

# Suharto A Political Biography

Reviewing **Suharto A Political Biography**: Unlocking the Spellbinding Force of Linguistics

In a fast-paced world fueled by information and interconnectivity, the spellbinding force of linguistics has acquired newfound prominence. Its capacity to evoke emotions, stimulate contemplation, and stimulate metamorphosis is truly astonishing. Within the pages of "**Suharto A Political Biography**," an enthralling opus penned by a highly acclaimed wordsmith, readers set about an immersive expedition to unravel the intricate significance of language and its indelible imprint on our lives. Throughout this assessment, we shall delve in to the book's central motifs, appraise its distinctive narrative style, and gauge its overarching influence on the minds of its readers.

## **Succession Politics in Indonesia** B. Singh

2016-04-12 How was a thirty-two year old authoritarian regime brought down and what augurs in its place? This book attempts to examine the background factors as well as the trigger that led to Suharto's resignation, amidst the power struggle that has been taking place in the opaque political world of Indonesia. Equally important,

the ways in which the 'new' powerbrokers, with Suharto remaining influential in the background, have tried to adapt themselves to the new environment are also examined. Finally, the meaning of Suharto's resignation and what has changed and remained static are analysed. **A Prince in a Republic** John Monfries 2015-01-14 Hamengku Buwono IX, the late Sultan of Yogyakarta Special Province, is revered by

Indonesians as one of the great founders of the modern Indonesian state. He leaves a positive but in some ways ambiguous legacy in political terms. His most conspicuous achievement was the survival of hereditary Yogyakartaan kingship, and he provided rare stability and continuity in Indonesia's highly fractured modern history. Under the New Order, Hamengku Buwono also helped to launch the Indonesian economy on a much stronger growth path. Although remembered as the epitome of "political decency", he faded from power and influence as Vice President in the 1970s, and the repressive and anti-democratic features of Suharto's New Order seemed to contradict much of what Hamengku Buwono originally stood for. This biography seeks to explain his political standpoint, motivations, and achievements, and set his career in the context of his times.

**Sukarno: A Political Biography** J. D. Legge 1972  
*Managing Indonesia's*

*Transformation* Ginandjar Kartasasmita 2013-01-28  
Managing Indonesia's Transformation: An Oral History is an account of Ginandjar Kartasasmita's career in the Indonesian government, both under President Suharto and in the post-Suharto era. Based on all the ministerial positions in which Kartasasmita has served the government, the book provides readers candid insights into the domestic and international political and economic contexts in which decisions were made, and how policies were formulated and implemented in Indonesia. The book contains many hours of interviews in which the author responds — as frankly as he can — to all sorts of questions from a group of scholars and specialists working on Indonesian politics and political economy, with the understanding that the book is for those who want to understand Indonesian politics, both past and present.  
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firmly believe his memoir is  
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former Prime Minister of Japan  
"Indonesia's relatively smooth  
evolution into a democracy is  
short of a miracle. As the  
largest founding member state  
of ASEAN, Indonesia's  
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have implications on our  
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Professor Ginandjar  
Kartasasmita has been a close  
witness to the transformation  
of his country and has been  
directly involved in the nation's  
journey to modernity. This  
book is a gold mine of  
information for all who are  
interested in the political and  
economic evolution of the  
world's largest Muslim country.  
It is a must-read for those who  
want to understand  
contemporary Indonesia."  
Surin Pitsuwan Secretary-  
General Association of  
Southeast Asian Nations  
(ASEAN) "Indonesia's path to

the stable and dynamic state as it is today was a long arduous route which marked periods of progress often followed by economic collapse. Ginandjar Kartasasmita was a witness to many of these events and this oral history provides a fascinating firsthand account of Indonesia's development from a flawed state to a growing functioning economy and a government grounded on democratic principles." Joseph J Stern Harvard University (Retired) "This personal account of Indonesia spanning four decades by a true insider gives us unique insights in the turbulent and progressive times of building a new nation. Kartasasmita's intimate storytelling, with a sharp eye for detail and self-reflection, makes it a captivating read. Highly recommended for anyone with a keen interest in this complex region of the world." Elisabeth Scheper Senior Gender & Peacebuilding Advisor United Nations Department of Political Affairs

