**Panel title: Mangkunegran and sustainable social transformation**

Format: Double session

Abstract:

The (former) royal court of Mangkunegaran in Surakarta, Indonesia, plays a significant role in Javanese history and culture, and yet is known for a "tradition of being modern". This panel explores the strategies of the court to "stay relevant" amidst the considerable social transformation of the last decades, notably under the influence of the Internet. The main questions include: 1) the role of the library and other collections, including the art and photograph collections, 2) Mangkunegaran and its relations with other courts of the archipelago, 3) Mangkunegaran and religion, including the Sufi tradition, 4) Mangkunegaran and the media, 5) Mangkunegaran and food culture in Java, 5) Mangkunegaran and the environment, 6) Mangkunegaran and the question of gender inclusivity, 7) performing Mangkunegaran (dance, shadow play, music, and fashion), 8) branding and marketing Mangkunegaran, 9) Mangkunegaran and urban development, 10) Mangkunegaran and its European Cooperation.

Convenors: Arndt Graf, Goethe University Frankfurt (arndtgraf@yahoo.de) and Tatas Brotosudarmo, Universitas Ciputra and Puro Mangkunegaran ([tatas.brotosudarmo@ciputra.ac.id](mailto:tatas.brotosudarmo@ciputra.ac.id))

Brief description and explanation of the chosen format, max. ½ page:

This panels originates from an ongoing research collaboration between members from Indonesia (Universitas Ciputra, Universitas Indonesia, Universitas Sebelas Maret and Puro Mangkunegaran, Solo) and from Germany (Goethe University of Frankfurt, University of Passau, University of Hamburg, and the University at Cologne), as initial partners. The idea is to open up that cooperation to other potentially interested colleagues at the EUROSEAS Conference. The format “double session” is necessary given the significance of the topic. While not every member of the already existing cooperation will be able to present in that panel (some will not be present in Amsterdam, some will be presenting in other panels), the idea is to include as many contributions as possible in a future publication. The Mangkunegaran panel is therefore intended as an important platform to personally meet and exchange ideas.