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Biodiversity, climate change, environmental degradation, and socio-political implications:  
New avenues of Indonesian-European academic collaboration

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This meeting a joint initiative from the Indonesian Young Academy of Science (ALMI) and the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) to explore and further develop plans for structural academic collaboration between Indonesia and Europe. Prominent on Indonesia's academic agenda are the themes of decreasing biodiversity, ecology, and climate change. These themes require the involvement of various disciplines in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. What opportunities does this bring for joint projects with European institutions? What are the shared questions and methods that emerge when we discuss challenges of climate change, ecological sustainability, and (natural and man-made) disaster in Europe and Indonesia collaboratively and comparatively?

Institutes based in the Netherlands and elsewhere in Europe are ideally situated to play a facilitating role in connecting Indonesian researchers with colleagues in Europe, but also other regions that face similar ecological issues (such as the Caribbean). Among the shared academic and societal concerns of both Indonesia and the Netherlands, this "laboratory" explores several potential avenues of border-crossing collaboration, including the history and anthropology of expertise, cultural knowledge production, heritage formation and public communication, the digitization of historical sources, disaster studies, and current global challenges. On a practical level, this "laboratory" aims to start addressing these issues collaboratively and invites scholars and institutions who want to join this consortium in-the-making to participate in the exploratory meeting.

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