**Party Politics and Democratization in**

**Indonesia** Dirk Tomsa  
2008-09-03 Party Politics and Democratization in Indonesia: Golkar in the Post-Suharto Era provides the first in-depth analysis of contemporary Indonesian party politics and the first systematic explanation why Golkar is still the strongest party in Indonesia. Applying a multi-dimensional conceptual framework of party institutionalization theory, the book examines Golkar's organizational infrastructure, its decisional autonomy and programmatic platform as well as the party's relations to the mass media. Strengths and weaknesses in the individual dimensions of institutionalization are then contrasted with the corresponding levels of institutionalization reached by Indonesia's other major parties. Tomsa argues that Golkar remains Indonesia's strongest party because it is better institutionalized than its electoral competitors. However, while highlighting the former regime party's strengths in key aspects of

party institutionalization, he also shows that Golkar also has some considerable institutional weaknesses which in 2004 prevented the party from achieving an even better result in the general election. As an empirical study on Golkar, and Indonesia's other major political parties, this book will be of huge interest to students and scholars of Southeast Asian politics, political parties and elections and democratization.

*Sukarno* L.J. Giebels  
2015-08-01 *Sukarno - a biography* is the first English language biography on Sukarno (1901-1970) - the founding father and first president of Indonesia. The book is both a biography of Sukarno and an account of the birth and ascent of the state of Indonesia. The author reveals many little-known facts and events. He makes the reader realize that to understand the character of its first president is to understand today's Indonesia.. Sukarno was born in 1901 as the son of a schoolteacher in a country that

had been a Dutch colony for almost three centuries. For most of his life, he was a subject of The Netherlands, at least formally. Although he never set foot in The Netherlands, towards the end of his life, he could still recite the names of all the Frisian waterways, or all the train stations between major Dutch towns. Sukarno once confessed that he dreamt, prayed, and swore in Dutch. But he loathed the colonizer. As soon as he became the president, he banned the speaking of Dutch. His charisma, oratorical talent, intelligence, and ruthlessness eventually allowed this former architecture student to become the leader of the nationalist movement known as Indonesia Merdeka! (which means Indonesia Independent). Although it took another four bloody years until the Dutch would accept Indonesia's independence, for Indonesians today, Merdeka became a reality after August 17 1945. But the departure of the Dutch in the 1950s didn't mean that president Sukarno was

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suddenly without enemies. At least four attempts were made on his life between 1957 and 1962. The Indonesian president was convinced that the CIA saw him as a communist threat, and was behind at least one of the assassination attempts. Today's Indonesia still bears the mark of its first president. Sukarno developed the five pillars of Pancasila (the official philosophical foundation of the Indonesian state): belief in God, nationalism, international humanism, consensus democracy, and social justice. For example, the fifth pillar, social justice, still requires the Indonesian government to allocate a substantial part of the national income to social security provisions such as unemployment, health and disability insurance, as well as pensions. Sukarno's main constitutional heritage is the fact that Indonesia has become a unitary state. Indonesia is an archipelago that is as wide as the distance between Ireland and the Caucasus; it is the fourth most populous nation in the world. Countries of similar

size and diversity all have adopted federal forms of governance. But in Indonesia, federation is still a loaded concept, one that many see as a betrayal of the fight against the colonial power. This attests to how certainly Sukarno will remain a vital part of his nation's history. About the author Dr. Lambert J. Giebels (1935-2011) was a Dutch politician and writer who was renowned in the Netherlands for his political biographies. His two-volume biography of Sukarno, written in Dutch, originally consisted of 1,100 pages. The English translation, *Sukarno - A biography*, is an abridged version of those two volumes. The translation is a collaboration between the Indonesian-American Raden M. Gatot Kusuma Sujanto and Geert van der Linden, a former vice-president of the Asian Development Bank in Manila. **Shades of Grey** Jusuf Wanandi 2012 FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, Soeharto reigned as the most powerful man in Indonesia - President, father figure and infallible

