

Builders, brokers, and women: Architectural practices and politics in postcolonial Bandung



This talk examines the work of building contractors, referred to as *aannemers* or *anémers*, in Indonesia from the early to mid-twentieth century. It focuses on Bandung-based family entrepreneurs of ethnic Chinese Sundanese descent who worked with Dutch architects and plantation interests during the late Dutch colonial period, and later with Indonesian engineers in the early Indonesia's post-Independence era.

Drawing on archival sources, family albums, and oral history, the paper analyses how contractors' political alignments, intermediary roles, building trades, intermarriages, and gendered labour shaped racialised landscapes and urban space, both in the development of a hill station project in the 1920s and, later, in the postcolonial setting of the 1955 Bandung Conference.

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