

## Anniversary Seminar

# Reason prevails or: How the technocrats believed in and mugged by New Order realities

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**An interpretive look at the economists at the helm of the New Order reveals the intriguing, paradoxical nature of the regime's brand of conservative modernization and their role as its tormented architects.**

Like many other Global South modernizers during the Cold War, Indonesian technocrats, the US-trained economists, faced the challenge of promoting economic growth in postcolonial contexts. Opposing Sukarnoist populism and its hyperinflationary chaos, the technocrats formulated economic policies designed to reintegrate Indonesia into the orbit of global market and capital. Fulfilling their noblesse oblige, they oversaw capitalist reforms under the New Order dictatorship.

### Speaker

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**Venue** : KITLV & online via ZOOM

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