leader to millions. That span of the country's history has remained largely opaque to the public, with confusion and vagaries obscuring the inner workings of his regime. In *Shades of Grey: A Political Memoir of Modern Indonesia 1965-1998*, longtime political insider Jusuf Wanandi, who worked closely with the President's top advisors for decades, sheds light on the indecipherable dark of this period. From the day of the 1965 coup to the invasion of East Timor to Soeharto's complex relationships with China, the communist party and Islamic activists, Wanandi draws on behind-the-scenes knowledge and lifelong experience to illuminate some of the most dramatic and less understood elements of Indonesian history. Both history scholars and political novices will learn much from this book, gaining greater comprehension of how Indonesia came to be what it is today, as well as coming to understand one of modern history's largest political

personalities. As the title suggests, nothing in this deeply layered story is black-and-white, no truths absolute in the violent and passionate tale of Indonesia's journey toward full democracy, but Wanandi offers perhaps the most comprehensive and nuanced explanation to date. Though no history can tell all sides of a story, *Shades of Grey* - colored by Wanandi's thoughtful voice, as well as humanizing anecdotes about great figures - paints a rich picture of a fascinating time, a picture that is sure to provoke debate and introspection for years to come.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**  
Jusuf Wanandi (1937), a native of Sawahlunto, West Sumatra, is a lawyer by training and an activist by calling. He co-founded the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in 1971 and amongst his many other responsibilities and appointments he currently serves as President Director of The Jakarta Post and Chairman of Prasetya Mulya Business School. He lives in Jakarta with his wife and family. This is his

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third book.

**Young Soeharto** David Jenkins 2021-05-06 When a reluctant President Sukarno gave Lt Gen Soeharto full executive authority in March 1966, Indonesia was a deeply divided nation, fractured along ideological, class, religious and ethnic lines. Soeharto took a country in chaos, the largest in Southeast Asia, and transformed it into one of the “Asian miracle” economies—only to leave it back on the brink of ruin when he was forced from office thirty-two years later. Drawing on his astonishing range of interviews with leading Indonesian generals, former Imperial Japanese Army officers and men who served in the Dutch colonial army, as well as years of patient research in Dutch, Japanese, British, Indonesian and US archives, David Jenkins brings vividly to life the story of how a socially reticent but exceptionally determined young man from rural Java began his rise to power—an ascent which would be capped

by thirty years (1968–98) as President of Indonesia, the fourth most populous nation on earth. Soeharto was one of Asia’s most brutal, most durable, most avaricious and most successful dictators. In the course of examining those aspects of his character, this book provides an accessible, highly readable introduction to the complex, but dramatic and utterly absorbing, social, political, religious, economic and military factors that have shaped, and which continue to shape, Indonesia.

*Pretext for Mass Murder* John Roosa 2006-08-03 In the early morning hours of October 1, 1965, a group calling itself the September 30th Movement kidnapped and executed six generals of the Indonesian army, including its highest commander. The group claimed that it was attempting to preempt a coup, but it was quickly defeated as the senior surviving general, Haji Mohammad Suharto, drove the movement’s partisans out of Jakarta. Riding the crest of mass violence, Suharto blamed

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the Communist Party of Indonesia for masterminding the movement and used the emergency as a pretext for gradually eroding President Sukarno's powers and installing himself as a ruler. Imprisoning and killing hundreds of thousands of alleged communists over the next year, Suharto remade the events of October 1, 1965 into the central event of modern Indonesian history and the cornerstone of his thirty-two-year dictatorship. Despite its importance as a trigger for one of the twentieth century's worst cases of mass violence, the September 30th Movement has remained shrouded in uncertainty. Who actually masterminded it? What did they hope to achieve? Why did they fail so miserably? And what was the movement's connection to international Cold War politics? In *Pretext for Mass Murder*, John Roosa draws on a wealth of new primary source material to suggest a solution to the mystery behind the movement and the enabling myth of

Suharto's repressive regime. His book is a remarkable feat of historical investigation. Finalist, Social Sciences Book Award, the International Convention of Asian Scholars

**Decentralization and Its Discontents** Max Lane 2014

"Decentralization is a major trend in Indonesia since the first decades of that nation under Sukarno and Suharto. Max Lane is justly treasured for illuminating those first decades, for example, through his translations of Pramoedya Ananta Toer, and his excellent book, *Unfinished Nation: Indonesia Before and After Suharto*. Anyone who seeks insights into the current trend of decentralization, whether in Indonesia or other parts of the world, will find this work cogent." - James L. Peacock, Kenan Distinguished Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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pertaining to the problems and options related to popular aspirations within this context — all of which cannot be explained very well by any of the predominant theses on Indonesia, whether as an oligarchy or a democratically liberal but economically predatory country.” - Professor Olle Törnquist, University of Oslo.

