

## **Call for Abstracts, AIFIS-MSU Conference on Indonesian Studies June 23-26, 2021, Abstract Deadline: March 31, 2021**

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Type:

Conference

Date:

June 23, 2021 to June 26, 2021

Location:

Michigan, United States

Subject Fields:

Area Studies, Asian History / Studies, Humanities, Social Sciences, Southeast Asian History / Studies

The American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS), in collaboration with Michigan State University (MSU) Asian Studies Center, will hold the inaugural Conference on Indonesian Studies in 2021. The Conference seeks to expand research dissemination, activities, as well as collaboration on Indonesian studies. The Conference will be held in a virtual format with a goal of building and connecting networks of scholars and academic communities from a range of disciplines—within applied sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities-based in Indonesia and the United States, as well as the Asia Pacific and other global contexts.

The 2021 AIFIS-MSU Conference on Indonesian Studies welcomes scholars with academic backgrounds and research expertise in history, culture, anthropology, sociology, language, and arts, and those advancing understandings of the ways that historical, sociocultural, economic, and political contexts shape contemporary and historical issues in Indonesia.

### **Conference Theme: *Indonesian Studies - Paradigms and New Frontiers***

The academic study of what is now referred to as Indonesia has several long, interwoven, and at times troubling, histories. What was once an area of inquiry borne from colonial curiosities and necessities has transformed into a broad, multi-disciplinary effort by Western and Indonesian scholars alike to better understand the archipelago's historical, cultural, linguistic, literary, artistic, economic, environmental, and political dimensions, as well as its role in the Indo-Pacific and the world.

The AIFIS-MSU inaugural bilingual conference on Indonesian studies celebrates the academic study of Indonesia and connects Indonesian scholars with Western colleagues. In this spirit of mutual intellectual inquiry, we welcome Indonesianists across disciplines to share their research, consider the state of our field, and help to chart its future.

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