowship with the goal of strengthening their understanding of American governance, politics, and the legislative process. Following the four-week fellowship, all participants go to Washington D.C. for a three-day Professional Fellows Congress where they will share their experiences with other international fellows from around the world.

### The YSEALI PFP

The 2018 Fall PFP was held from October 7 – November 17, 2018. The selected delegates were:

1. **Andy Tirta**  
Dean of Sumbawa University of Technology
2. **Julia Iksarana**  
Researcher at Cakra Wikara Indonesia
3. **Wike Devi Erianti**  
Programme Officer of ASEAN Advocacy at Human Rights Working Group (HRWG)

The 2019 Spring PFP was held from April 20 - May 31, 2019. The fellows were:

1. **Hasna Azmi Fadhilah**  
Lecturer, Institute of Public Administration, Ministry of Home Affairs
2. **Ichan**  
Board Member and Co-Founder, Gema Lentera Peduli Tadukalo at Palu, Central Sulawesi
3. **Wendy**  
IT Support Officer, Regional Civil Service Agency of West Kalimantan Province

The 2019 Fall PFP is being held from October 12 – November 23, 2019. The fellows were selected by a panel consisting of representatives from USINDO, ACYPL, and U.S. Embassy Jakarta. These fellows are:

**1. Cornelius Damar Hanung**

Program Officer, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)

**2. Gandrie Ramadhan Apriandito**

Associate (Transportation), Institute for Transportation and Development Policy  
Indonesia

**3. Ulfa Mubarika**

Employment Service Officer, National Agency for the Placement and Protection of  
Indonesian Migrant Workers (BNP2TKI) at Bandar Lampung

The selection for the upcoming ACYPL 2020 Fall YSEALI PFP is currently ongoing.  
This spring program is scheduled to be held on April 18 – May 29, 2020.

## **YSEALI PFP Follow-On Visits**

USINDO has also facilitated visits of YSEALI American fellows to Indonesia by conducting in-country briefings, working with the Indonesian fellows to design the program, and coordinating some of their meetings in Indonesia. Together with the U.S. Embassy, USINDO also hosted public talks featuring these American fellows.

The YSEALI Professional Fellows Program Follow-On Program 2019 American Mentors to Indonesia was:

- **Anna W. Whipple (Chief Information Officer, City of Des Moines, Iowa)**

Mrs. Whipple is the American mentor of Wendy, 2019 Spring YSEALI Indonesian fellow. She came to Indonesia as a follow-up visit to Wendy's program which aims to develop data integration and IT infrastructure in West Kalimantan, in support to the region's smart city initiative.



Dinner with USINDO, US Embassy Jakarta,  
and YSEALI-ACYPL Alumni



Meeting with Governor of West Kalimantan

## **ACYPL – USINDO American Delegation Visit to Indonesia**

USINDO hosted eight young American political and policy leaders on March 22-28, 2019 in Jakarta and Yogyakarta. This program aims to deepen the delegation's knowledge and understanding of U.S.-Indonesia bilateral relations as well as Indonesia's politics, economy and education. The participants were:

1. The Honorable Chad Banks  
Member, Whitley County Council – Republican
2. Ms. Lauren Barnes  
Director of Defense, Space and Security at the Boeing Company – Republican
3. Ms. Silky Malik  
Vice President, Strategy at OWLFA, LLC – Democrat
4. The Honorable Kerry McCormack  
Member, Cleveland City Council – Democrat
5. The Honorable Samantha Paradis  
Mayor, City of Belfast, Maine – Democrat
6. Mr. Andrew Silvestri  
Head of Technical Infrastructure Public Policy and Community Affairs (Americas),  
Google Inc. – Republican
7. Ms. Cameron Schupp  
Development & Special Projects Director, American Council of Young Political  
Leaders (ACYPL) – Democrat
8. The Honorable Sara Kurovski  
Mayor, City of Pleasant Hill, Iowa – Republican

The participants engaged with government officials, business leaders, NGOs and religious organizations, among others. They also met with representatives from the General Election Commission (KPU), Executive Office of the President, and National Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK).

The delegation visited Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) where they had two events: 1) Roundtable discussion with UGM lecturers on Indonesia's democracy and 2) Public Lecture on "Politics and Gender: U.S. and Indonesia Perspective". During the program, the delegates learned about politics and policy making, electoral system, business and economics, governance and education, peace building and conflict resolution.