**Suharto** R. E. Elson  
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**Political Lives** Judith Brett  
1997-08-01 Politicians' lives are public lives. The decisions they make and do not make, and the way they behave, affect us all and shape our lives. To what extent do the inner lives of our leaders influence their performance? Should we know about the inner person? Indeed, how can we know? The eight essays in this collection explore these questions and present some disturbing answers by scrutinising the 'character' of leaders as varied as Keating, Menzies, Hawke, Whitlam, Hasluck, Fraser, Calwell and Soeharto. Political

Lives is an intriguing venture into the shadowy world of motives and values - and the inner past that shaped these leaders.

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### **The Sukarno File,**

**1965-1967** Antonie C. A. Dake 2006 At last the final account of what happened in Jakarta on 1 October 1965 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The coup by Sukarno and the Communist leaders failed due to swift action of major-general Suharto, the later President, and resulted in the annihilation of the PKI as organization.

Sukarno was shunted aside without bringing him to court.

### Liem Sioe Liong's Salim Group

Richard Borsuk 2014-11-07

After Suharto gained power in Indonesia in the mid-1960s, he stayed as the country's president for more than three decades, helped by the powerful military, hefty foreign

aid and support from a coterie of cronies. A pivotal business backer for his New Order government was Liem Sioe Liong, a migrant from China, who arrived in Java in 1938. A combination of the Suharto connection, serendipity and personal charm propelled him to become the wealthiest tycoon in Southeast Asia. This is the story of how Liem built the Salim Group, a conglomerate that in its heyday controlled Indonesia's largest non-state bank, the country's dominant cement producer and flour mill, as well as the world's biggest maker of instant noodles. The book features exclusive input from Liem, who died in 2012, and his youngest son, Anthony Salim. It traces the founder's life and the group's symbiosis with Suharto, his generals and family. After the tumultuous 1997-98 Asian financial crisis sparked Suharto's fall and a backlash against the strongman's cronies, Anthony staved off the crushing of the debt-laden group. Told in a journalistic style, the story of

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the Salim Group provides insights into Suharto's New Order. For business executives, students and anyone with an interest in Southeast Asia's largest economy, the volume makes a valuable contribution towards understanding the country's modern history.

Suharto: a Political Biography

R. E. Elson 2008

*Islam, Nationalism and*

*Democracy* Audrey R. Kahin

2012-03-01 As Indonesia's leading Muslim politician in the second half of the 20th century, Mohammad Natsir (1908-1993) went from heading the country's first post-independence government and largest Islamic political party to spending years in rebellion and in prison. After initially welcoming Soekarno's overthrow in 1965, he became one of the most outspoken critics of the successor Suharto government's increasingly autocratic rule. Natsir's copious writings stretch from his student days in the late colonial period, when his debates with Soekarno over the character of Indonesian

nationalism first attracted public attention, to the years immediately preceding his death when his trenchant criticisms brought him the enmity of the Suharto regime. They reveal a man struggling to harmonize his deep Islamic faith with his equally firm belief in national independence and democracy. Drawing from a wide range of materials, including these writings and extensive interviews with the subject, this political biography of Natsir positions an important Muslim politician and thinker in the context of a critical period of Indonesia's history, and describes his vision of how a newly independent country could embrace religion without sacrificing its democratic values.

Soeharto, My Thoughts, Words, and Deeds Soeharto 1991

**Soekarno** B. B. Hering 2002

This biography describes the life of Soekarno, who proclaimed Indonesian independence on August 17, 1945. and led his country as its first president until an

unsuccessful coup in 1965, when he was gradually stripped of his power by his successor, the army general Soeharto.

