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**The Centre of Southeast Asian Studies of the Monash Asia Institute and the Faculty of Arts, Monash University, in association with ABC Radio Australia and the Asia Institute, University of Melbourne, present...**

## **Observing Indonesia - then and now**

### **The fifth annual Herb Feith Lecture**

**honouring the memory of the late Herb Feith – teacher, scholar, activist and humanitarian**

Herb Feith (1930-2001) was Australia's finest scholar of Indonesia. His example and idealism inspired the founding of the Volunteer Graduate Scheme that developed into Australian Volunteers International. Teaching politics at Monash University from 1962 to 1990, he led generations of students to share his passionate concern for Indonesia, international politics, democracy, human rights, peace studies and conflict resolution.

**Speakers: Emeritus Professors John Legge and Jamie Mackie**

**6.00pm refreshments for 7.00pm start  
Thursday 22 November 2007**

**Iwaki Auditorium, ABC Southbank Centre  
Corner Sturt Street and Southbank Boulevard, Melbourne**

#### **About the speakers:**

Emeritus Professor John Legge AO was Foundation Professor of History and Dean of Arts, 1978-1986, at Monash University and Emeritus Professor Jamie Mackie was Foundation Professor in the Department of Political and Social Change, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University. Both first worked in Indonesia in the 1950s, not long after Herb Feith. In the 1960s and 1970s, all three worked at Monash University, establishing its Centre of Southeast Asian Studies in 1964.

In this lecture, Professors Legge and Mackie reflect on Indonesia, as they have observed its politics, history, society and relations with Australia over more than fifty years. Prof John Legge's books include *Sukarno: a political biography* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2003), *Indonesia* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 1980) and *Democracy in Indonesia, 1950s and 1990s* (joint ed., 1994). Jamie Mackie has just completed a Lowy Institute paper with the title *Australia and Indonesia, Current problems: future prospects* – one of the few sustained analyses of the relationship between our two countries yet published. In his talk, he will summarise and enlarge upon various aspects of this study, which analyses the reasons behind the turbulence in bilateral relations over the last decade and whether it is likely to continue. Prof Mackie's previous publications are *Bandung 1955: Non-Alignment and Afro-Asian Solidarity* (2005), *Konfrontasi: the Indonesia-Malaysia dispute, 1963-1966* (1974), *The Chinese in Indonesia* (ed., 1975), *Indonesia: the making of a nation* (joint ed., 1980) and *Balanced Development: East Java in the New Order* (joint ed., 1993).

**Prior to the lecture, refreshments will be served from 6.00pm. ALL WELCOME**

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