## Photos from 2019 ACYPL-USINDO American Delegation Visit to Indonesia

Meeting with Political Consultants



Meeting with Governor of Jakarta Anies Baswedan



Meeting with Representatives from Private Sectors



Meeting with Islamic Boarding School Krapyak in Yogyakarta



Meeting with National General Election Commission (KPU)



Meeting with National Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK)



Meeting with Executive Office of the President



Meeting with Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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# Indonesia - U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism

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The Indonesia – U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism was established in Yogyakarta in 2016. The Council consists of a select group of committed non-government leaders from the religious, academic, media, and civil society sectors from Indonesia and the United States.

In 2019, the Council facilitated two events: :

## **The Role of Religion in Politics: Comparing Recent Trends in Indonesia and the United States – October 2, 2019**

USINDO, the Indonesia-U.S. Council on Religion and Pluralism, and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta hosted a public discussion on the increasing role of religion in politics on October 2 in Jakarta. Prof. Azyumardi Azra who is Advisory Board Member of the Council was one of the featured speakers. It was also attended by several members of the Council.

## **Panel Discussion with Indonesian Imams and Religious Scholars at USINDO DC Office – March 11, 2019**

USINDO in cooperation with the U.S. State Department and Meridian International Center hosted a discussion session at USINDO Washington DC bringing together nine Indonesian imams and Islamic religious scholars visiting under the State Department's International Visitor Program together with four senior US members of the Council. The trip was aimed for the delegation to learn about religious tolerance, Islam in the United States, U.S. interfaith issues including pluralism, civic values, democracy, and Islamic institutions in the U.S.





## **Indonesian Council Meeting and Reception with U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs – November 5, 2018**

Deputy Chief of Mission Heather C. Variava hosted a meeting between U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and Indonesian Council members at her residence. Present from ECA were Ambassador Jennifer Zimdahl Galt (Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary) and Brett A. Walkley (Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer); and from Indonesian Council members were Mr. Endy Bayuni and Dr. Bahrul Hayat. The meeting discussed the work and challenges of the Council as well as the issues on religious and pluralism in general.



## **Indonesian Council Meeting and Reception with U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) – October 18, 2018**

In conjunction with the visit of the USCIRF delegation to Indonesia, Deputy Chief of Mission Heather C. Variava hosted a meeting between the USCIRF delegation and Indonesian Council members. The delegation was represented by Gayle Conelly Manchin (Commissioner), Nadine Maenza (Commissioner), and Tina L. Mufford (Deputy Director of Research and Policy). They discussed religious issues with Indonesian Council members, Rev. Agustinus Ulahayanan, Dr. Chandra Setiawan, and Mr. Endy Bayuni. The meeting was followed by a reception at the residence of Ambassador Donovan that was attended by Indonesian religious leaders from other religious organizations.

## **US Council Member, Prof. Katherine Marshall, participated in USINDO Open Forum on Indonesia and the Future of Islam – October 5, 2018**

USINDO hosted an Open Forum on “Indonesia and the Future of Islam” featuring Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, the Founding Director of Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS) Yogyakarta, as the event speaker and U.S. Council member, Prof. Katherine Marshall (Senior Fellow at Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University) as the moderator. The discussion concentrated on Indonesia's role in the future of Islam.


# Online Presence

## Social Media Presence

Over the past years, USINDO has been trying to optimize our social media presence in all outlets including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Flickr. This effort is to complement regular updates that we do in our website and through newsletter or featured stories to our mailing list. By doing this, we hope to communicate our activities and programs to our audience and reach new audiences. USINDO Jakarta Office has been developing strategy to improve our outreach.

Visit USINDO's [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Flickr](#), [Youtube](#) and [Twitter](#).

### A. Instagram



**Sample Instagram Post 1:**

*Excited to see more of #USINDO #SUMMERSTUDIES 2019? Brace yourselves because testimonials and trips videos are coming your way soon! Keep updated by turning on our page's notification! Stay tuned and get excited!*

*@jackstover, @michelle\_chauu, @lekileij, @emordonez  
@miacordes, @laurenschef, @magenzie96, @izzy.mariano, @22acacia\_avenue*

*Heartwarming Yogyakarta- Jakarta videos coming your way! Be ready to entice your friends with the beauty of Indonesia and tag them on the comment section down below in these upcoming posts.*

*#usindosummerstudies2019 #summer #summerstudies #exchangestudent #exchangeprograms #visitindonesia #us #indonesia #students*

## Sample Instagram Post 2:



*Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Professional Fellows Program Spring 2020 is now accepting applications! #YSEALI is the US government's signature program to strengthen leadership development as well as networking in Southeast Asia.*

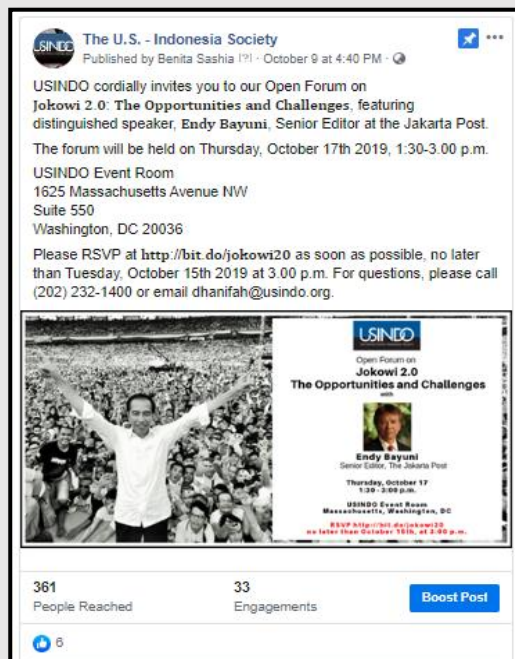
*The YSEALI participants will spend 6 weeks in the US and experience working in a full-time placement at US-based government offices, legislatures, or NGOs. APPLY NOW!*

*Application Deadline: November 1, 2019*

*Apply here: <http://bit.ly/acypl2020spring>  
Program-at-glance: <https://bit.ly/2CxAQVI>*

*#profellows #program #yseali #exchange  
#leadershipdevelopment #pfp #fellowship*

## B. Facebook



## Sample Facebook Post 1:

*USINDO cordially invites you to our Open Forum on Jokowi 2.0: The Opportunities and Challenges, featuring distinguished speaker, Endy Bayuni, Senior Editor at the Jakarta Post.*

*The forum will be held on Thursday, October 17th 2019, 1:30-3.00 p.m.*

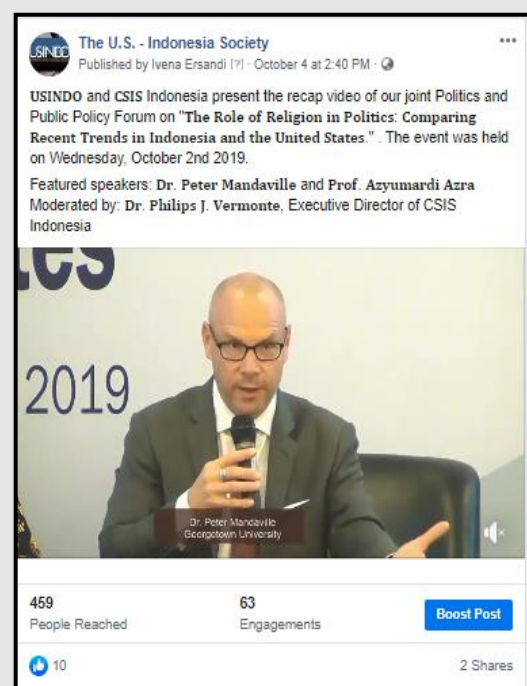
*USINDO Event Room  
1625 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Suite 550  
Washington, DC 20036*

*Please RSVP at <http://bit.do/jokowi20> as soon as possible, no later than Tuesday, October 15th 2019 at 3.00 p.m. For questions, please call (202) 232-1400 or email [dhanifah@usindo.org](mailto:dhanifah@usindo.org).*



### Sample Facebook Post 2:

*USINDO expresses its deepest sorrow and condolence on the passing of Dr. Arifin Siregar, our beloved Indonesian Co-Chairman Emeritus.*



### Sample Facebook Post 3:

*USINDO and CSIS Indonesia present the recap video of our joint Politics and Public Policy Forum on "The Role of Religion in Politics: Comparing Recent Trends in Indonesia and the United States." The event was held on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019.*

*Featured speakers: Dr. Peter Mandaville and Prof. Azyumardi Azra*

*Moderated by: Dr. Philips J. Vermonte, Executive Director of CSIS Indonesia*



## C. LinkedIn



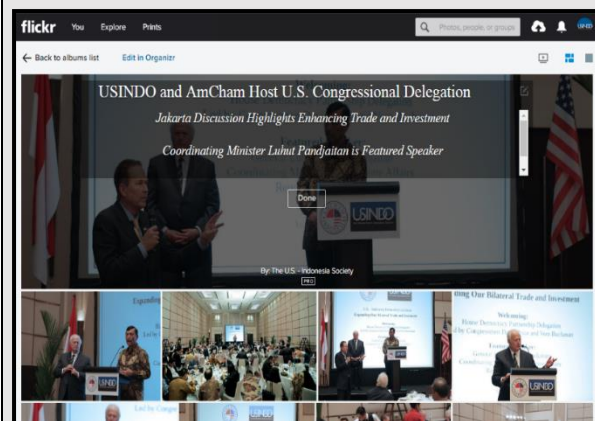
### Sample LinkedIn Post:

*#USINDO and #CSIS Indonesia cordially invite you to a Politics and Public Policy Forum on “The Role of #Religion and #Politics: Comparing Recent Trends in Indonesia and the United States”.*

*With distinguished speakers: • Dr. Peter Mandaville Senior Research Fellow at #Georgetown University's Berkley Center for #Religion, #Peace and World Affairs • Prof. Azyumardi Azra Senior Professor of #Islamic and #Culture and Former Rector, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University of Jakarta Moderator: Dr. Philips J. Vermonte Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta and Member of USINDO Board of Advisors.*

*To register, click (<https://lnkd.in/eyQf9yQ>) as soon as possible no later than 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 1. #indonesia #unitedstates #publicpolicy #religion #politics #international*

## D. Flickr



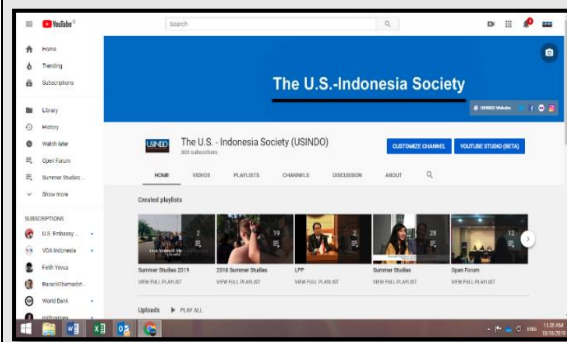
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***USINDO and AmCham host U.S. Congressional Delegation***

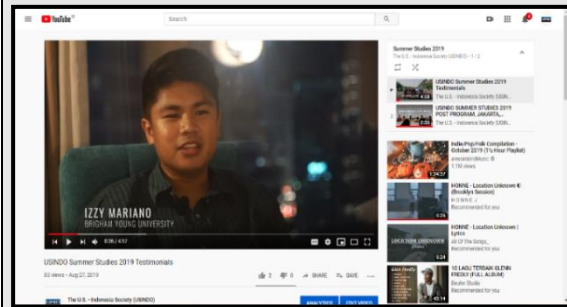
*Jakarta Discussion Highlights Enhancing Trade and Investment. Coordinating Minister Luhut Pandjaitan is featured speaker. August 1st 2019*



## E. YouTube



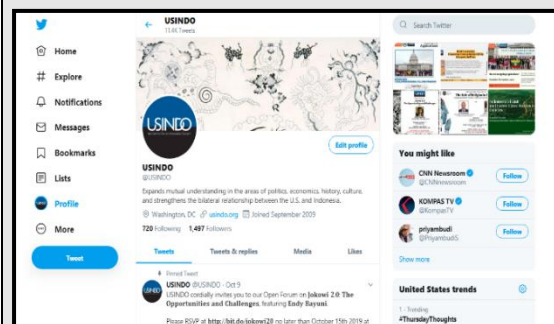
**USINDO YouTube's home landing page**



**Sample YouTube Video Post:**

***USINDO Summer Studies 2019***  
*Wonder what our participants think of the program? Here are their thoughts!*

## F. Twitter



**USINDO Twitter's home landing page**



**Sample Twitter Post:**

*USINDO cordially invites you to an Open Forum on Indonesia's Foreign Policy Strategy: Issues and Opportunities for President Jokowi's Second Term with distinguished speakers, Donald K. Emmerson. To register, click <https://bit.ly/2krp9I9>*

**-- End of President's Report --**

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