**The Technological State in Indonesia** Sulfikar Amir 2012  
Using a historical sociology approach, this book illustrates the formation of the technological state in Indonesia during the New Order period (1966-1998). It explores the nexus between power, high technology, development, and authoritarianism situated in the Southeast Asian context. The book discusses how the New Order regime shifted from the developmental state to the technological state, which was characterized by desire for technological supremacy. The process resulted in the establishment of a host of technological institutions and the undertaking of large-scale high-tech programs. Shedding light on the political dimension of socio-technological transformation, this book looks at the relationship between authoritarian politics and high technology development, and

examines how effectively technology serves to sustain legitimacy of an authoritarian power. It explores into multiple features of the Indonesian technological state, covering the ideology of development, the politics of technocracy, the institutional structure, and the material and symbolic embodiments of high technology, and goes on to discuss the impact of globalization on the technological state. The book is an important contribution to studies on Southeast Asian Politics, Development, and Science, Technology, and Society (STS).

*Suharto, Indonesia's Last Sultan* Keith Loveard 1999

Suharto was one of the world's most enduring rulers - some say dictators. If he was a dictator, he was in many respects a benevolent one. He offered Indonesia a deal by which personal freedoms were restricted in return for a share in economic advancement.

*Soeharto's Composure* Angus McIntyre 1996

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**Democracy 2012** As Indonesia's leading Muslim politician in the second half of the 20th century, Mohammad atsir (1980-1993) went from heading the country's first post-independence government and largest Islamic political party to spending years in rebellion and in jail under the Soekarno regime. After initially welcoming Soekarno's overthrow in 1965, he became one of the most outspoken critics of the successor Suharto government's increasingly autocratic rule. Natsir's copious writings stretch from his student days in the late colonial period, when his debates with Soekarno over the character of Indonesian nationalism first attracted public attention, to the years immediately preceding his death when his trenchant criticisms brought him the enmity of the Suharto regime. They reveal a man struggling to harmonize his deep Islamic faith with his equally firm belief in national independence and democracy. Drawing from a wide range of materials,

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**Suharto Finds the Divine Vision** William Lidsker 1992  
**The Indonesian Presidency**

Angus McIntyre 2005-03-11  
This pioneering study of the Indonesian presidency significantly redefines our understanding of Indonesian politics from independence to the present. Angus McIntyre blends political biography with constitutional history to locate Indonesian leaders within both Indonesian cultural frameworks and the global biographical literature on political leaders. The Indonesian Presidency shows how Indonesia's 1945 constitution provided first for the personal rule of presidents Sukarno and Soeharto and then

facilitated the shift towards constitutional rule that marked the presidencies of B.J. Habibie, Abdurrahman Wahid, and Megawati Sukarnoputri. This important study elevates the personalities of Sukarno and Soeharto into key explanatory factors for the character of their "Guided Democracy" and "New Order" regimes, respectively. It argues that in 1959 Sukarno began fashioning his system of personal rule, to the detriment of Indonesia's parliamentary democracy. Another constitutional turning point occurred in 1998, when a rudimentary constitutional rule reappeared. The broad shift since 1998 from personal to constitutional rule has its personal counterpoint in the relationship between Megawati and her father, which makes this unique blend of history and biography a powerful tool for understanding the Indonesian presidency. An afterword by the author on the website for The Indonesian Presidency, <http://www.rowmanlittlefield.com/isbn/0742538273>, brings

readers up to date on Indonesian political developments that have affected the presidency since the book's publication. An afterword by the author on the website for The Indonesian Presidency, <http://www.rowmanlittlefield.com/isbn/0742538273>, brings readers up to date on Indonesian political developments that have affected the presidency since the book's publication. *Indonesian Politics Under Suharto* Michael R. J. Vatikiotis 1998 This revised third edition provides an analysis of Suharto's New Order from its inception to the emergence of B.J. Habibie as President. The author reassesses the New Order's origins and its military roots and evaluates the considerable economic changes that have taken place since the 1960s. He examines Suharto's politics and, in a new chapter, the reasons behind the crisis and Suharto's fall.

