**From Jakarta to “Nusantara” in 2024: A move towards Climate Justice in Indonesian Urban Transformation?**

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**Panel abstract:**

The metropolitan area of greater Jakarta with its six+ satellite cities has an estimated population of more than 34 million people and is one of largest urban conglomerations of the world. The megacity faces enormous challenges in the urban transformation: traffic gridlock, air pollution, maintenance of electricity, gas and water supply, no existing structural waste and wastewater management etc. Most of all, Jakarta is faced with a huge social divide, disparities in all aspects of socio-economic life, as well as manmade climate change related problems, such as flooding/floods, irregular events of heavy rain (irrespective of rainy or dry season), urban heat congestion, and slow sea level rise of the Java Sea. Some parts and neighborhoods of Jakarta are sinking up to 30cm per year, because of subsistence of the sediment caused by unregulated drilling for fresh water sources.

A presidential decree of early 2023 determined that Indonesia’s capital city is going to be moved to “Nusantara” on Kalimantan, the Indonesian part of Borneo island. In August 2024, not long after the EuroSEAS Conference, the first ministries are supposed to move to Nusantara. Has Jakarta as a capital city failed? How will the city struggle for a climate just urban transformation and confront the ongoing problems? What will become of the millions who are not going to move to the new capital city? Who serves Nusantara as new seat of national government? How about “leaving no one behind” in Indonesia’s 2045 vision?

This open panel invites scholars of urban studies of Indonesia to make contributions in form of a presentation (no paper needed for the conference/low-threshold participation). Further collaboration and joint publication may be discussed.

**Convener's academic bio:**

Mark Philip Stadler has studied Southeast Asian Studies in Bonn, Singapore, Leiden and Copenhagen. He has taught Southeast Asian culture, history and politics as well as Indonesian at Københavns Universitet. His expertise is on (public) international policy, democracy and national politics, human rights and climate justice, political Islam and urbanism/urban transformation of Indonesia. His ongoing research is about urban-poor activism in Jakarta and global-urban political struggles for a democratically integrated “climate just city” including the "right to the city". He is currently taking a second academic education with a Master of Theology (MTh) in Marburg.

**About the World Café method:**

The World Café is a way of conducting a less hierarchical academic exchange, trying to achieve eye-level communication between all participants and speakers. The convener of this panel has experience in organizing World Café formats at international Asia/Africa conferences and at clerical congresses in Danish and German (interfaith) contexts.