

# THE COALITIONS PRESIDENTS MAKE

## PRESIDENTIAL POWER AND ITS LIMITS IN DEMOCRATIC INDONESIA

January 19, 2023

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Seminar Room(213) at the 2nd Floor of Inamori Memorial Foundation Bld. CSEAS

### Speaker

*Dr. Marcus Mietzner*

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The political role of the military in Indonesia; Indonesian political parties, particularly campaign financing issues; elections in Indonesia; comparative electoral politics in Southeast Asia.



This seminar will discuss Dr. Marcus Mietzner's forthcoming book (to be published by Cornell University Press in 2023) on presidential coalition-building in Indonesia. It argues that the remarkable stability of the post-2004 regime in Indonesia has been due to the effective use of coalitional presidentialism strategies towards a wide variety of actors, including non-party groups. But while this approach has secured the regime's stability, it has also undermined democratic quality – producing a defective democracy that maintains minimalist standards of electoral functionality but is far from the kind of gradually deepening democratic polity many activists had envisaged when long-time autocrat Suharto fell in 1998.

### Moderator

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