(Un) Civil Society and Political Change in Indonesia Verena Beittinger-Lee 2013-01-11 (Un)

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Civil Society and Political Change in Indonesia provides critical analysis of Indonesia's civil society and its impact on the country's democratization efforts that does not only take the classical, pro-democratic actors of civil society into account but also portrays uncivil groups and their growing influence on political processes. Beittinger-Lee offers a revised categorization of civil society, including a model to define the sphere of 'uncivil society' more closely and to identify several subcategories of uncivil society. This is the first book to portrays various uncivil groups in Indonesia, ranging from vigilantes, militias, paramilitaries, youth groups, civil security task forces and militant Islamic (and other religious) groups, ethnonationalist groups to terrorist organizations and groups belonging to organized crime. Moreover, it provides the reader with an overview of Indonesia's history, its political developments after the democratic opening, main

improvements under the various presidents since Suharto's fall, constitutional amendments and key reforms in human rights legislation. This book will be of interest to upper level undergraduates, postgraduates and academics in political science and Southeast Asian studies.

**Opposing Suharto** Edward Aspinall 2005 Opposing Suharto presents an account of democratization in the world's fourth most populous country, Indonesia. It describes how opposition groups challenged the long-time ruler, President Suharto, and his military-based regime, forcing him to resign in 1998. The book's main purpose is to explain how ordinary people can bring about political change in a repressive authoritarian regime. It does this by telling the story of an array of dissident groups, nongovernmental organizations, student activists, and political party workers as they tried to expand democratic space in the last decade of Suharto's rule. This



book is an important study not only for readers interested in contemporary Indonesia and political change in Asia, but also for all those interested in democratization processes elsewhere in the world. Unlike most other books on Indonesia, and unlike many books on democratization, it provides an account from the perspective of those who were struggling to bring about change.

### **The Press in New Order**

**Indonesia** David T. Hill  
2006-12 The Press in New Order Indonesia is the most comprehensive book available in English on the print media during the Suharto presidency. Based on detailed and investigative research, it provides a succinct introduction to the political and economic forces shaping this dominant sector of the Indonesian media at a pivotal time in its development. The study documents the history of the press prior to the rise of President Suharto, surveys the changing New Order policies to the media, and analyses the various modes of control

exercised through powerful government agencies and industry bodies. Throughout this critical historical period of political tension and economic transition, The Press in New Order Indonesia traces the development of huge media conglomerates which began to rival military muscle in shaping the media landscape of Indonesia. This study explains how the student press spilled off the campuses to play a unique political role. By contrast, a distinctly Islamic press achieved only very modest success. Focusing on Indonesian-language national daily newspapers, it also discusses news weeklies, periodicals and magazines, as well as publications in regional languages, English and Chinese. Brought back to life in Equinox Publishing's Classic Indonesia series, The Press in New Order Indonesia is required reading for students of Indonesian languages and cultures, Asian studies, Southeast Asian studies, media studies, journalism, and contemporary politics. David T.

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### **Corruption and Law in**

**Indonesia** Simon Butt  
2017-05-31 Indonesia has transformed from one of South East Asia's most repressive and centralised political systems to its most decentralised and democratic. Despite this, obstacles still remain that hinder Indonesia achieving the 'rule of law', and in particular, the country is consistently ranked as having one of the highest levels of corruption in the world. This book assesses Indonesia's anti-corruption reforms over the past decade, focusing on the Anti-corruption Commission (KPK) and the Anti-corruption Court (ACC). The book discusses how both institutions have been largely successful since they began operating on 2004. Before 2008, the KPK and ACC largely focused on mid-senior level targets and faced resistance primarily in the form of constitutional challenges to

their jurisdictions and powers. From 2008, however, the KPK began targeting politically-powerful figures, drawing resistance that now threatens the future efficacy of both institutions. It is largely in Indonesia's courtrooms and lawmaking institutions that key battles between reformists and those preferring the status quo have played out. This book describes and analyses these judicial processes and legal changes. It shows that despite persistent claims that Indonesia's legal system is dysfunctional, law is far from irrelevant in modern day Indonesia. The book is a useful contribution to South East Asian politics and Asian law.

