

Workshop “University education and student cultures in Indonesia”

Date: Thursday 28 Nov 2019

Venue: SA49 (basement), Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Leiden University

Organizers: Suzanne Naafs (Leiden University) and Fridus Steijlen (KITLV)

The workshop highlights a key feature of ‘Asian modernity’, by examining the implications of a very rapid move towards mass higher education in Indonesia (and other countries in Southeast Asia), where tertiary education systems are not only expanding, but also becoming more stratified, commercial and international. Throughout the region, higher education has taken on important political and cultural meanings for young people, their families and communities who identify education as a key pathway for improving their life chances. The workshop develops the theme of university campuses as ‘contact zones’ where students imagine their futures, rework their relations to state, family and peers; and encounter changing ideologies and practices about citizenship, knowledge production and meaningful learning. How have universities coped with growing student numbers and aspirations for (international) social mobility through education degrees? What are the in- and exclusions, opportunities and realities that students encounter in the classroom, on campus and in relation to their job search? And what kind of gendered, religious and class-based lifestyles and identities are students developing within the space of the university campus?

Program

9.15 Coffee and tea

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Suzanne Naafs (Leiden University) “University Campuses as Spaces of Encounter”

10.00 – 11:15 **Panel 1: International student mobility**
Moderator: Ratna Saptari (Leiden University)

Wenty Marina Minza (Universitas Gadjah Mada) “Student Cultures in International Undergraduate Programs in Indonesia”

Grace Leksana (KITLV) “Reflecting on Personal Identity in a Global Education Environment”

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12:45 **Panel 2 Place of the university in students’ life worlds**
Moderator: Annemarie Samuels (Leiden University)

Yayasan Van Deventer Maas Indonesia and Ben White (International Institute of Social Studies) “Experiences and Problems of Indonesian Tertiary Students before and after Graduation”

Fridus Steijlen (KITLV) “Sharing Asian Futures”

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:00 **Panel 3 University education and social mobility**
Moderator: Suzanne Naafs (Leiden University)

Sam Pormes (TitanE) “Access to higher education in the Moluccas, Eastern Indonesia”

Thijs Schut (University of Amsterdam) “‘The Educated Person’ from a Rural Perspective: The ‘Centring’ Activities of Un(der)employed University Trained Young People in East Indonesia”

15:00 – 15:15 Tea break

15:15 – 16:30 **Panel 4 Roundtable: Questions and directions for future research**
Moderator: Fridus Steijlen (KITLV)

Short introduction of panel members & roundtable discussion
Ody Dwicahyo (PPI Leiden), Stanley Ferdinandus (Heka Leka Foundation),
Dady Mairuhu (Ambon State Polytechnic) Wenty Marina Minza (Universitas
Gadjah Mada), Sam Pormes (TitanE)

16:30 – 17:00 **Closing remarks**

17:00 Drinks and snacks in the bamboo lounge

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