

## Workshop 'New law, New villages? Changing rural Indonesia'

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The biographies of discussants who also present a paper can be found in the list of author biographies.