Illiberal Democracy in Indonesia David Bourchier  
2014-12-17 Illiberal Democracy in Indonesia charts the origins and development of organicist ideologies in Indonesia from the early 20th century to the present. In doing so, it provides a background to the theories and ideology that informed organicist thought, traces key themes in Indonesian history,

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examines the Soeharto regime and his 'New Order' in detail, and looks at contemporary Indonesia to question the possibility of past ideologies making a resurgence in the country. Beginning with an exploration of the origins of the theory of the organic state in Europe, this book explores how this influenced many young Indonesian scholars and 'secular' nationalists. It also looks in detail at the case of Japan, and identifies the parallels between the process by which Japanese and Indonesian nationalist scholars drew on European romantic organicist ideas to forge 'anti-Western' national identities and ideologies. The book then turns to Indonesia's tumultuous history from the revolution to 1965, the rise of Soeharto, and how his regime used organicist ideology, together with law and terror, to shape the political landscape consolidate control. In turn, it shows how the social and economic changes wrought by the government's policies, such as the rise of a cosmopolitan middle class and

a rapidly growing urban proletariat led to the failure of the corporatist political infrastructure and the eventual collapse of the New Order in 1998. Finally, the epilogue surveys the post Soeharto years to 2014, and how growing disquiet about the inability of the government to contain religious intolerance, violence and corruption, has led to an increased readiness to re-embrace not only more authoritarian styles of rule but also ideological formulas from the past. This book will be welcomed by students and scholars of Southeast Asia, politics and political theory, as well as by those interested in authoritarian regimes, democracy and human rights.

### **Suharto Finds the Divine**

**Vision** William Lidsker 1990

*Soeharto* Retnowati Abdulgani-

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America's place in the world and call for a new kind of politics that builds upon our shared understandings as Americans, based on his years in the Senate "In our lowdown, dispiriting era, Obama's talent for proposing humane, sensible solutions with uplifting, elegant prose does fill one with hope."—Michael Kazin, *The Washington Post* In July 2004, four years before his presidency, Barack Obama electrified the Democratic National Convention with an address that spoke to Americans across the political spectrum. One phrase in particular anchored itself in listeners' minds, a reminder that for all the discord and struggle to be found in our history as a nation, we have always been guided by a dogged optimism in the future, or what Obama called "the audacity of hope." *The Audacity of Hope* is Barack Obama's call for a different brand of politics—a politics for those weary of bitter partisanship and alienated by the "endless clash of armies"

we see in congress and on the campaign trail; a politics rooted in the faith, inclusiveness, and nobility of spirit at the heart of "our improbable experiment in democracy." He explores those forces—from the fear of losing to the perpetual need to raise money to the power of the media—that can stifle even the best-intentioned politician. He also writes, with surprising intimacy and self-deprecating humor, about settling in as a senator, seeking to balance the demands of public service and family life, and his own deepening religious commitment. At the heart of this book is Barack Obama's vision of how we can move beyond our divisions to tackle concrete problems. He examines the growing economic insecurity of American families, the racial and religious tensions within the body politic, and the transnational threats—from terrorism to pandemic—that gather beyond our shores. And he grapples with the role that faith plays in a

democracy—where it is vital and where it must never intrude. Underlying his stories is a vigorous search for connection: the foundation for a radically hopeful political consensus. Only by returning to the principles that gave birth to our Constitution, Obama says, can Americans repair a political process that is broken, and restore to working order a government that has fallen dangerously out of touch with millions of ordinary Americans. Those Americans are out there, he writes—“waiting for Republicans and Democrats to catch up with them.”

A Fading Dream Retnowati Abdulgani-Knapp 2003 This is the biography of Dr H Roeslan Abdulgani, who rose through the political ranks of Indonesia to become one of the country's most important policy-makers, and a trusted aide to President Sukarno. The story ranges over a broad canvas -- from the colonial rule of the Dutch to present-day Indonesia. It takes readers from the birth of Dr Abdulgani in Surabaya in 1914 and his high school political

activist days, through his appointments as Secretary General and then Minister of Foreign Affairs, to his tenure as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Information, where he was instrumental in helping President Sukarno develop and propagate the ideas of 'Guided Democracy' -- and beyond. Perceptively woven into the narrative and forming a dramatic backdrop to events is the social and political history of Indonesia, seen from a unique insider's perspective by the author, who is Dr Abdulgani's daughter. A Fading Dream is, therefore, in many ways a chronicle of two extraordinary lives -- that of a man and politician, and the nation whose destiny he helped to shape.

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