**Panel Proposal for the EUROSEAS Conference Amsterdam 2024**

**Panel title:** Radical and Militant Islam in Indonesia

**Panel Convenor:**

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**Panel Format:**

Single session panel with four presentations presented by five participants. Three of the participants are Indonesian. The discussant is Singaporean.

**Panel Description:**

This panel focuses on radical and militant Islamism in Indonesia. It comprises four papers which cut across time and space, covering a range of Islamist organizations such as Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), the Islamic Defenders Front (FPI), the pro-ISIS Jamaah Ansharud Daulah (JAD), the Poso-based Mujahidin Eastern Indonesia (MIT), and militant Islamists in Bima. The key questions that tie these papers together analytically revolve around the relationship between radical Islamist ideology, Muslim protest, jihadi training camps, militant activities, and terrorism. This panel will show that the relationship between radical Islamist ideas and militant Islamist activities has been a fluid one and the relationship between behavioural and ideological change has moved along a continuum in both directions. Training does not necessarily translate into violence as it also functions as a way to build a cohesive organisation and to establish networks. Conversely, violence does not necessarily require prior training as willingness to engage and re-engage in jihad is often determined by a radical milieu, local circumstances, unaddressed grievances, and ideology. While the jihadi environment remains a predominantly male one, these same factors have also been the drivers of female engagement with extremist groups as exemplified by the women in MIT. Last but not least, political opportunity to reshape local and national politics has also been tactically embraced by radical and militant Islamists leading to interesting alliances between moderate Muslims, Islamist vigilante groups, violent Islamists, and Indonesian political personalities.

**Panel participants:**

Presentation 1: Dr. Julie Chernov Hwang (Goucher College) and Dr. Kirsten E Schulze (LSE), ‘Indonesian jihadi training camps: Home and away’

Presentation 2: Solahudin (visiting research scholar at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto University, Japan), ‘From Non-violent to Violent Radicalization and Vice Versa: Three Case Studies from Indonesia’

# Presentation 3: Dr. Ihsan Ali Fauzi (Paramedina University, Indonesia), ‘Violent Extremism in Bima: Radical Milieu and Peacebuilding Efforts’

Presentation 4: Dr. Najib Acza, (Gajah Mada University, Indonesia) and Rani Dwi Putri (Gajah Mada University, Indonesia), ‘The Women “behind” the Mujahidin Eastern Indonesia: Negotiating Agency and Gender Dynamics’

**Panel discussant:**

Prof Joseph Chinyong Liow, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore